



K-12 PREPARATORY ACADEMY

CHPA BOARD MEETING MINUTES
DHPH Conference Room, Cafeteria and Live Stream
Tuesday, April 12, 2022 - 5:45 P.M.

Meeting Date: Tuesday, April 12, 2022

Recorded by: Lorrie Marquez

AN=Action Needed; AT=Action Taken; D=Discussion; I=Information Only; CR=Committee Referral

Present: John Lopez (via telephone during Executive Session only), Stephen Varela, James Salazar, Angela Giron and Natasha Leslie

Ex-Officio Members Present: Domonique Chavez, Lisa Kogovsek, Daysha Otero, Dr. Derek Lopez

Ex-Officio Members Absent: Shelby McGraw

Others Present: Dr. Richard Durán, President/CEO; Lorrie Marquez, Executive Assistant, Karen Ortiz, Chief Academic & Student Services Officer (CASSO); Jack Bay, Chief Business Officer (CBO); Shannon Behling, Chief HR Officer; Tiffany Larkins, Fiscal Services Manager; Loretta Cruz, IT Director; Scott Anderson, IT Staff; Brad Miller, Miller Farmer Law; Tom Weston, D60 Charter School Liaison

Guests: Brad Miller, MillerFarmer Law; Dr. Fletcher, Consultant

This regular CHPA Board of Directors' meeting was called to order at 5:47p.m. in the DHPH Conference Room by the CHPA Board Vice President, Stephen Varela.

Roll Call of CHPA Board Members constituted a quorum.

An executive session will be conducted to discuss personnel matters in pursuant to C.R.S. 24-6-402-4(f).

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| Executive Session 5:48p.m. | AT | Angela Giron moved to enter into Executive Session for discussion of personnel matters pursuant to CRS 24-6-402-4(f) and seconded by Natasha Leslie, with a unanimous roll call vote by all members. No discussion. Motion carried.
Brad Miller, Louis Fletcher, Dr. Duran and Lorrie Marquez were asked to stay for the executive session. |
| Exit Executive Session 7:39p.m. | AT | Angela Giron moved to exit Executive Session, seconded by James Salazar with a unanimous roll call vote. No discussion. Motion carried. |
| Open Session began at 7:49 p.m. | I | Vice President, Stephen Varela welcomed everyone in attendance and led the Pledge of Allegiance. |
| Modifications/Approval of Agenda | I | Dr. Duran requested the modification to Item 15. a. to include the name of Matthew Garcia, proposed Board Member for 2022-23. |
| | AT | Angela Giron motioned to approved the amended agenda with the proposed requested change, seconded by James Salazar, with a unanimous vote and no discussion. Motion carried. |

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- I Stephen Varela made a statement apologizing for the process regarding the use of the facility for the Basketball Tournament and Coach Lopez; he plans to reach out to Coach Lopez to figure out; the focus should be back teaching; the board would like an open process for participation of stakeholders. He thanked the staff and community members for their support.
- I The Public Form statement below was read aloud by the President/CEO's Executive Assistant.

Public Forum

This portion of the meeting provides the general public an opportunity to address the CHPA Board of Directors. Those wishing to address the Board/Committee shall submit a Public Speaker card to the Executive Assistant prior to the Public Forum section of the meeting. Public Speaker cards will be available on a table located outside of the designated meeting room on the day of the scheduled Board/Committee meeting. A request may be submitted to the Executive Assistant of the Board at ljmarquez@chpa-k12.org by 3p.m. the day of the meeting. Public Speaker cards or email submissions must include the individual's name, organization affiliation and identify which agenda item they will address. Speakers will be given three (3) minutes to address the Board/Committee; with decorum and not defame any Board members, faculty or staff of CHPA. Generally, Board members will not comment or respond the comments except to ask for clarification. Members of the public may also submit written communication about agenda items to the Board.

NAME	Affiliation	ITEM TO ADDRESS
1) Rusty McBee	Faculty	School and Board Policies
2) Theresa Martinez	Counselor	Board Duties and Responsibilities
3) Josette Jaramillo	Community Labor Leader	Dolores Huerta 92nd Birthday Celebration
4) Ret. Judge Dennis Maes	Community Leader	Various Board Items
5) Anthony Nunez	Community Leader	Various Board Items
6) Lorrie Gonzalez Torres	Faculty	Board Bylaws, Policies and Procedures
7) Juan Espinosa	Former Board Member	Community Concerns
8) Yesenia Gonzalez	Student	Board Bylaws, Policies and Procedures
9) Tracy Mondragon	Parent	Support of Teachers and Students
10) Lisa Kogovsek	Faculty	Rebuild trust in the Board, uphold mission and values of CHPA
10) Irene Padilla	Faculty	Yielded the floor to Juan Espinosa
11) Edgar Corona Castaneda	Faculty	Yielded the floor to Tracy Mondragon

- I Stephen Varela clarified that the Board did not make the decision to hold the political event, it was approved by administration. The political event was not a personal fundraiser for any member of the board.

Brad Miller

- I Commented that there was a consensus by the Board to move forward in a cooperative way with the staff. He reported that Jack Bay and Dr. Fletcher both worked for School District No. 49 but had no real relationship, he yielded his time back to Stephen Varela to continue with the meeting.

CEO's Report

- I Dr. Duran reported that the approval will be presented to move forward and to finalize the \$35M financing for the BEST Grant. Negotiations for the charter contract renewal will begin soon to finalize the 3-year contract which starts July 1, 2022.

