



LOS ANGELES ACADEMY OF ARTS AND ENTERPRISE

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, September 7, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

Location: 1575 W. 2nd St, Room 475, Los Angeles, CA 90026

Call in Location: 16120 Alcima Ave, Pacific Palisades, CA 90272

Call in Location: 4975 W. Pico Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90019

Video Conference URL: <https://ave.zoom.us/j/5998334938>

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There are three ways members of the public may access this meeting: (1) online (join the [Zoom webinar](#)), (2) by telephone by calling 669-900-6833 and entering the Meeting ID 599 833 4938, or (3) in person. Please note that due to the continued public health risks associated with COVID-19, the meeting room will be operating at a reduced capacity.

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Alternative Methods

The public may also use the following alternative methods to provide comments to the Board Members:

- Email all Board Members at 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.

Método para acceder a la reunión y proporcionar comentarios públicos

La Junta Directiva alienta los comentarios públicos sobre los puntos de esta agenda y todos los demás puntos relacionados con la escuela. En la reunión, los miembros del público que deseen dirigirse a la Junta Directiva deberán hacerlo en el punto del orden del día correspondiente. A cada orador se le permitirá una sola oportunidad de proporcionar comentarios a la Junta Directiva y se le darán tres minutos para sus comentarios. Los oradores pueden quedar fuera de servicio si los comentarios no se limitan específicamente a los puntos de la agenda. Un máximo de 15 oradores pueden inscribirse para temas fuera de la agenda.

Hay tres formas en que los miembros del público pueden acceder a esta reunión: (1) en línea (únase al seminario [web de Zoom](#)), (2) por teléfono llamando al 669-900-6833 e ingresando el ID de la reunión 599 833 4938, o (3) en persona. Tenga en cuenta que debido a los continuos riesgos para la salud pública asociados con el COVID-19, la sala de reuniones funcionará a una capacidad reducida.

En línea

Los oradores que hayan iniciado sesión en el seminario [web de Zoom](#) y deseen dirigirse a los miembros de la Junta en la reunión de la Junta directiva deben utilizar la opción "Levantar la mano" ("Raise Hand" en inglés) de Zoom. Durante la reunión de Zoom, haga clic en el ícono "Reacciones" ("Reactions" en inglés) en la parte inferior derecha de la barra de herramientas de controles del seminario web. Desde la bandeja emergente, haga clic en la opción "Levantar la mano" ("Raise Hand" en inglés). Aparecerá un emoji de mano en tu pantalla. Espera hasta que te reconozcan para hablar. Cuando se le reconozca, desactive el silencio de su equipo electrónico para hablar. Las opciones Silenciar y No silenciar se encuentran en la parte inferior izquierda de la barra de herramientas de controles del seminario web. Después de hablar, invierta los pasos anteriores para bajar la mano y silenciar su equipo electrónico.

Teléfono

Los asistentes que llamen al 669-900-6833 deberán ingresar el numero de la reunión 599 833 4938 cuando se les solicite. Los oradores que deseen dirigirse a los miembros de la Junta en una reunión de la Junta Directiva deben utilizar la opción "Levantar la mano" ("Raise Hand" en inglés) ingresando *9 en el teclado de su teléfono. Espera hasta que te reconozcan para hablar. Cuando lo reconozcan, active el sonido de su teléfono para hablar ingresando *6 en el teclado de su teléfono. Después de hablar, ingrese *6 y *9 para invertir los pasos anteriores para bajar la mano y silenciar su teléfono.

En persona

Los miembros del público que deseen asistir a la reunión en persona deben presentarse en la sala 477 en 1575 W 2 Street, Los Ángeles, CA, 90026 para obtener un pase de visitante. Los visitantes deben cumplir con la política de visitas al campus de LAAAE que se encuentra publicada en la oficina principal (sala 477) y en el sitio web de la escuela dentro del manual para estudiantes y familias. Si un participante desea dirigirse a los miembros de la Junta, los asistentes deben levantar la mano y esperar a ser reconocidos.

