

**AVANT GARDE ACADEMY, INC.**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING**  
**MINUTES**

December 15th, 2017, 3:30 p.m.  
2880 North Orange Blossom Trail, Kissimmee FL 34746

***Mission:** Avant Garde Academy will provide a student centered learning environment that develops the whole child and provides them with the 21<sup>st</sup> Century skills to become responsible leaders in their community.*

The meeting was called to order by J. Valent at 3:34 pm.

The following board members were in attendance: Julia Valent, Dr. Antonio Cruz, Luis de Varona and Erika Gonzalez. The following persons also were in attendance: Julian Cazanias, Samantha Del Ponte, Amanda Nelson, Emmanuel Cruz, Dali Figuracion, Lourdes Pineda, Elaine Perez, Jo-Ann Soares, Chanell Paynter, Melissa Adams, Fabio Galoppi, Frances Bolanos, Frank Bolanos, Julis Valent, Luis De Varona, Tony Cruz, Scott Crumpler, Ivonne Sardinias, Pamela Wolfgram, Maria Armstrong, Jocelyn Smith, Jocelyn De Jesus, Keith Edwards-Flemings, Lillian Afre

I. Approval of Minutes

L. De Varona moved to approve the minutes, seconded by A. Cruz. The motion was approved.

II. Consent Agenda

- A. Approval of the November 2017 Financial Reports to the District and the school's financial condition for all campuses; Approval of New Charter School Applications for the Upcoming Charter Application Cycle
- B. Approval of AGA Broward Articulation Agreement
- C. Approval of Amendment to the OBT Lease for waived rent
- D. Approval of Amendment to the PH Lease for reduced rent

Dr. Cruz moved to approve the consent agenda, seconded by L. De Varona. The motion passed.

III. Open for Public Comment (\*regarding agenda items)

There were no comments from the public.

IV. OBT Renewal – Missy Adams & Dr. Elaine Perez

Data, learnings, staff retention information and the timeline were presented. Staff and the Board discussed the findings.

V. Customer Service/Enrollment – Lillian Afre & Fabio Galoppi

L. Afre provided a report on her customer service training of front office staff. F. Galoppi provided an update on social media, including the websites and Facebook pages. E. Gonzalez suggested that parents be encouraged to support front office activities by incentivizing them with volunteer hours. A. Cruz inquired about the use of data to calibrate the schools' customer service levels.

VI. Instructional Alignment & Efficiencies – Julian Cazanias

J. Cazañas reported that the leadership team at the Hollywood campus has been working to improve performance and efficiencies at that school. Mr. Cazanias please provide an overview to the board, including changes to some of the educational support and communications programs. J. Valent thanked the Hollywood leadership team. L. De Varona made a motion to accept the reports and its recommendations.

A. Cruz seconded the motion; the motion passed.

VII. System Wide Accreditation – Jennifer Lucas

J. Lucas provided an update to the board, including deliverables and timelines. A. Cruz asked for details and led the discussion surrounding the advantages of a systemwide accreditation. J. Valent thanked J. Lucas for leading the project and all others involved.

VIII. Leadership Academy – Dr. Elaine Perez

Dr. Perez provide an update of the leadership academy and professional development program.

VIII. System-wide purchasing opportunities with bulk discounts

Dr. Cruz discussed the importance of analyzing all systems, products and services and planning upcoming purchases to achieve volume discounts and efficiencies of scale.

X. Annual AGA Board Conflict of Interest

J. Valent presented the conflict of interest policy for the Board’s annual review and adoption. E. Gonzalez made the motion to approve board conflict of interest policy, seconded by L. De Varona; the motion passed.

XI. Update on AGA system-wide programs

J. Valent provided an update on the Gala and asked the school leaders to include the other programs in their school report:

- a) Avant Garde Academy Foundation Gala; Cadets Program; 7 Habits of Successful Students; SimCity; Cambridge Program; AdvancEd Accreditation.

XII. School Reports

J. Valent asked the school leaders to answer the following question when presenting their school report: “What have you done this school year to implement our guiding principles?”

A. OBT CAMPUS (6-12 Charter)

- i. Student Enrollment, Campus Data, Principal’s Update

School leaders stated that iReady data shows an increase in student accountability performance. The Cadets received a first-place recognition by the City of Kissimmee. Enrollment is gradually increasing.

B. PLEASANT HILL CAMPUS (K-8 Charter)

- i. Student Enrollment, Campus Data, Principal’s Update

Paynter presented the school report. The school is providing free tutoring and a Literacy café to students to increase academic performance.

C. HOLLYWOOD MCKINLEY CAMPUS (K-12 co-located charters, currently K-10)

- i. Student Enrollment, Campus Data, Principal’s Update

J. Cazañas presented the school report. Student and parent leadership committees have been formed. L. De Varona made a motion to accept the school’s recommendation for the use of the school recognition money for school #5791.

XII. Old Business

There was no old business.

XIII. New Business

There was no new business.

XV. Board Members Comments

J. Valent and A. Cruz thanked all staff members, students and families for their love of learning and dedication to AGA’s mission.

L. De Varona made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by A. Cruz. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 6:40 pm