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**GOVERNING COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA**

**Special Meeting, September 6, 2017**

- I. Call to Order**
- II. Roll Call**
- III. New Business**
  - a. Question/Answer Session/Discussion regarding Magnet School Process and Application (Deborah Elder, APS Executive Director of Innovation and Dr. Joseph Escobedo, APS Director of Charter Schools
  - b. Vote to become an APS Magnet School/Charter/Other Options (*Action Item*)
- IV. Adjournment**
  - a. Next scheduled regular meeting date is Monday, September 25, 2017  
@ 5:00 pm at LRLA

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## SPECIAL MEETING GOVERNING COUNCIL MINUTES

September 6, 2017

**Meeting Date:** September 6, 2017 **Call to Order:** (Time) 5:00 pm (Person) Dr. Don Duran.

**Roll Call:** (Members Present) Dr. Don Duran  
Paula Farkas  
Robert Leming  
Alice Hoeltke  
(Members Absent) Patrick Cota

**Non-Members Present:** Justina Montoya, Principal, Joseph Lucero, LRLA Business Manager, Debbie Elder, Executive Director for Innovation for APS, Dr. Joseph Escobedo, Director for APS Charter Schools and Judy Bergs, APS Charter Finance Representative.

**Approval of Agenda:** X Motion made by Dr. Duran to approve the special meeting agenda and the motion was seconded by: Robert L. (**Action Item**)

**New Business:** This Special Meeting of the Governing Council was called to have a **question/answer session/discussion as well as a vote in regard to the magnet school process and application to become an APS magnet school for Leadership or for LRLA to apply for renewal as an APS Charter School.** The GC welcomed the APS team to LRLA and Debbie E. distributed a packet of information to each person present at the meeting. Debbie E. spoke first about the questions posed by the GC and she went over each question and gave a response. Dr. Escobedo and Judy Bergs also contributed to the discussion at hand. The responses were written in matrix form and the GC had short discussions regarding each question with the APS Leadership team. Half way down the first page was a question posed by Justina M. earlier in August. Can the current staff be grandfathered in at their current salary through the Human Resources Department in APS? Debbie E. responded "no" and discussed the hiring process and what could be expected in terms of salaries and staff positions. Dr. Duran asked about the "Must Hire" list in APS and if that would impact the current staff from remaining in their current positions. Debbie E. stated that the "Must Hire" list could impact the current staff. At this point, Dr. Duran stopped the conversation because he said it was a "deal breaker" and the other GC members present agreed. Justina M. stated that many of the staff at LRLA have been a part of the school for many years. Dr. Duran asked Debbie E. again if they could guarantee placement of the current staff and she said "no". Dr. Duran then stated that there was nothing innovative about LRLA becoming an APS magnet school; the district would just be absorbing LRLA into their system as another school. Dr. Duran also had some questions regarding program

versus school in the eyes of the NMPED. The GC members present agreed with Dr. Duran. Dr. Duran asked Robert L. how he felt about it as a parent. Rob L. stated that he had some real concerns. Justina M. and Paula F. stated that it felt like they would be taking the school name and stripping the school of their identity and everything they've worked for the past twelve years. The question/answer session stopped and Dr. Duran and the GC thanked Debbie E. and Dr. Joseph Escobedo and Judy Bergs for all their work in getting answers to the questions they had. The APS team left the meeting. The GC had a short discussion on the importance of keeping LRLA in tact and Paula F. reiterated how much work and love and effort goes into everything the staff at LRLA does for the students and their families. Dr. Duran made a motion that LRLA remain an APS charter school. Rob L. seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous for LRLA to remain an APS charter school. Dr. Duran asked Justina M. to proceed with completing the APS charter renewal application. He asked Joseph L. to see if we have \$1,500 in the budget so Justina M. could pay someone to help her due to the short turnaround time. Joseph agreed to look into it.

**Kudos:** Thank you to the APS Team for all of their work and support in answering the questions posed by Justina M. and the Governing Council on the magnet school application process and the transition to the APS School District.

**Adjournment Time:** Alice H. made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Rob L. seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 5:55 pm.

**Next Meeting Date:** Scheduled for Monday, September 25, 2017 at 5:00 pm here at LRLA.