CITY CENTER FOR COLLABORATIVE LEARNING

Special Meeting of the Board of Directors
Date and Time: Wednesday, October 7, 5:00 pm

Present: Gina Catalano, Jose Munoz, Mariah Albertie, Rudy McCormick, Tony Pennacchio

Absent: Jacinta Esquer

Proxy: Gina Catalano for Jacinta Esquer

Board Member Ex Oficio: Brett Goble

Guests: Mary Jo Ghory, Jessica Melrose, Sophie M, Haley Odom, Jessica Janacek, Aesha Baldwin, Justine Sleator, Rachel Mueller

The meeting was called to order at 5:04 p.m. with a quorum present.

Agenda

I. Land Acknowledgment

II. Call to the Audience

III. Approval of Closed Executive Session **Action**

A. EXECUTIVE SESSION - Part 1 - Pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(4) and (A)(5), Discussion and consideration for the City Center for Collaborative Learning Board of Directors regarding Approval of Collective Bargaining Contract

Tony Pennacchio made a motion to move into Closed Executive Session. Rudy McCormick seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously and the Board moved into Executive Session.

IV. Closed Executive Session **Discussion**

A. Pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(4) and (A)(5), Discussion and consideration for the City Center for Collaborative Learning Board of Directors regarding Approval and Acceptance of Collective Bargaining Contract.

Rudy McCormick made a motion to back to Open Session. Tony Pennacchio seconded. The motion passed unanimously and the Board moved back into General Session.

V. Collective Bargaining Vote **Action**

Consideration and vote to approve and accept the Collective Bargaining Agreement between City Center for Collaborative Learning and ARIZONA ALLIANCE OF

CHARTER TEACHERS AND STAFF, AFT LOCAL 6627, AFL-CIO as ratified by the bargaining unit on September 17, 2026, from October 1, 2026 through September 30, 2030.

Mariah Albertie made a motion to approve the Collective Bargaining Agreement as stated above. Jose Munoz seconded. Gina Catalano asked for a roll-call vote:
Mariah Albertie - Yes
Gina Catalano - Yes
Rudy McCormick - Yes
Jose Munoz - Yes
Tony Pennacchio - Yes
Jacinta Esquer - Not Present

VI. CCCL 25-26 Annual Financial Report (AFR) Approval **Action**

Brett presented the 25-26 AFR that needs to be filed by 10/15/26.
Tony Pennacchio made a motion to approve the 25-26 AFR. Rudy McCormick seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

VII. Approval of Closed Executive Session **Action**

A. EXECUTIVE SESSION - Part II - Pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(1) - Discussion related to Personnel matters - Executive Director Search & Selection
Mariah Albertie made a motion to move into Executive Closed Session. Tony Pennacchio seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously and the Board moved into Closed Executive Session.

VIII. Closed Executive Session **Discussion**

A. Pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(1) - Discussion related to Personnel matters - Executive Director Search & Selection
The Board discussed the Search Committee's recommendations and the final Board member interviews with the two finalists.
Mariah Albertie made a motion to move back to General Session. Gina Catalano seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, and the Board returned to General Session.

IX. Vote to Approve New Executive Director Selection **Action**

Jose Munoz made a motion to name Francisco Javier Fuentes (aka Javier) as CCCL's next Executive Director. Tony Pennacchio seconded the motion. Gina Catalano requested a roll-call vote:
Mariah Albertie - Yes
Gina Catalano - Yes
Rudy McCormick - Yes
Jose Munoz - Yes
Tony Pennacchio - Yes
Jacinta Esquer - Not Present

Gina thanked the Search Committee Chairs, Jacinta and Jose and the staff for their time and energy as well as the entire community for their participation. It says something about our schools that we could attract such great finalists to this position. Gina will be reaching out to Javier to determine his start date and initiate the transition with Brett Goble, Interim Executive Director, around the start date.

X. The meeting was adjourned at 6:02 p.m.