

**ACERO CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK (“ACERO”)
MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE ACADEMIC COMMITTEE**

**October 18, 2018 9:00 a.m.
Schrieber Center Room 219
Loyola University
16 E. Pearson
Chicago, Illinois 60611**

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Dr. Stacy Beran.

DIRECTORS ABSENT: Margie Yeager, Marco Rodriguez

OTHERS PRESENT: Richard L. Rodriguez, Chief Executive Officer, Acero Schools; Araceli De La Cruz, General Counsel/Chief Administrative Officer, Acero Schools; Ms. Christine Diaz, Chief Education Officer, Acero Schools; Ms. Susan Gamm, Public Consulting Group; Mr. Matthew Scott, Public Consulting Group.

Call to Order and Roll Call

At 9:10 a.m. the meeting of the Academic Committee was called to order. A roll call vote was taken. Director Beran, present; Director Rodriguez, absent; Director Yeager, absent. With only one committee member present in the room a quorum was not established. Ms. Yeager was on a telephone line and listened to the presentations and discussions. No action was taken at the meeting.

Introduction of new Chief Education Officer and academic initiatives.

Mr. Rodriguez formerly introduced Acero’s new Chief Education Officer, Christine Diaz, to the members of the Academic Committee. He asked each member to introduce themselves and share a little about their professional backgrounds, experience and work on the Academic Committee. Discussion ensued. Ms. Diaz then provided an overview of her professional experiences and accomplishments including her tenure as a principal for over fifteen years in the charter and alternative education realm, as well as her completion of the New Leaders for New Schools Principal leadership program. Discussion ensued.

Presentation of Special Education Assessment Report

Ms. Gamm and Mr. Scott introduced themselves to the Committee as consultants from Public Consulting Group who were engaged by Acero to assess the effectiveness and efficacy of Acero’s staffing and resource allocation structures to equitably allocate personnel and services for students receiving special education related support. Mr. Scott described the approach to the study and Ms. Gamm shared the strengths and opportunities identified, along with high level recommendations. Directors Beran and Yeager posed questions, discussion ensued.

Public Comment

Ms. De La Cruz opened the meeting to public comment, and there was none.

Old/New Business and Adjournment

Ms. De La Cruz called for any old/new business. There being none, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Margie Yeager
Academic Committee Chair

Roxanne Matias
Board Secretary

Approved by Acero Board on October 24, 2018.