

**BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**ASCEND CAREER ACADEMY**

**SPECIAL MEETING DATE: July 30<sup>th</sup> 2021**

**5251 Coconut Creek Parkway Margate, FL 33063**

**Conference Call**

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**A special meeting has been called via phone conference to discuss and approve immediate issues regarding approval of Policy and Procedures Regarding Involuntary Examinations of Minors and approval of the Mental Health Application for the 2021-2022 school year.**

**Greg DuMont, as Chairman of the Governing Board, called the meeting to order at 3:00PM**

**Roll call was taken with the following members on the call: Board Chair Greg DuMont, Board Members Cheryl Leonti and Sayra Hughes; CAO of ACA Vincent Alessi and Budget Manager of ACA Denise Garcia.**

**The Board Meeting was not open to the public. 2 agenda items were discussed (1) approval of Policy and Procedures Regarding Involuntary Examinations of Minors and (2) approval of the Mental Health Application for the 2021-2022 school year.**

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- I. AGENDA ITEM TITLE:** Approval of Policy and Procedures Regarding Involuntary Examinations of Minors

**REQUESTED ACTION:** Approval of School Policy and Procedures related to Senate Bill 590

**SUMMARY EXPLANATION AND BACKGROUND:** Effective July 1, 2021, amended Section 1002.33(9)(q), Florida Statutes, relating to involuntary examination and reporting procedures applicable to charter public schools states that the school must adopt and approve an updated policy and procedures.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT: N/A**

**EXHIBITS:**

- PROCEDURES REGARDING INVOLUNTARY EXAMINATIONS OF MINORS
- POLICY REGARDING INVOLUNTARY EXAMINATIONS

**DISCUSSION:**

Mr. Alessi outlined the requirements. The Board was able to review the policy and procedures as drafted. Such were in alignment with the recommendations by the Charter School Association. Mr Alessi indicated that he and Ms. Johnson, ACA Principal, were comfortable with both the policy and procedures and will ensure such are reviewed with the staff. Chairman DuMont indicated that both had been reviewed by ACA counsel. With there being no other questions, Chairman DuMont moved to approve the policy and procedures as documents. Ms. Hughes seconded and the board voted unanimously to approve.

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**II. AGENDA ITEM TITLE: Approval of 2021-2022 Mental Health Application**

**REQUESTED ACTION:** Discuss and approve the 2021-2022 Mental Health Application which articulates the plan for teacher training, staff counseling ratio to student enrollment, and the

process by which teachers and mental health counselors will identify students in need of mental health services

**SUMMARY EXPLANATION AND BACKGROUND:** Charter School must provide an evidence-based youth mental health awareness and assistance training program to help school personnel identify and understand the signs of emotional disturbance, mental illness and substance use disorders, and provide such personnel with the skills to help a person who is developing or experiencing an emotional disturbance, mental health or substance use problem.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:** TBD

**EXHIBIT:**

- 2021-2022 Mental Health Application

**DISCUSSION:**

Mr. Alessi outlined the requirements and elements of the application. The Board was able to review the application being submitted, the same having been reviewed by Mr. Alessi and Principal Johnson. With there being no other questions, Chairman DuMont recommended the approval of the Mental Health Application as written. Ms. Hughes seconded and the board voted unanimously to approve.

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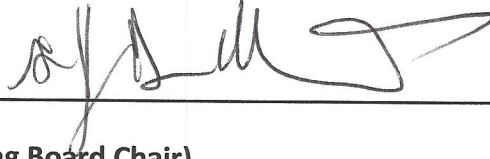
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**There being no other business, the Special Meeting of the Board was Adjourned at 3:30PM.**

**Signed By:**



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**(Governing Board Chair)**

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**(Governing Board Member)**

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