

**ACADEMY FOR URBAN LEADERSHIP
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 11, 2019
6:30 PM**

I. CALL TO ORDER: 6:41 PM

This meeting has been publicized in accordance with Section 5, Ch 231, PL 1975, and Open Public Meeting Law by notification of the Home News Tribune and at the Academy for Urban Leadership Charter School within the legal time required. Time may be allotted for public comment at this meeting.

II. FLAG SALUTE

I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under god, indivisible with liberty and justice for all.

III. MISSION STATEMENT

To employ an educational design and experience that merges the highest standards of academic excellence while fostering convictions and commitment to social and economic justice. The school acknowledges that both family and community involvement are integral to the student's academic achievement level, and will focus on fostering strong relationships between the school, family and community. Through these partnerships, the school will strive to create a nurturing environment by providing each student with the five resources deemed necessary for healthy child development by the President's Summit for America's Future. These include: a one-on-one relationship with a caring adult, a safe place to learn and grow, a healthy start, a marketable skill through effective education, and a chance to give back to peers and the community.

In order to provide a quality education, the curriculum offered will involve rigorous academics with a holistic approach to education. Special emphasis will be placed on service learning and espousing the importance of civic and social responsibility. The development of character, leadership skills, conflict resolution abilities, and community responsibility will be stressed to provide the students with the necessary tools to become contributing members of a democratic society.

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IV. ROLL CALL

Board Members

Edgardo Galleno (President)	Present
Joshua Bishop (Vice President)	Present
Jesenia Vargas (Corporate Secretary)	Absent - Excused
Lisette Bayas Vilanova	Absent - Excused
Claudine Bishop	Present
Hector Bonilla	Present
Elba Ceballo	Present
Reyes Ortega	Absent - Excused
Michelle Roman	Present
Stephanie Valdiviezo	Preesent

Additional attendees:

Margaret Morales (Lead Person)	Present
Patricia Bombelyn (Board Solicitor)	Present
Johnny Rosa (Board Secretary)	Present
Douglas Kelly (Vice-Principal)	Absent – Excused
Daniel Cugini (Vice-Principal)	Present
Peter Salek-Nejad (Supervisor of Curriculum And Instruction)	Absent – Excused

V. PUBLIC COMMENT #1

None

The Lead Person recommends the following items for approval:

VI. MOTIONS

Human Resources and Recognition

1. Move that the Board of Trustees approve the appointment of the following staff members, subject to timely receipt of satisfactory disclosures, required by N.J.S.A. 18A:6-7.6 et. seq., from the applicant's previous public school district employers, for the 2019 – 2020 school year:

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- a. Andrew Obsuth for a 10 month position as a Middle School Science Teacher with a salary of \$65,500.00 pro-rated to such a date as to when Mr. Obsuth's current employment with another employer ceases and his work at AUL commences (replacing CM). *(Pending satisfying the requirements of the New Jersey Criminal History Background Check).*
Motion: Hector Bonilla, **Second:** Joshua Bishop, **Roll Call:** Edgardo Galleno Yes, Joshua Bishop Yes, Claudine Bishop Yes, Hector Bonilla Yes, Elba Ceballo Yes, Michelle Roman Yes, Stephanie Valdiviezo Yes.
- b. Joshua Heller for a 10 month position as a Music HS Teacher with a salary of \$53,000.00 pro-rated to such a date as to when Mr. Heller's current employment with another employer ceases and his work at AUL commences (replacing MS). *(Pending satisfying the requirements of the New Jersey Criminal History Background Check).*
Motion: Michelle Roman, **Second:** Elba Ceballo, **Roll Call:** Edgardo Galleno Yes, Joshua Bishop Yes, Claudine Bishop Yes, Hector Bonilla Yes, Elba Ceballo Yes, Michelle Roman Yes, Stephanie Valdiviezo Yes.
- c. David Sweatte for a 10 month position as a Computer Science HS Teacher with a salary of \$53,000.00 pro-rated to such a date as to when Mr. Sweatte's current employment with another employer ceases and his work at AUL commences (replacing AW). *(Pending satisfying the requirements of the New Jersey Criminal History Background Check).*
Motion: Elba Ceballo, **Second:** Michelle Roman, **Roll Call:** Edgardo Galleno Yes, Joshua Bishop Yes, Claudine Bishop Yes, Hector Bonilla Yes, Elba Ceballo Yes, Michelle Roman Yes, Stephanie Valdiviezo Yes.
- d. Iris Cardona for a 10 month position as a part time Lunch Aide with a salary of \$13 per hour beginning on October 1, 2019. *(Pending satisfying the requirements of the New Jersey Criminal History Background Check).*
Motion: Joshua Bishop, **Second:** Elba Ceballo, **Roll Call:** Edgardo Galleno Yes, Joshua Bishop Yes, Claudine Bishop Yes, Hector Bonilla Yes, Elba Ceballo Yes, Michelle Roman Yes, Stephanie Valdiviezo Yes.

