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**El Concilio**  
**BOARD of Directors Meeting**  
**Date: Tuesday February 27, 2018**  
**12:00 pm – 1:00 pm**

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Welcome**—*Steve Bestolarides, Chairperson*

**Roll call of Members Present**

Informational item only; no action required.

3. **Audience Participation:** Public comments will be allowed at this time on the agenda. The Board Chairperson will recognize any member of the audience wishing to speak on a matter that is not on the agenda but is directly related to El Concilio Program business. The Chairperson may allot time for those wishing to speak, but the Board will take no action on matters presented. If appropriate, the Chairperson or any member of the Board may direct that a matter be referred for placement on a future agenda. The public may ask questions relevant to agenda items at the time those items are under consideration.

3.1 Presenter: *None*

4. **Consent Items** – All items are approved by a single action. Any item may be removed from the Consent Agenda for separate discussion upon request of a member of the Board.

4.1 Approval of Informational Meeting held on February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2018.

4.2 Approval of Agenda for February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

4.3 Approval of Budget Modifications, Financial Statements and Credit Card Expenditures

*Chief Financial Officer, Takumi Aikawa*

*Senior Accountant, Griselda Olaguez*

5. **Action Items** – All items are approved by a single action. Any item may be removed from the Action Agenda for separate discussion upon request of a member of the Board.

5.1 **Approval Item:** Updated Bylaws

5.2 **Approval Item:** SASS! Proposal Updates

6. **Parent Policy Council Activities Update** –  
*Linda Craig, Executive Director of Preschool Programs*

A brief overview of the previous month Parent Policy Council activities.

6.1 Monthly Program Data Summary Report and Program Information Summary Report

**Informational item only; no action required**

7. **Executive Director Communications** of overall agency programs–

*Jose R. Rodriguez, President/CEO*

*Annette Sanchez, Vice President of Operations/HR*

Chair Report

Committee Report

Will provide an update on the all upcoming activities.

**Informational item only; no action required**

8. **Date of Next Meeting**

Next Meeting is Tuesday, March 27<sup>th</sup> 2018 at 12pm

9. **Adjourn**



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**El Concilio**

**BOARD of Directors Meeting**

**Date: Thursday February 2, 2018**

**11:30 am – 12:30 pm**

**[Informational Meeting Minutes](#)**

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Welcome**—*Steve Bestolarides, Chairperson*

**Roll call of Members Present**

There was not a quorum so it was an informational meeting more so than a voting meeting.

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3. **Audience Participation:** Public comments will be allowed at this time on the agenda. The Board Chairperson will recognize any member of the audience wishing to speak on a matter that is not on the agenda but is directly related to El Concilio Program business. The Chairperson may allot time for those wishing to speak, but the Board will take no action on matters presented. If appropriate, the Chairperson or any member of the Board may direct that a matter be referred for placement on a future agenda. The public may ask questions relevant to agenda items at the time those items are under consideration.

3.1 Presenter: *DUI Coordinator, Liliana Monsalve*

Liliana spoke about the DUI program that El Concilio runs, specifically the different classes and opportunities open to the public. Annette went into further detail about the clients from the AB 109 program as well as the public who are court mandated to attend a class. El Concilio recently went to probation to ask for an increase in budget to help the clients who are court mandated to take the course. Since the limit is 15 clients per classroom, there is a limited amount of clients El Concilio can help. A lot of the clients are Spanish speaking and may not work in the month of December, which means they might not have the money to pay for the class and we in turn will see low payments coming in. However, come February, when tax returns come in, they are good about paying for the time they weren't able to pay earlier. We (El Concilio) are more interested in the clients completing the program more so than not completing that we are open to working out a payment plan. Classes are 2 hours per session, and the state requires 30 hours to be completed.

4. **Consent Items** – All items are approved by a single action. Any item may be removed from the Consent Agenda for separate discussion upon request of a member of the Board.

4.4 Approval of Minutes for Meeting held on November 30, 2017.

4.5 Approval of Agenda for February 2, 2018.

4.6 Approval of Budget Modifications, Financial Statements and Credit Card Expenditures

*Chief Financial Officer, Takumi Aikawa*

*Senior Accountant, Griselda Olaguez*

Since we lack a quorum, we skipped this section.

