



# LOS ANGELES ACADEMY OF ARTS AND ENTERPRISE

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, January 19, 2023 at 4:00 p.m.

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### **Board of Directors**

David Calvo

Victoria Castro

Moctesuma Esparza

Tonantzin Esparza

Hector Orcí

Norma Orcí

Otto Padrón

Julio Vallejo

### **Founder Director Emeritus**

Paul Cummins (2005 – 2011)

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- Email all Board Members at [LAAAEBoardmembers@laaae.org](mailto:LAAAEBoardmembers@laaae.org);
- Mail comments via US Mail to PO Box 26750, Los Angeles, CA 90026-0750; and
- Leave a voicemail message at 213-487-0600, or fax at 213-487-0500. Communications received by 5:00 pm the day before the meeting will be distributed to all Board Members.

## MINUTES

1. Welcome - Call to Order - Roll Call - Establish Quorum (*Action Item*)

Board member Hector Orci called the meeting to order at 4:12 pm. Roll call was made and quorum was established. Board members who participated in the meeting included: David Calvo, Victoria Castro, Moctesuma Esparza, Tonantzin Esparza, Hector Orci, and Otto Padron. Others who participated in the meeting included: Daniel Calvo, Mariela Calvo, David DeFrenza, Edward Du, Amanda Goodwin, Trenten Hart, Paola Lopez, Ryan Miceli, Samuel Restrepo, Kriscia Tejada, Ashley Toledo, Scott Warner,

2. Approval of Agenda (*Action Item*)

The board unanimously approved the January 19, 2023 meeting agenda. Motion by Victoria Castro; second by Otto Padron.

3. Adoption of Board Findings Pursuant to Government Code Section 54953(e)(1)(A).

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54953(e)(1)(A), the Governing Board finds as follows: (1) a state of emergency exists in California (Proclamation of State of Emergency declared March 4, 2020) related to COVID-19; and (2) the County of Los Angeles Department of Public Health currently recommends measures to promote social distancing (LADPH Reducing Risk Guidance dated September 22, 2021.) Therefore, the Governing Board may conduct this meeting via teleconference pursuant to Government Code Section 54953(e).

The board unanimously adopted agenda item 3. Motion by Victoria Castro; second by Tonantzin Esparza.

4. Public Comment on Agenda or Non-Agenda Items (*Non-Action Item*)

There was none.

5. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes for December 15, 2022 (*Action Item*)

The board unanimously approved the December 15, 2022 meeting minutes. Motion by David Calvo; second by Victoria Castro.

6. Consent Agenda (*Action Item*)

- a. Adoption of YM&C Rate Increase Letter
- b. Adoption of Los Angeles County of Public Health Retail Food Official Inspection Report
- c. Adoption of After School Education and Safety (ASES) Program Renewal Application
- d. Adoption of ECF Request for Reimbursement Decision Letter
- e. Adoption of Certificate of Liability Insurance for Didi Hirsch
- f. Adoption of Keenan December 2022 Compliance Letter
- g. Adoption of Emerald Bay Outdoor Academy Contract for Catalina Island
- h. Adoption of Statement of Information (SOI)

The board unanimously approved the consent agenda. Motion by Victoria Castro; second by Tonantzin Esparza.

7. New Business (*Action Items*)

- a. Approval of Financial Reports
  - i. Balance Sheet (December 2022)
  - ii. Income Statement (December 2022)
  - iii. Budget to Actuals (December 2022)
  - iv. Cash Flow (December 2022)
  - v. Check Register (December 2022)
  - vi. Bank Reconciliations (December 2022)

The board unanimously approved agenda item 7.a. Motion by Victoria Castro;  
second by David Calvo.

b. Adoption of Budget Revision

The board unanimously adopted agenda item 7.b. Motion by Victoria Castro; second  
by David Calvo.

c. Adoption of Audit Report for the Year Ended June 30, 2022 (FY 21-22)

The board unanimously adopted agenda item 7.c. Motion by Victoria Castro; second  
by Tonantzin Esparza.

d. Adoption of Los Angeles Public Charter School Collaborative (LAPCSC) Partner  
Agreement

The board unanimously adopted agenda item 7.d. Motion by David Calvo; second by  
Victoria Castro.

e. Adoption of School Accountability Report Card (SARC)

The board unanimously adopted agenda item 7.e. Motion by Moctesuma Esparza;  
second by Victoria Castro.

f. Adoption of Arts, Music, and Instructional Materials Discretionary Block Grant  
Expenditure Plan

The board unanimously adopted agenda item 7.f. Motion by Moctesuma Esparza;  
second by Tonantzin Esparza.

g. Discussion and Potential Action related to the Employee Retention Credit (ERC)

The board unanimously adopted a motion to authorize school leadership to engage appropriate consultation and apply for the Employee Retention Credit. Motion by Moctesuma Esparza; second by David Calvo.

h. Annual Election of Board Officers

The board unanimously adopted a motion to reelect the current officers which are Moctesuma Esparza, Chair; Hector Orci, Vice Chair; and Julio Vallejo, Secretary/Treasurer. Board members accepted the officer nomination. Motion by Victoria Castro; second by Tonantzin Esparza.

8. Principal Update (*Non-Action Items*)

- a. Enrollment Update
- b. Academic Update
- c. Arts Update
- d. Professional Development and Legislative Update
- e. Students of the Month

David DeFrenza, Principal, provided an update on school events, enrollment, academics, arts, professional development, and relevant legislation.

9. Stakeholder Update (*Non-Action Item*)

Student government students provided an update on school events.

10. Announcements (*Non-Action Item*)

There were none.

11. Closed Session (*Action Items*)

- a. Student Discipline Matter (Education Code §§ 48918(c), (f))

- b. Conference with Legal Counsel - Existing Litigation (Government Code §

54956.9(d)(1).)

*Los Angeles Academy of Arts and Enterprise v. Denley Investment Management Company, Inc.; 600 S LaFayette Associates, LLC; and Mehdi Bolour*

- c. Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation (Government Code §

54956.9(d)(2).): ([2])

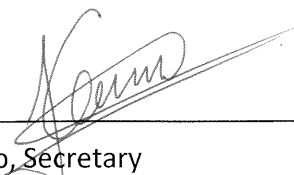
- d. Public Employee Performance Evaluation, Title: Principal

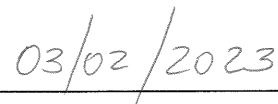
The board unanimously recessed into closed session at 5:05 pm. Motion by Moctesuma Esparza; second by Tonantzin Esparza. The board unanimously reconvened from closed session at 5:15 pm. Motion by Moctesuma Esparza; second by Victoria Castro. No action taken.

12. Adjournment

The board unanimously adjourned the meeting at 5:16 pm. Motion by Victoria Castro; second by Moctesuma Esparza.

Signed:

  
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Julio Vallejo, Secretary

  
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Date