

La Academia Dolores Huerta Charter Middle School

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The mission of La Academia Dolores Huerta is to provide a diverse bilingual educational program in the arts that fosters the development of a strong socio-cultural identity while achieving academic success.

La misión de La Academia Dolores Huerta es proporcionar un programa educativo bilingüe diverso de las artes que fomenta el desarrollo de una fuerte identidad sociocultural mientras se logra el éxito académico.

Governing Council Work Session Minutes DRAFT

Thursday August 7, 2025 at 5:30 PM
Meeting will be live streamed via YouTube Live Steam (refer to school website https://www.ladh.org)

1) Adrian Gaytan called the meeting called to order at 5:36PM.

Roll-call:

GC Members Present:

Elaine Palma, Secretary (responsible for meeting minutes)

Hilda Paz, Vice-President

Dalina Matsumoto, Treasurer

Sonia Evaro, Parent Representative

Adrian Gaytan, President

GC Members Absent:

Soila Estrada, General Member

Quorum was established.

<u>Guests:</u> Sylvy Galvan de Lucero, Head Administrator; Mirna Rodriguez, LADH Business Specialist

2) Approval of 8.7.25 GC work session agenda

Adrian Gaytan moved to approve the 8.7.25 GC work session agenda; Hilda Paz seconded

Roll Call Vote:

Adrian Gaytan: yes Elaine Palma: yes Sonia Evaro: yes Hilda Paz: yes

Dalina Matsumoto: yes

None opposed; motion passed

ACTION ITEMS

3) NONE

NEW BUSINESS: DISCUSSION ITEMS ONLY – NO ACTION WILL BE TAKEN

- 4) Information review:
 - a. Available buildings for LADH relocation: presented by Mrs. Galvan de Lucero
 - Minimum square footage needed for classrooms and office (not including bathrooms and common spaces): 6180 sq. feet
 - Building one: 2020 S Solano
 - o 6723 sq ft available
 - o \$12-18 per square foot
 - Rent estimate not yet available as a floor plan needs to be generated.
 - o Limited room for growth
 - Next steps: waiting for information from owner and realter to determine if they can accommodate school needs.
 - Building two: 106 S Miranda
 - 9144 sq ft available: 4827 sq ft on the first floor and 4317 sq ft on the 2nd floor
 - Obstacles:
 - changed the zoning from a church/school to a commercial building and therefore the zooming would need to be changed. Mrs. Galvan de Lucero is in the process of contacting city personnel to get information on this process.
 - not sure if there is an updated sprinkler system, which would cost about \$50,000.
 - Elevator access unknown
 - o Rent estimate not yet available
 - o Room for growth
 - Next steps: get information from planning and zoning and timeline; look at cost of updating sprinkler system; determine access to elevator
 - Building 3: 2100 Summit Court
 - 8,000 sq ft available of 20,930 sq. feet as PED Early Childhood has rented the back part of the building which is approximately 12,000 sq. feet
 - o Estimate: \$12/sq foot
 - o Limited room for growth
 - Next steps: waiting on feedback on timeline of construction and move in date
 - Mrs. Evaro mentioned that she is looking at the vacant Bionic gym building.

- Mrs. Palma asked about PSFA and Mrs. Rodriguez noted that they need to approve the building before a rental agreement is reached. She is unsure as to the process of construction but will find out.
- b. Pathway options for the merging of LADH with Alma d'Arte
 - Mrs. Galvan de Lucero reached out to Bridgette Russell and received clarification about how much information about a possible merger must be included in the renewal application (see attached memo).
 - Mrs. Palma noted that this helps with looming renewal application timeline.
 - Mr. Gaytan clarified that he, Mrs. Galvan de Lucero and LADH's attorney met with Alma d'Arte's head administrator, GC president and attorney during an informational session to discuss interest in merging.
- c. Next steps: Continue to follow up with available properties and let Alma d'Arte's administration know that we are interested in exploring a possible merger.

5) Adrian Gaytan moved to adjourn GC work session at 6:27PM; Hilda Paz seconded Roll Call Vote:

Adrian Gaytan: yes Elaine Palma: yes Sonia Evaro: yes Hilda Paz: yes

Dalina Matsumoto: yes

None opposed; motion passed