

ESPIRITU COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

MEETING MINUTES

**Friday February 20, 2026**

**1:00 P.M.**

4848 S. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street Phoenix, AZ 85040

**The Board meeting will be held via Zoom.**

I. PRELIMINARY ITEMS

**A. Call to Order and Roll Call**

*Tom Espinoza called the meeting to order at 1:05P.M.*

*Tom Espinoza – Board Chair, Present*

*Isadora Giacometti – Vice Board Chair, Present*

*Armando Ruiz Sr. – Member, Present*

*Bertha Gutierrez- Member, Present (Arrived @ 2:13PM)*

*Rosanna Blackson – Member, Present (left @ 2:08PM)*

***Others Present:***

*Anastacia Europa – Chief Operating Officer, Servant Leader*

*Alexis Ruiz – Board Secretary*

*Armando Ruiz Jr – Chief Finance Officer, Servant Leader*

*Xochitl Ramirez – RMR School Leader, Servant Leader*

*Alan Rascon – NFL YET School Leader, Servant Leader*

*Fernando Ruiz – Public Attendee*

**B. Board Adoption of Meeting Agenda**

*Isadora Giacometti made the motion to adopt the February 20, 2026 meeting agenda. Rosanna Blackson seconded the motion. Passed: 4-0 (Ayes: Espinoza, Giacometti, Ruiz, Blackson)*

**C. Board Approval of the February 3, 2026 Meeting Minutes**

*Isadora Giacometti made the motion to approve the February 3, 2026 meeting minutes. Rosanna Blackson seconded the motion. Passed: 4-0 (Ayes: Espinoza, Giacometti, Ruiz, Blackson)*

II. CONSENT AGENDA

**A. ITA\_IAG Contract Renewal**

**B. Student & Family Handbook Update**

*Isadora Giacometti made the motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Rosanna Blackson seconded the motion. Passed: 4-0 (Ayes: Espinoza, Giacometti, Ruiz, Blackson)*

III. ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR ACTION

**A. Monthly Finance Report**

*Armando Ruiz Jr. presented the Monthly Finance Report, including the Profit & Loss, Balance Sheet, and the YTD AP Aging Summary.*

*Isadora Giacometti made the motion to adopt the Monthly Finance Report. Rosanna Blackson seconded the motion. Roll call vote conducted. Passed: 4-0 (Ayes: Espinoza, Giacometti, Ruiz, Blackson)*

#### IV. ITEM SCHEDULED FOR INFORMATION

##### **A. Charter Board 15- Year Review Report**

*Anastacia Europa presented the Charter Board's 15-year report, providing a comprehensive overview of the organization's performance and development over that period. The report outlined key areas of strength as well as identified areas for improvement, offering insights to support ongoing evaluation and future planning.*

##### **B. RMR Academic Update**

*Xochitl Ramirez presented the RMR test score goals and outlined the strategies to be implemented for the current year, providing an overview of targeted performance objectives and the planned approach to support student achievement.*

##### **C. NFL YET Academic Update**

*Alan Rascon presented the NFL YET test score goals and outlined the strategies to be implemented for the current year, providing an overview of targeted performance objectives and the planned approach to support student achievement.*

##### **D. Adoption of the Montessori Method**

*Dr. Leticia Ruiz presented an overview of the Montessori method, including relevant statistical data, as well as an analysis of associated costs and benefits, to inform the Board's understanding and consideration.*

#### V. EXECUTIVE SESSION

#### VI. COMMUNICATIONS

*No response to the call.*

#### VII. CLOSING ITEMS

##### **A. Summary of Current Events, Future Meeting Dates and Items for Future Agendas**

*The next Board Meeting will be held on Friday March 27, 2026*

##### **B. Adjournment**

*Isadora Giacometti made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Armando Ruiz Sr. seconded the motion. Passed 4-0 (Ayes: Espinoza, Gutierrez, Giacometti, Ruiz)*

*Meeting adjourned at 3:36 P.M.*