

**Board of Directors Meeting**

Thursday, January 11, 2018

Location 1: 1001 22<sup>nd</sup> Ave., Oakland, CA 94606

Meeting Conference Line:1-415-655-0381 Passcode:366-576-658#

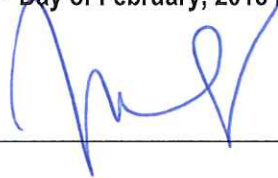
I.	<p><b>Public Business Meeting</b>  <b>Board Members Present:</b> Jonathan Garfinkel, Beth Hunkapiller, Warren Felson, Kay Hong, Nisa Frank and Leslie Hume were present in Location 1 in Oakland, CA. Jim Boyd was present via conference line. Jim Boyd was out of jurisdiction and thus did not vote.  <b>Staff Present:</b> Carolyn Hack, Delphine Sherman, Alejandra Chavez, Mary Cha-Caswell, Kara Maguire, Mala Batra, Bess Kennedy, Katy Barone and Anupam Mishra were present in Location 1 in Oakland, CA; Kate Ford and Stephanie Vaughn were present via Vidyo.  <b>Guests Present:</b> Missy Williams, Cassandra Kessler, John Fanning, Carlos Leon, Lane Weiss, Jeff Palmquist, Ryan Cosens, Casey Hoffman and Rhiannon Killian were present in Location 1 in Oakland, CA.  <b>Call to Order:</b> The meeting was called to order by Jonathan Garfinkel at 9:41am. Quorum for the meeting was confirmed.</p>
II.	<p><b>Changes to the Agenda:</b> There was one change to the agenda: Item C. East Palo Update was removed from the discussion agenda.</p>
III.	<p><b>Public Comments Not on the Agenda:</b> There were no comments from the public.</p>
IV.	<p><b>Chairperson and CEO Comments:</b> Carolyn Hack, CEO, updated the Board on Aspire's 11 charter renewals. Carolyn shared that 10 of the 11 charter petitions had been submitted across all three California regions and 4 out of 11 charters had been approved. By the end of January, the last charter renewal petition would be submitted, and Aspire will receive renewal decisions for the two Oakland (Aspire College Academy, Golden State College Preparatory Academy), three Stockton (Port City Academy, Aspire APEX Academy and Aspire Langston Hughes Academy), and Modesto (University Charter School) schools.</p>
V.	<p><b>Discussion, Action Items and Reports</b></p>
A.	<p>Anupam Mishra, Chief People Officer, provided the Board context for Aspire's focus on "Equity" both historically and going forward, with specific attention to the more recent letter from the Critical Education Coalition. He then asked the Board for guidance on moving this work forward. The Board shared their thoughts.</p>
B.	<p>Lane Weiss, Central Valley Superintendent, and the Post-Secondary Success (PSS) team updated the Board on the 6 AspireForward Post-Secondary Success Initiatives and focused the discussion on enhancements to the college match process. The Board asked questions and provided feedback.</p>
C.	<p>Delphine Sherman, CFO, recapped on the revised Conflict of Interest Code previously brought to the Board at the November Board meeting. Aspire worked with Procopio to answer the questions from the Board that came out of the November meeting and then brought it to the Executive and Compensation Committee at the December meeting to ask for guidance. The Board has the option to delegate Investment Authority to the CFO. The CFO and Controller would have to file as a gov't code 87200 filer. The Board would continue to be code filers. Delphine asked the Board to approve a Resolution Delegating Investment Authority to the CFO that can be revoked at any time by Aspire's Board of Directors. Beth moved to approve Resolution Delegating Investment Authority to the CFO, seconded by Beth; unanimously approved. Approval: Yes: 6 Jonathan, Beth, Warren, Kay, Nisa, Leslie; No: 0; Abstain: 0</p>