Finance and Facility Planning

1. Move that the Board of Trustees approve the Educational Services Commission of New Jersey Cooperative purchasing services for the 2019 – 2020 school year.

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Motion: Joshua Bishop, Second: Michelle Roman, Roll Call: Edgardo Galleno Yes, Joshua Bishop Yes, Claudine Bishop Yes, Hector Bonilla Yes, Elba Ceballo Yes, Michelle Roman Yes, Stephanie Valdiviezo Yes.

2. Move that the Board of Trustees approve the Educational Services Commission of New Jersey to provide coordinated transportation services at an administration fee not to exceed 6% for the 2019 – 2020 school year.

Motion: Joshua Bishop, Second: Michelle Roman, Roll Call: Edgardo Galleno Yes, Joshua Bishop Yes, Claudine Bishop Yes, Hector Bonilla Yes, Elba Ceballo Yes, Michelle Roman Yes, Stephanie Valdiviezo Yes.

Executive Team

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT #2

None

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Public bodies may meet in closed session when the matters under discussion are: (1) Matters made confidential by state, federal law or rule by court. (2) Disclosure would result in an unwarranted invasion of individual privacy, unless the person affected consents in writing. (3) Disclosure would impair the body's right to receive federal or state funds. (4) Collective bargaining. (5) Lease or acquisition of property, setting of banking rates, investment of public funds if disclosure would harm the public interest. (6) Investigations into violations of law. (7) Strategies to protect public security. Pending, ongoing or anticipated litigation or contract negotiation, including attorney-client privilege. The threat of litigation must be more than theoretical for this exemption to apply. (8) Personnel matters affecting employees of the public bodies, unless all parties request or consent to a public hearing. Prior to discussion of personnel, affected employees must be given notice, known as a Rice notice, which gives the employee the right to request a public hearing. (9) Proceedings that could result in a suspension, civil penalty, or loss of a license or permit.

Close Executive Session: 6:49 PM

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Unanimous Vote: Motion: Joshua Bishop, Second: Elba Ceballo, Roll Call: Edgardo Galleno Yes, Joshua Bishop Yes, Claudine Bishop Yes, Hector Bonilla Yes, Elba Ceballo Yes, Michelle Roman Yes, Stephanie Valdiviezo Yes.

Discuss: Attorney-client Privilege

Department of Labor

Potential Lease/Acquisition of Property

Personnel Matter

Return from Executive Session: 9:07 PM

Unanimous Vote: Motion: Hector Bonilla, Second: Elba Ceballo, Roll Call: Edgardo Galleno Yes, Joshua Bishop Yes, Claudine Bishop Yes, Hector Bonilla Yes, Elba Ceballo Yes, Michelle Roman Yes, Stephanie Valdiviezo Yes.

Other Motions

1. Move that the Board of Trustees finalize and execute the extension of the lease at Division Street.

Motion: Michelle Roman, Second: Hector Bonilla, Roll Call: Edgardo Galleno Yes, Joshua Bishop Yes, Claudine Bishop Yes, Hector Bonilla Yes, Elba Ceballo Yes, Michelle Roman Yes, Stephanie Valdiviezo Yes.

IX. ADJOURNMENT 9:08 PM

Motion: Michelle Roman, Second: Claudine Bishop, Roll Call: Edgardo Galleno Yes, Joshua Bishop Yes, Claudine Bishop Yes, Hector Bonilla Yes, Elba Ceballo Yes, Michelle Roman Yes, Stephanie Valdiviezo Yes.

