

AECI CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK

116 East 169th Street

Bronx, New York

MEETING OF THE BOARD

Date: Tuesday, August 20, 2024

Time: 6pm

Location: 116 E. 169th Street
Bronx, New York

1. Welcome Role Call: Present were Carlo Schiattarella, Irma Zardoya, Alberto Villaman, Robert Burton, Shameeka Gonzalez

Chief Executive Officer
Human Resources Director
Counsel:
BoostEd:

Derick Spaulding
Hector Rodriguez
Flora Edwards, Esq.
Joshua Moreau

Guest:

Devan Prioleau, PRI-O-LEAU Development Group, LLC

2. **Approval of Minutes of July 24, 2024**

Moved by Alberto Villaman seconded by Robert Burton to approve the minutes of July 24, 2024. Approved unanimously

3. **Resolution in Recognition and Appreciation of Service by Carlo Schiattarella**

WHEREAS, Carlo Schiattarella, is a founding member of AECI and has served as Chair of the AECI Charter School Network for more than a decade, and

WHEREAS, Carlo Schiattarella has provided outstanding leadership and guidance to AECI. During his tenure, AECI saw the creation of the New York City Charter High School for Architecture, Engineering and Construction Industries, the creation of the New York City Charter High School for Computer Engineering and Innovation, the merger of the two schools and the creation of the AECI Charter School Network and the expansion of the Charters of both schools to include a middle school, and

WHEREAS, Carlo Schiattarella, has submitted his resignation as a member of the Board,

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Board extends its heartfelt appreciation to Carlo Schiattarella for his dedication, leadership and service to AECI and its mission.

Moved by Robert Burton, seconded by Alberto Villaman Approved unanimously

4. **Election of Officers**

WHEREAS, Carlo Sciattarella was duly elected to be the Chair of the Board, and

WHEREAS, upon the resignation of Carlo Schiattarella as a Member of the Board it is necessary to elect a new Chair; and

WHEREAS, Irma Zardoya, currently Vice Chair of the Board, has been duly nominated by Alberto Villaman and has accepted the nomination to serve as Chair, and

WHEREAS, there are no other nominations for position of Chair of the Board; and

WHEREAS, Shameeka Gonzalez, currently the Treasurer of the Board, has been duly nominated by Irma Zardoya, and has accepted the nomination to serve as Vice-Chair of the Board, and,

WHEREAS, there are no other nominations for position of Vice-Chair of the Board, and

WHEREAS, Alberto Villaman has been duly nominated by Robert Burton and has accepted the nomination to serve as Treasurer of the Board, and

WHEREAS, there are no other nominations for position of Treasurer of the Board

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the following persons are elected or re-elected, as applicable, to the designated offices set forth below, to serve until the next annual meeting of the Board of Trustees and until such person's successor is elected and qualified, or until such person's earlier resignation or removal, in accordance with the First Amended and Restated Bylaws of AECI Charter Schools Network:

Chairperson	Irma Zardoya
Vice Chairperson	Shameeka Gonzalez
Treasurer	Alberto Villaman
Secretary	Gregory Kimble

Moved by Robert Burton and seconded by Irma Zardoya Approved Unanimously

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the following persons are elected or re-elected, as applicable, to the designated committees set forth below, to serve until the next annual meeting of the Board of Trustees and until such person's successor is elected and qualified, or until such person's earlier resignation or removal, in accordance with the First Amended and Restated Bylaws of AECI Charter Schools Network

Executive Committee: Irma Zardoyya
Shameeka Gonzalez
Alberto Villaman
Gregory Kimble
Paul Comrie

Finance Committee: Alberto Villaman (chair)
Shameeka Gonzalez
Gregory Kimble
Josh Moreau (ex-officio)

Facilities Committee: Alberto Villaman (Chair)
Irma Zardoya
Flora Edwards, Esq (Ex-officio)

Academic Committee: Irma Zardoya (Chair)
Paul Comrie
Robert Burton
Derick Spaulding -ex-officio
Colin Healy - ex-officio
Santiago Taveras - ex-officio

Human Resources Shameeka Gonzalez (Chair)
Irma Zardoya
Hector Rodriguez (ex-officio)
Flora Edwards (ex-officio)

Moved by Shameeka Gonzalez and seconded by Alberto Villaman. Approved unanimously

5. Finance Committee

Joshua Moreau reported on:

- a. the review of the budgets for both AECI I and II and the preparation of the budgets for both middle schools.
- b. the annual audit which is underway

6. **Facilities Committee**

To be discussed in Executive Session

7. **New Business**

- a. AECI 1 - New Hires

Moved by Shameeka Gonzalez seconded by Alberto Villaman to approve the appointment of

Grace Muthoni	Chemistry Teacher
Kalijah Adams	Post Secondary Counselor

Approved unanimously

b. AECI II - New Hires

Moved by Shameeka Gonzalez seconded by Alberto Villaman to approve the appointment of:

Shakira Mejia	Special Education Teacher - Mathematics
Jasenia Wofford	Mathematics Teacher
Lissette Parra	Spanish Teacher

Approved Unanimously

c. AECI I - Purchase Mac Mini

Moved by Shameeka Gonzalez and seconded by Alberto Villaman

To authorize the purchase of 35 Mac Mini system and accompanying hardware and maintenance from the Apple Store for Education Institution which is a sole source supplier, at a cost not to exceed \$34,238.00.

Approved unanimously

d. AECI Network - Facilities Development Consultant

Moved by Alberto Villaman seconded by Shameeka Gonzalez to authorize the chair to enter into a one-year contract, subject to counsel review, with Schoolhouse Project Inc. not to exceed \$14,000 per month, exclusive of bond financing, to develop both long term and short term strategies for the identification and construction of facilities to meet the short and long term needs of the schools which comprise AECI's expanding network, including (a) Identification and Acquisition of potential sites; (b) development of budgeting and Financing; (c) Facility Design, including City Approval & Permitting; (d) Construction Oversight and Project closeout; (e) IT/Audio/Visual/Security options; (f) Furniture & Food Service Equipment

Approved unanimously

8. **Executive Session**

Moved by Alberto Villaman and seconded by Robert Burton at 6:44pm to go into Executive Session to discuss real estate and personnel. Approved unanimously.

Moved by Irma Zardoya seconded by Robert Burton at 7:48pm to return to the record. Approved unanimously.

9. **Adjournment**

Moved by Alberto Villaman, seconded by Shameeka Gonzalez at 8:10pm to adjourn.
Approved unanimously.