Métodos alternativos

El público también puede utilizar los siguientes métodos alternativos para proporcionar comentarios a los miembros de la Junta:

- Envíe un correo electrónico a todos los miembros de la Junta a LAAAEBoardmembers@laaaae.org;
- Envíe los comentarios por correo postal de EE. UU. a PO Box 26750, Los Ángeles, CA 90026-0750; y
- Deje un mensaje de correo de voz al 213-487-0600 o envíe un fax al 213-487-0500. Las comunicaciones recibidas hasta las 5:00 pm del día anterior a la reunión se distribuirán a todos los miembros de la Junta.

MINUTES

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

Board member Victoria Castro called the meeting to order at 6:57 pm. Roll call was made and quorum was established. Board members who participated in the meeting included: David Calvo, Victoria Castro, Moctesuma Esparza, and Julio Vallejo. Others who participated in the meeting included: John Arias, Janina Arruda, Manuel Cordova, Serenity Cordova, Roxana Crisanto, Monica Daniels, David DeFrenza, Edward Du, Abraham Flores, Brandon Flores, Amanda Goodwin, Linda Hernandez, Ryan Miceli, Kriscia Tejada, Bradley Torres, John Wong, and Connie Zapata.

2. Approval of Agenda (*Action Item*)

The board unanimously approved the September 7, 2023 meeting agenda. Motion by Moctesuma Esparza; second by Victoria Castro.

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

There was none.

4. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes for August 10, 2023 (*Action Item*)

The board unanimously approved the August 10, 2023 meeting minutes. Motion by Moctesuma Esparza; second by Julio Vallejo.

5. Consent Agenda (*Action Item*)

- a. Adoption of Behavior Guidance Group Agreement for Consulting Services
- b. Adoption of Harness Contract for Finance and Accounting Consulting
- c. Adoption of Imagine Learning Price Quote for Credit Recovery
- d. Adoption of Perkins Strengthening Career and Technical Education for the 21st Century Act Grant Award Notification

The board unanimously adopted the consent agenda. Motion by Moctesuma Esparza; second by Julio Vallejo.

6. New Business (*Action Items*)

a. Approval of Financial Reports

- i. Balance Sheet (July 2023)
- ii. Income Statement (July 2023)
- iii. Budget to Actuals (July 2023)
- iv. Cash Flow (July 2023)
- v. Check Register (July 2023)
- vi. Bank Reconciliations (July 2023)

The board discussed and unanimously adopted agenda item 6.a. Motion by Julio Vallejo; second by Moctesuma Esparza.

b. Adoption of revised Fiscal Policies and Procedures

The board discussed agenda item 6.b. No action taken.

c. Discussion and potential action related to Ramp Financial

The board discussed agenda item 6.c and unanimously adopted a motion to authorize school leadership to enter into an agreement with Ramp Financial. Motion by David Calvo; second by Julio Vallejo.

d. Discussion and potential action related to staff hour allocations

The board discussed agenda item 6.d and unanimously adopted a motion to provide additional pay to hourly staff for community engagement.

e. Discussion and potential action related to media and marketing

The board discussed agenda item 6.e and unanimously adopted a motion to authorize school leadership to enter into an agreement with LAVA for community outreach and marketing.

- f. Discussion and potential action related to school storage facilities

No action taken.

7. 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.

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

There was none.

9. Announcements (*Non-Action Item*)

There were none.

10. Closed Session (*Action Items*)

- a. 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

- b. Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation (Government Code § 54956.9(d)(2).): ([2])

The board did not recess into closed session. No action taken.

11. Adjournment

The board unanimously adjourned the meeting at 8:20 pm. Motion by Moctesuma Esparza; second by David Calvo.

Signed:

Julio Vallejo, Secretary

Date