

La Academia Dolores Huerta  
Minutes for Special Governing Council Meeting  
September 27, 2010

The meeting of the governing council of La Academia Dolores Huerta was called to order at 6:00 pm by Mr. Del Plain. Mr. del Plain, thanked the two temporary members Dr. Steven Sanchez and Mr. Michael Montoya.

Roll call was taken and all members of the council were present.

Mr. Del Plain asked for a motion for approval of the agenda. Dr. Sanchez made a motion to remove item IV (Closed session to discuss limited personnel matters), second by Mr. Montoya – motion passes unanimously.

Mr. del Plain recognized the two council members appointed by the LCPS school board to serve on a temporary basis until positions are filled. Mr. del Plain then discussed the current status of the Governing Council and the temporary involvement by LCPS; read the Memorandum of Understanding approved by the LCPS Board of Education and Mr. del Plain, President of La Academia Dolores Huerta Governing Council and Ms. Olivas member of La Academia Governing Council. MOU is to have the two appointees remain on the council until positions are filled by members of LADH community, upon which time the two LCPS appointees will resign their positions and those appointed will take office. Mr. del Plain asked for a motion to approve the MOU as presented – motion was made by Mr. Montoya second by Ms. Olivas – motion passes unanimously.

As positions have been vacated on the LADH governing board, positions must be filled with current seated members. Mr. del Plain is serving as president. Mr. Del Plain nominated Ms. Olivas for Vice-President – Dr. Sanchez moved nominations cease and Ms. Olivas was unanimously approved – Mr. Del Plain nominated Mr. Montoya for secretary/treasurer – Dr. Sanchez moved nominations cease and Mr. Montoya was unanimously approved.

Mr. del Plain discussed the appointment of the nominating committee for the council. Ms. Olivas read the current procedures for filling council positions. Ms. Olivas read the procedure the policy calls for on setting up committees. Mr. del Plain then read the call for nominations and noted there were five applications submitted. Application process will close on October 7. Mr. del Plain asked Mr. Gutierrez to insure the notices would be sent out to as many individuals as possible and to post the call for candidates on the website. Mr. Gutierrez informed the council that the call for candidates has been sent out but the current stipulations were not included on the initial call for nominations. Mr. del Plain clarified it would be nice to have what was asked but not required. Mr. Gutierrez also indicated five applications have been received already.

Tony – member of the audience asked if the board was seating a five or seven board council. Mr. Gutierrez, indicated research had shown there was never any action taken by past council on the number of positions on the council.

Dr. Sanchez as a point of clarification asked if the past board had taken any action on the number of board members to be convened. Dr. Sanchez, recommended the board convene a five member board, and as a point of action by the new board the decision to change that number could be made. Mr. del Plain and Ms. Olivas both agreed to Dr. Sanchez's recommendation.

Mr. del Plain, stated that it would be rather difficult to find 15 people as called for on the by-laws to fill the 3 positions. Mr. del Plain recommended, if we did not receive more than five applications to use the five applicants and place them accordingly. Applications must be in by October 7.

Mr. Gutierrez, as a point of clarification, indicated that the LCPS school board made it clear that Mr. Montoya and Dr. Sanchez were to serve for a short period specifically two weeks. Dr. Sanchez, clarified that it would be for a short period and would visit with the board regarding this issue discussing with them the timeline.

Mr. del Plain appointed himself and Ms. Olivas to serve on the nominating committee for the council.

Call for candidates, Mr. del Plain, reviewed the call for candidates application. Read application. As letters come in Mr. Gutierrez is to get with Mr. del Plain and he would make a time to review the applications and set up a time to interview applications.

No Public Input.

Next meeting date is October 14, 2010, 6:00 pm