



## Dolores Huerta

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### Special Governing Council Meeting

#### Final Minutes

Thursday, June 26<sup>th</sup>, 2014 5:30 p.m.

Bertha Silva, Chair  
John Vasquez, Vice-Chair  
Norma Martinez Arrieta, Secretary/Treasurer

Robert del Plain, Member  
Saul Hernandez, Member  
Christina Devereaux, Member  
Rick Serrano, Member

#### 1) Call to Order

Ms. Bertha Silva, Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:38pm and asked for a roll call.

#### 2) Roll Call

B. Silva - Present  
J. Vasquez - Absent  
N. Arrieta - Present

R. del Plain - Present  
S. Hernandez - Present  
C. Devereaux - Present  
R. Serrano – Present

Total: (6) members present; (1) member absent. Let the record show that a quorum of governing council members is present, that this meeting has been called and that this meeting has been posted in accordance with the Open Meetings Act.

FACULTY/ADMINISTRATION PRESENT: Diana Diaz, Teacher/Administrator; Ruben Diaz, Teacher; Chris Bardey, Teacher; Adelina Renteria, Teacher; Rene Salazar, Kerri Pettes, Teacher; Teacher; Rosana Ramos, Teacher (arrived late)

STAFF PRESENT: Maria Olivas, Administrative Assistant; Jose Brito, Educational Assistant

#### 3) Approval of Agenda

Mr. Del Plain motioned to approve the agenda with the deletion of the approval of the June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2014 meeting minutes to provide council members time for further review. Motion was seconded Ms. Devereaux

Roll Call vote: Silva (Yes); Arrieta (Yes); Del Plain (Yes); Hernandez (Yes); Devereaux (Yes); Serrano (Yes)

Total Yes: 6 No: 0; Motion was approved in the unanimous.

#### 4) Open forum-Public Input

*Public comments and observations regarding education policy and governance issues, as well as the strategic planning, are heard at this time. (Two-Minute Time Limit per Presenter. Persons from the same group and having similar viewpoints are asked to select a spokesperson to speak on their behalf. Multiple and repetitious presentations of the same view will be discouraged and may be ruled out of order by the Chair.)*

Mr. Bardey spoke in regards to Mr. Casillas, “seen a lot of positive changes since Mr. Casillas came”. Mr. Bardey expressed his appreciation for Mr. Casillas’ support of the Arts and the efforts Mr. Casillas has made trying to secure a new facility for LADH. “Mr. Casillas is an interesting man, with a lot of energy, things can be contentious around that energy.”

Ms. Roseanna Ramos (after closed session; was given permission by B.Silva, Chair) provided a brief synopsis in her perspective of the incident that occurred between herself and Mr. Casillas during and after the LADH Retreat in Ruidoso. She wanted the governing council members to know that their differences have been settled since the incident occurred.

## **Action items**

### **5) Approval of consent agenda items**

#### **• Approval of June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2014 meeting minutes**

Mr. del Plain motioned to approve the agenda with the deletion of the approval of the June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2014 meeting minutes for further review. The motion was seconded by Ms. Devereaux.

Roll call vote: Silva (Yes); Arrieta (Yes); Del Plain (Yes); Hernandez (Yes); Devereaux (Yes); Serrano (Yes)

Total Yes: 6 No: 0

The agenda has passed with the approval of the June 5<sup>th</sup>, meeting minute review in the unanimous.

### **6) Approval of Student Cap Amendment**

Discussion on governing council’s request to PEC for a student cap of 300 students. Ms. Silva explained the PEC approved the cap to 240 students only, with a stipulation that the council approve an amendment that would have that cap (240) at the end. Ms. Silva wanted to be sure that the wording met PEC requirements and noted that a transcript of the PEC meeting will be available by next regular GC meeting.

Motion to table the approval of Student Cap Amendment until Thursday July, 3<sup>rd</sup> was made by Mr. Hernandez and seconded by Ms. Devereaux.

Roll Call vote: B. Silva (Yes); N. Arrieta (Yes); R. del Plain (Yes); S. Hernandez (Yes); C. Devereaux (Yes); R. Serrano (Yes)

Total Yes: 6 No: 0; Motion was passed in the unanimous

### **7) Discussion of school calendar**

Ms. Diaz (representing administration) discussed the addition of five days to the beginning of school year as well as the new school instruction time beginning at 8:00 am and ending at 4:15 pm.

### **8) Approval of Principal’s Job Description as LADH Policy**

Motion to approve Principal’s Job Description as LADH Policy was made by Mr. Hernandez and seconded by Mr. del Plain.

Roll call vote: B. Silva (Yes); N. Arrieta (Yes); R. del Plain (Yes); S. Hernandez (Yes); C. Devereaux (Yes); R. Serrano (Yes)

Total Yes: 6 No: 0; Motion was approved in the unanimous.

### **9) Closed Session (§ 10-15-1 (H)) to discuss items relevant to Section 10-15-1(H)(2) and Section 10-15-1(H)(7).**

Motion to convene into closed session was made by Ms. Arrieta and seconded by Ms. Devereaux

Roll Call vote: B. Silva (Yes); N. Arrieta (Yes); R. del Plain (Yes); S. Hernandez (Yes); C. Devereaux (Yes); R. Serrano (Yes)

Total Yes: 6 No: 0; Motion was approved in the unanimous. Meeting convened into closed session at 6:05 pm.

No action was taken during closed session.

Motion for meeting to reconvene from closed session was made by Ms. Devereaux and seconded by Mr. Serrano.

Roll Call vote: B. Silva (Yes); N. Arrieta (Yes); R. del Plain (Yes); S. Hernandez (Yes); C. Devereaux (Yes); R. Serrano (Yes)

Total Yes: 6 No: 0; Motion was approved in the unanimous. Meeting reconvened from closed session at 7:37 pm.

## **10) Discussion and possible approval of Principal's Contract for 2014-2015 school year**

Ms. Silva addressed the fact that all teachers and staff contracts have been approved for the 2014-2015 school year, and are in full force and will not be affected by the outcome of the next vote.

Motion to approve the principles contract for the 2014-2015 school year was made by Mr. Serrano and seconded by Mr. del Plain.

Roll Call vote: B. Silva (No); N. Arrieta (Yes); R. del Plain (No); S. Hernandez (No); C. Devereaux (No); R. Serrano (No)

Total Yes: 1 No: 5; Motion was not approved.

## **11) Adjourn**

Motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Serrano and seconded by Ms. Devereaux.

Roll Call vote: B. Silva (Yes); N. Arrieta (Yes); R. del Plain (Yes); S. Hernandez (Yes); C. Devereaux (Yes); R. Serrano (Yes)

Total Yes: 6 No: 0; Motion was approved in unanimous.

Meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

\*Any individual attending a board meeting may sign in to participate in the Public Input section of the Agenda, if any. Such persons may speak on any item after the individual is recognized by the President of the Board and introduces himself/herself at the podium. The Governing Council of La Academia Dolores Huerta will not take action on any item presented under Public Input, until an opportunity to do so is afforded. La Academia Dolores Huerta will provide an interpreter for the Hearing Impaired upon request. Requests should be submitted to the head administrator's office three days prior to the meeting. Simultaneous Spanish translation will be provided at the meeting.