5. **Action Items** – All items are approved by a single action. Any item may be removed from the Action Agenda for separate discussion upon request of a member of the Board.

5.1 **Approval Item:** SASS! Proposal

C.E.O. Jose Rodriguez spoke: We approached several P.R. firms about putting together a 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary campaign, but there were none that we specifically liked, until Carrie Sass came along. She proposed a \$35,000 campaign and we are interested in hiring her for certain exclusive media outlet aspects. We want to reach out to her, but we are only interested in part of her proposal (about \$5,000 worth of her proposal). We felt we were able to do certain parts ourselves( Lisa, Annette, and Mark), so if possible we would like to only contract her for part of her proposal. We have previously put together Galas, Lunch-ins, etc, and we thought that was much better spent having our staff coordinate that. Sass does have a mailing list that has some names on it that we don't have, and we are hoping that because of the good will of the community and all that we have done to help the community, we are hoping that the community and sponsors will be open to celebrating with us.

Annette: With her proposal, she was very open to us choosing what we wanted.

6. **Parent Policy Council Activities Update** –  
*Linda Craig, Executive Director of Preschool Programs*

Annette: A brief overview of the previous month Parent Policy Council activities.  
Linda could not be with us today, if you look at 6.1, it will include the dashboard of the enrollment and number of children along with the household summary in the month of November. If you have any questions, I will be happy to answer them. We are ending the season, but come March 1<sup>st</sup>, we will be back to on boarding the staff for the new season. Similar to school teachers, our seasonal teachers are happy to have a bit of time off. They are eligible for unemployment, unlike in the school district. Some of the teachers do join the State program, even though it is a reduced pay since it pays less. If there is an opening, MHS Teachers will work if for the State, but we will flip them back once MHS season begins.

6.1 Monthly Program Data Summary Report and Program Information Summary Report

**Informational item only; no action required**

7. **Executive Director Communications** of overall agency programs—

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CEO Jose Rodriguez: I included a report, but Escalon needs us to vacate our Van Allen site by next year. We met with the county and we need to discuss a future plan of action so we can decide where we will go. The Superintendent did say there are a few places we could move to, and he understands we are a feeder program so he is working with us to find a solution. SCOE has been there for 25 years, and they are open to taking legal action. We however do not feel it is our fight, it is more SCOE's fight, we are fine with knowing we are operating at Van Allen until next year, but our main concern is finding a place for these kids/ families once we lose this sight. I will update you at our next meeting.

Something else that happened that is not in the report is that we are constantly being approached by other organizations, and they wanted us to consider opening a satellite office in Merced. They want us to consider operating a charter school. The group that approached me, The National Council of La Raza (I have previously worked for them), have most of it set up, they have previously tried to open a school in Winton, but retracted the application because they need a credible nonprofit with a good track record to help take the application forward. They gave me the business plan and it does look promising. There is funding from the state, \$550,000, seed money for two years to start it up. If we want to consider it, we can operate services through there until we figure out the logistics of the charter school. This is a long term commitment, and we have wanted to do it but the downside is that Merced is too far and it does pose the issue of not having as much oversight. However since we have worked with them in the past, and they are focused on education, I am open to the idea. This is just preliminary, which I think merits having a discussion.

Between now and by the time we have the feasibility meeting, I would like to go up to Merced and see what's been done. Their grant application is done, except for not having a nonprofit backing them. The idea was to start small, with 200 students the first year to grow it up to 800 students. They are willing to work under our timelines since this is a large commitment we are making. Once you get the grant you have 2 years to get the study together, they already have land and a site. They are pretty far along with their plan, business plan, and application. There are so many reasons that they want to start the program there, the kids have to take a bus to another school, they can't play after school sports, and they are a predominantly Latino community. While I was listening to why we were getting kicked out of Van Allen, I realized there is also a lot of money in charter schools, and there is a lot of potential.

Will this be an open door to having El Concilio open more charter schools? Once we understand how to set it up, we can understand the system.

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9. **Adjourn**