Faculty Representative Reports:

a. Domonique Chavez – CCA

- I Ms. Chavez reported that CCA had perfect attendance during the CMAS testing; the Pueblo Chieftain wrote an article about the school donating fruit boxes in honor of Cesar Chavez' birthday; they are utilizing tutors and paraprofessionals for small group instruction.

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- b. **Shelby McGraw – ECMS** (Absent)
- c. **Lisa Kogovsek – DHPH** I Ms. Kogovsek reported that her colleagues feel like there are not being heard by the Board; the faculty and student remain committed to reach out to the Board to be heard. Dr. Aragon-Blanton is working on the 50th anniversary of studies of Chicanos and all marginalized peoples.

Student Representative Report

- a. **Daysha Otero** I Ms. Otero reported how proud she was of the student who spoke during Public Forum, she thanked the teacher for fighting for the students. Spring sports are happening, Prom will be held in April. The virtual silent auction is planned for May. She is working with administration to improve the food provided to students. The grow towers that are located in the DHPH Cafeteria are doing well.

Higher Education Representative Reports

- a. **Dr. Derek Lopez – CSU-P** I Dr. Lopez reported that enrollment at CSU-P continues to be low, they are doing outreach to recruit students. The Colorado Promise Grant is available to anyone who earns under \$50K annually.

Board Committee Reports:

a. **Finance Committee – Chair: James Salazar, Chair**

- I The floor was yielded to Jack Bay who reported that the BEST Grant documentation has been completed, the bond sales will generate \$7.5M, \$5M is for the BEST Grant match, \$2.5M will be set aside. Work will begin on the final building design depending if the building will be separate or attached. The balanced budget will be presented for approval as an action item.

b. **Academic Achievement & Student Success Committee – Stephen Varela, Chair**

- I The floor was yielded to Karen Ortiz who reported that CHPA has been notified of a \$100K grant award for social and emotional learning, we are awaiting the letter of confirmation. CMAS testing is being conducted; she addressed pride in the students who spoke to the Board during Public Forum.

c. **Policy Committee – Chair: Natasha Leslie, Chair**

- I Stephen Varela, Committee Co-Chair reported that BP 2260 Response to Opioid Overdose will be presented as an action item.

d. **Recruitment & Nominating Committee – Angela Giron, Chair**

- I Ms. Giron reported that the Committee interviewed parent representatives and are recommending Matthew Garcia for approval as an action item; if approved Mr. Garcia will be invited to attend the May 14th Board Retreat. She would like to Board to consider returning to 7 members sometime in the next year.

Approval Items

a. Board Parent Representative July 1, 2022 – Matthew Garcia

AT Angela Giron motioned to approve Matthew Garcia as a new Parent Representative to the Board as of July 1, 2022; second by James Salazar; with a unanimous roll call vote and an abstention by Natasha Leslie due to a personal issue agreed upon by the Board, Brad Miller explained that most conflicts are due to financial gain but because the Board agreed it is okay for Ms. Leslie to abstain. Motion carried.

b. Budget 2022-23

AT James Salazar motioned to approve the 2022-23 Budget, seconded by Natasha Leslie, unanimous roll call vote and not discussion. Motion carried.

c. AP 1320 Board Travel & Meeting Expenses/Stipend

AT James Salazar motioned to table the AP 1320 Board Travel & Meeting Expenses/Stipend, seconded by Natasha Leslie, unanimous vote for staff to be heard. Motion carried.

d. BP 2260 Response to Opioid Overdose

AT Angela Giron motioned to approve BP 2260 Response to Opioid Overdose, seconded by James Salazar, unanimous roll call vote, no discussion. Motion carried.

e. Bills and Payroll February 2022 – Jack Bay

AT James Salazar motioned to accept the February 2022 Bills and Payroll, seconded by Natasha Leslie, with a unanimous roll call vote, no discussion. Motion carried.

Consent Agenda Items:

a. Approve Board Meeting Minutes March 8, 2022 and March 23, 2022 – Lorrie Marquez

b. Personnel Report—Shannon Behling

AT James Salazar motioned to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Natasha Leslie, with a unanimous vote, no discussion. Motion carried.

Discussion Items:

a. Board Member Activities

I Angela Giron clarified that the Colorado Promise Grant is open to students or parents wishing to further their education. She thanked everyone who attended the meeting, especially impressed with the students who spoke during Public Forum, Dolores Huerta would be proud; the Board is committed to regain the trust of the teachers, students and parents; mistakes have been made, she pledged to live up to what has been promised.

I Stephen Varela expressed thanks for those who attended and will appreciate their help with the process; he would like to regain trust in the Board and would like to hear about concerns, will find a way to meet with the staff and offer a way to contact the Board.

Natasha Leslie and James Salazar, no comment

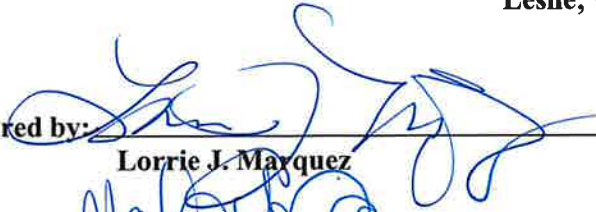
Future Agenda Items

I No items were reported.

9:04p.m. Adjournment

AT **James Salazar moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Natasha Leslie; with a unanimous vote and no discussion. Motion carried.**

Prepared by:



Lorrie J. Marquez

Date:

5/14/22

Verified by:



**Natasha Leslie, CHPA Board Secretary
(Signed by Board President in absence of Secretary)**

Date:

5/14/22

