

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, August 30, 2016

Location 1: 1001 22nd Ave., Oakland, CA 94606

Meeting Conference Line: 1-415-655-0381; Passcode: 382-455-687#

I.	<p>Public Business Meeting Board Members Present: Jonathan Garfinkel, Jim Quigley, Leslie Hume, Jim Boyd, Kay Hong, Steven Merrill, Joaquin Torres and Warren Felson were present in Location 1 in Oakland, CA. Board Members Absent: Beth Hunkapiller and Nisa Frank. Staff Present: Carolyn Hack, D'Lontra Ellis, Alejandra Chavez, Mala Batra, Delphine Sherman, Bess Kennedy, and Mary Cha-Caswell were present in Location 1 in Oakland, CA. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Jonathan Garfinkel at 9:32 am. Quorum for the meeting was confirmed.</p>
II.	<p>Changes to the Agenda: There were no changes to the agenda.</p>
III.	<p>Public Comments Not on the Agenda: There were no public comments.</p>
IV.	<p>Chairperson and CEO Comments: CEO Carolyn Hack thanked Nate Levine for his work on our fundraising plan with Bess Kennedy. Carolyn introduced Mary Cha-Caswell, new Chief Operating Officer who joined 2 months ago and introduced Mala Batra, who since February took the Chief of Staff role.</p>
V.	<p>Public Hearing: Kurt Soenen, Principal Engineer of Cornerstone Earth Group, was present to answer any questions that the public might have. There were no public comments.</p>
VI.	<p>Discussion, Action Items and Reports</p>
A.	<p>Jonathan Garfinkel nominated Nisa Frank to the Board of Directors. Leslie moved to approve the Nomination of Nisa Frank to the Board of Directors. Jim Quigley seconded; unanimously approved. Approval: Yes: 7 – Jonathan, Jim Q., Leslie, Jim B., Kay, Steven and Warren; No: 0 Abstain: 0.</p>
B.	<p>Jonathan Garfinkel nominated Joaquin Torres to the Board of Directors. Leslie moved to approve the Nomination of Joaquin Torres to the Board. Jim Quigley seconded; unanimously approved. Approval: Yes: 7 – Jonathan, Jim Q., Leslie, Jim B., Kay, Steven and Warren; No: 0 Abstain: 0.</p>
C.	<p>Carolyn Hack, CEO, presented on the CEO priorities and organizational goals for the 2016-2017 year. The Board offered feedback and input.</p>
D.	<p>Bess Kennedy and Nate Levine presented on Aspire's 5 year development/fundraising plan.</p>
E.	<p>The meeting was adjourned for lunch at 12:06 pm.</p>
F.	<p>The meeting reconvened at 12:29 pm. CEO Carolyn Hack presented on SBAC results for California schools and on MAP results for Tennessee schools. Carolyn compared Aspire's results to those of other CMOs and district schools.</p>
G.	<p>Board of Directors agreed that the Executive Committee will hear any requests for approvals in regards to the potential Modesto K-12 site during the November Executive Committee Meeting.</p>
VII.	<p>Closed Session:</p>
A.	<p>Adjournment into Closed Session: The Board adjourned into closed session at 2:14 pm.</p>
B.	<p>The Board, Legal Counsel, and CEO conferred on anticipated litigation.</p>
C.	<p>The Board reconvened to public meeting at 2:46 pm. There were no report outs.</p>



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VIII.	Discussion, Action Items and Reports (con't)
A.	Warren Felson and Leslie Hume recused themselves for the Aspire U spin off discussion. To avoid any perceived or actual conflict of interest, both members left the room. The Board delegated the authority to the Executive Committee to finalize and approve the agreements between Aspire Public Schools and Aspire U.
IX.	Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 3:08 pm.

Approved this 6th Day of October, 2016 in Oakland, CA.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'D'Lonra Ellis', written over a horizontal line.

D'Lonra Ellis, Board Secretary