**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE EL PASO LEADERSHIP ACADEMY**

**November 28, 2023**

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors (the “***Board***”) of the El Paso Leadership Academy,

a Texas non-profit corporation (the “***Company***”), was held at 114 Texas, El Paso, TX 79901 on

November 28, 2023 at 12:00 pm. Toni Mizdal, President of the Board, served as chairman and

presided over the meeting, and Allan Lindstrom, Secretary, recorded the minutes.

**First Item of Business: Call to Order.** The Chairman called the meeting to order at 12:04

pm, and it was determined that a quorum, consisting of the majority of directors of the

Company, was present and ready for the transaction of business. The following directors were

present: Matt Kerr, Soledad Bascoco, Toni Mizdal, Allan Lindstrom, Tony Casas, John Johnston,

Justin Miranda, and Manny Jemente.

Staff in Person Attendance: Omar Yanar, Arielle Behar, Angel Torres¸ Karla Cruz, and Y’Ymelda

Herrera

**Second Item of Business: Open Forum.** No one was present for the Open Forum**.**

**Third Item of Business: Approval of Minutes**. The minutes of the September 27, 2023

Regular Board meeting and the October 11, 2023 Special Meeting were presented for approval.

Soledad Bascoco moved approval of the September 27, 2003 and October 11, 2023 minutes

and Tony Casas seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously by the Board.

**Fourth Item of Business: Recruitment Update**. Angel Torres presented an October-

November recruitment update. Total enrollment for 2022-2023 was 426 leaving the District

nineteen students short of the 2022-2023 enrollment goal of 445 students.

For the current school year, District student enrollment as of November 15, 2023 was 794

students. The enrollment goal for 2023-2024 is 825 students, leaving the District 31 students

short of its goal.

**Fifth Item of Business: Finance/HR.** Y’Ymelda Herrera, YYY Acounting, provided the

Board with a comprehensive financial report comparing the 2023-2024 original General Fund

Budget (420) budget with a proposed amended General Fund Budget and explained that (1)

State revenues were over projected in the original budget, (2) reclassifying allowable

expenses to eligible federal grants, (3) reclassifying certain expenses between functions as

defined by Charter First indicator definitions, (4) readjust student transportation allocations to

the newly approved outsourced student transportation category, (5) annual debt service in the

original budget did not include all of the debt service interest EPLA is required to pay, and (6)

supplementing through the General Fund budget financial losses from the Child Nutrition

Program.

**Sixth Item of Business: Operations**. Karla Cruz, EPLA Director of Federal Programs, Compliance and Texas School Safety provided the Board with the results of a recent Texas Education Agency Intruder Detection Audit conducted at an EPLA campus. The audit determined whether the campus is accessible to an unauthorized individual. Findings of the audit did indicate that the TEA was able to enter the building through a cafeteria door. A corrective action plan has been put in place on the campus to ensure that no intruder has access to the building.

**Seventh Item of Business: CEO Report.** Omar Yanar, CEO briefly updated the Board

regarding an amended Memorandum of Understanding for armed guard and security services

with the El Paso Police Department, an amended contract with YYY Accounting for financial

services and an amended contract with 4Mativ Technologies for student transportation services.

**Adjournment**. The next general meeting of the EPLA Board of Directors will be held on

February 27, 2024 at 12:00 pm at 114 Texas Avenue, TX 79901.

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Allan Lindstrom, Secretary