D.	Delphine Sherman, CFO, shared with the Board that Aspire has worked with the Fair Political Practices Commission ("FPPC") to update its Conflict of Interest Code, which identifies those employees and officers who are required to fill out the Statement of Economic Interests ("Form 700") and that it is required to do so to ensure that the Code is current. Delphine asked the Board to approve and adopt the updated Conflict of Interest Code. Kay moved to approve the adoption of Aspire's updated Conflict of Interest Code, seconded by Warren; unanimously approved. Approval: Yes: 6 Jonathan, Beth, Warren, Kay, Nisa, Leslie; No: 0; Abstain: 0
E.	Ryan Cosens, State and Federal Education Compliance Program Manager, shared details with the Board on the new California state accountability system, The California School Dashboard, and how the new system holds districts, schools and charters accountable for metrics such as suspension rates, graduation rates, college and career readiness, academics: ELA and Math, and chronic absenteeism. The Board reviewed the dashboard data for Aspire's California schools.
F.	Discussion item F "East Palo Alto Update" was removed from the discussion agenda.
G.	Meeting recessed for lunch.
H.	Bess Kennedy, VP of Advancement, updated the Board on the Advancement team's fundraising progress and discussed the details of the Education Symposium that her team is planning. The Board shared their thoughts on the event and provided feedback.
I.	Bess Kennedy asked the Board to consider the appointment of D'Lonra Ellis to the Aspire Board of Directors. Leslie moved to approve the nomination of D'Lonra Ellis to the Aspire Board of Directors, seconded by Kay; unanimously approved. Approval: Yes: 6 Jonathan, Beth, Warren, Kay, Nisa, Leslie; No: 0; Abstain: 0
J.	Bess Kennedy asked the Board to consider the appointment of Maloni Goss to the Aspire Board of Directors. Leslie moved to approve the nomination of D'Lonra Ellis to the Aspire Board of Directors, seconded by Warren; unanimously approved. Approval: Yes: 6 Jonathan, Beth, Warren, Kay, Nisa, Leslie; No: 0; Abstain: 0
K.	Delphine Sherman, Chief Financial Officer, and Kay Hong, Audit Committee Chair, provided the Board with a high level overview and update on the 2016-2017 consolidated financial statements. Delphine shared that the Audit Committee reviewed and approved the full financial statement with Aspire's auditors, but that it is customary to bring back an update to the Board, ask for their review and welcome any questions.
L.	Delphine Sherman and Casey Hoffman, Director of Growth and Strategy, presented to the Board on a new site opportunity for Aspire APEX Academy. Delphine and Casey shared that the AspireForward 5-year Strategic Plan prioritizes facilities upgrades for 9 schools, including three new site searches. One new site search is for Aspire APEX Academy ("APEX", K-5) in Stockton. APEX currently has a short-term lease in a sub-optimal, small church facility that constrains program and enrollment and requires significant maintenance. Aspire has identified a two-acre site that is 1/4 of a mile from the current APEX campus that would allow for the retention of existing students and would meet Aspire's programmatic needs. Delphine and Casey asked the Board to approve a resolution authorizing actions in pursuit of financing for public charter school projects and declaring official intent to reimburse certain expenditures from proceeds of indebtedness, if Aspire chooses to move forward with the project. Beth moved to approve the resolution, seconded by Kay; unanimously approved. Approval: Yes: 6 Jonathan, Beth, Warren, Kay, Nisa, Leslie; No: 0; Abstain: 0
VI.	<b>Closed Session</b> The meeting adjourned to closed session at 1:48 pm.
A.	The Board and Carolyn Hack, CEO, conferred to discuss the public employee appointment (Gov. Code section 54957(b)(1).) of the Chief Schools Officer.
B.	The Board and Carolyn Hack, CEO, conferred to discuss the public employee appointment (Gov. Code section 54957(b)(1).) of the Chief Academic Officer.

C.	The Board, Carolyn Hack, CEO, and Legal Counsel conferred to discuss anticipated litigation (Gov. Code section 54956.9(d)(2): 2 matters)
VII.	<b>Reconvene to Public Meeting</b> The meeting reconvened to public meeting at 2:06 pm.
A.	Jonathan Garfinkel, Board Chair, shared that there was no report out from closed session.
VIII.	<b>Adjournment</b> Meeting adjourned at 2:06 pm.

Approved this 8<sup>th</sup> Day of February, 2018 in Oakland, CA.



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Mala Batra, Board Secretary