



**AVANT GARDE ACADEMY, INC.**

**MINUTES OF THE  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS SPECIAL MEETING**

**July 14, 2014 at 1:00 pm**

**At Doral, Florida**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Board President Julia Valent called the meeting to order at 1:15 pm. Board members Julia Valent, Mario Ruiz and Dr. Antonio Cruz were present. Dr. Loriana Novoa was excused absent. Executive Director Frank Bolaños and iSchools, LLC representatives Robert Cambo, Fabio D'Ascola and Melissa March were present.

- I. Open for Public Comment (regarding agenda items): there were no comments from the public.
- II. Minutes from May 23, 2014 Meeting were approved.
- III. Consent Agenda: there were no consent agenda items.
- IV. Executive Director's Report – Recommended Action Items for Discussion & Possible Action
  - a. Auditor Selection: Finance Committee Chair, Fausto Alvarez presented the RFP responses and recommended Moss, Krusick & Associates, LLC. (Moss), the highest ranked firm. A. Cruz moved to select Moss, seconded by M. Ruiz and approved unanimously.
  - b. District Meeting, July 8, 2014: F. Bolaños provided a summary of the meeting with the district. The Board emphasized the importance of continuing to maintain the positive working relationship with the district. All participants agreed. J. Valent presented a board resolution clarifying some of the concerns expressed by the district. A. Cruz moved for approval and M. Ruiz seconded the motion, approved unanimously.
  - c. Principal Selection: M. March presented the qualifications of Tiffany Hughes as a candidate for Principal. The Board and

participants discussed the matter. A motion was made by M. Ruiz, seconded by A. Cruz to select T. Hughes as principal. Approved unanimously.

d. 2014 School Grades: M. March presented a detailed report regarding the school grade and efforts to continue to improve academic performance. The Board discussed the report and emphasized the importance of raising student achievement.

V. School Report: R. Cambo and F. D'Ascola presented an operational and financial update for the school. The Board discussed the issues regarding the school opening and financial integrity of the school. The opening of a brand new state-of-the art facility was heralded by all.

VI. Marketing/Enrollment: R. Cambo and F. Bolaños reported on the successful student enrollment and growth potential. The Board expressed its satisfaction with the student expansion, citing its importance to the school's financial health and the school choice option being given to parents and students.

VII. Financial: the Board discussed and approved the most recent monthly financial statements, including the June 31, 2014 statement, and account balances and the projected 2014-2014 annual budget. Motion made by A. Cruz, seconded by M. Ruiz and approved unanimously.

VIII. Old Business: there was no old business.

IX. New Business: there was no new business.

X. Board Member Comments: J. Valent thanked everyone for their important contributions to our student's success.

M. Ruiz moved to adjourn the meeting at 2:45 pm, seconded by A.Cruz. Motion passed.