



Minutes of the Meeting
Board of Directors of Poetry Promise, Inc.
July 15, 2023

Those present included Board Members Rosa Mendoza, Chris Giunchigliani, Rodney Lee, Isabelle Bellinghausen, and Bruce Isaacson. The meeting was held via Zoom. A quorum was noted and, having been duly noticed by email, the meeting was called to order by Bruce Isaacson in his capacity as Board Chair of Poetry Promise, Inc. at approximately 12:00 p.m.

The Board reviewed the Minutes of the last meeting, which had been circulated in advance. Chris moved and Rosa seconded to approve the Minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

Staffing matters were discussed. Bruce discussed the election of Isabelle Bellinghausen to Executive Director of Poetry Promise. Chris moved that Isabelle be the new Executive Director and Bruce retain his position as Board Chair and Treasurer. Rodney seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Bruce began the discussion of funding and the operation of Poets in the Schools. This discussion highlighted that funding will run out by October 2023. Bruce noted that a meeting had been set with Commissioner Tick Segerblom for July 24, 2023 to discuss Clark County OAG funding and a Downtown Slam program. He stated a meeting needed to be set with Congresswoman Dina Titus to discuss federal appropriations. Isabelle discussed a fundraiser that could be led by Yanique Shim for January/February 2024. Yanique ran fundraisers for Opportunity Village and provided a quote. Chris noted that this option might be too expensive and could be pursued in someone's personal home instead. Isabelle also discussed the meeting with The Rogers Foundation and Rory Reid that took place on June 27, 2023 and stated that she would reach out to see if Beverly Rogers had reviewed Poetry Promise's proposal.

Chris detailed several organizations and businesses that she could inquire with to help with Poetry Promise funding. These organizations include: CCSD, The Lincy Institute, The MGM Foundation, The Caesar's Foundation, Communities in Schools, NV Energy, Las Vegas-Clark County Library District, The UNLV Foundation, Dayvid Figler, The Brownstein, Hyatt, Farber, and Schreck LLP, After School All Stars, and The Engelstad Foundation. Isabelle stated that she had spoken with Maria Moore at Nevada Partners and that their budget would be approved by CCSD in September. Rodney said the Public Education Foundation would be a good contact to reach out to.

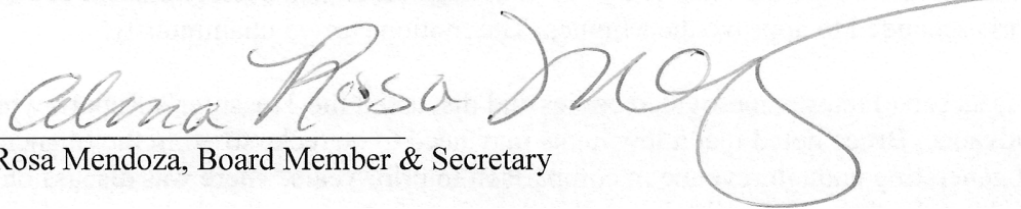
Bruce reviewed his Board report, which was circulated in advance the week before the meeting. The board had no questions about the report.

The Board agreed to schedule its next meeting as a Zoom at noon on September 2 to discuss a possible January/February fundraiser.

Chris moved and Rosa seconded that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried without objection and the meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:00 p.m.

The above resolution is approved and submitted by the Secretary, Board Chair, and Board of Directors.

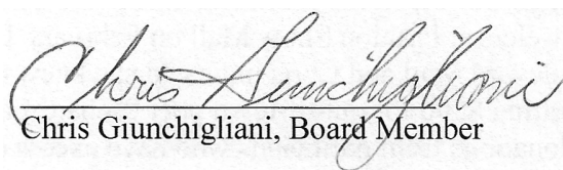
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Alma Rosa Mendoza
Rosa Mendoza, Board Member & Secretary



Bruce Isaacson
Bruce Isaacson, Chair & Treasurer



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