

Below are the minutes to the Audubon Charter School Board Meeting on 11/5/05. Board Members please send any agenda items for the November 15th Board Meeting to Carlos Zervigon (czervigon@aol.com) and Alisa Dupre (findalisa@cox.net) by Saturday 6:00pm. Please note that I have resigned as Board Secretary. Thank you, Chachie Dupuy

Audubon Charter School Board Meeting November 5, 2005

On November 5, 2005, the Audubon Charter School Board of Directors meeting convened at 9:15 am at 428 Broadway Avenue. The following Board members were present, Joyous Van Buskirk, Barbara Ricks, Carlos Zervigon, Alisa Dupre, Charly Borenstein-Regueira, Chachie Dupuy and Jill Otis. Board members Ashton Ryan and Pierre Lebovics were officially excused.

Joyous Van Buskirk motioned to amend the agenda to include Article VII, Meetings of the Board, Sections 2, 3, and 4. The motion was seconded by Charly Borenstein-Regueira. The motion passed unanimously.

Joyous Van Buskirk motioned to suspend Article VII, Meetings of the Board, Sections 2, 3, and 4 until March 1, 2006. Alisa Dupre seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Joyous Van Buskirk motioned to post notice of Board meetings and agenda items 24 hours in advance on the Rarebird and the Audubon Charter School website; that the Board members be required to submit agenda items to the Board secretary (5) days before the posting of the meeting notice, and that the Board receive a copy of the agenda items either by mail and/or electronic transfer (2) days before the scheduled meetings. There was board and public discussion. The motion was seconded by Charly Borenstein-Regueira. At the suggestions of Charly Borenstein-Regueira, Joyous VanBuskirk amended her motion to post notice of Board meetings and agenda items 24 hours in advance on the Rarebird and the Audubon Charter School website; that the Board members be required to submit agenda items to the Board secretary (2) days before the posting of the meeting notice; and that the Board receive a copy of the agenda items either by mail and/or electronic transfer

(1) day before the scheduled meetings. Barbara Ricks seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously passed.

Alisa Dupre moved to amend the By-Laws as presented in Section VII, the Articles of Incorporation, of the Audubon Charter. Charly Borenstein-Regueira seconded the motion. The motion included title changes with the Officers of the Board. The word "Chairperson" was substituted for Principal. The title "Vice-Chairperson" was inserted. The word "Officers" was substituted for Principal and Secretary. The title "Executive Director" was stricken from Article VIII, Miscellaneous, (2) Execution of Documents to read, "The Board of Directors may authorize any officer or officers, or agent or agents to enter into any contract or execute any instrument in the name of and on behalf of the Corporation, and such authority may be general or confined to specific instances. The motion unanimously passed.

Joyous Van Buskirk moved to nominate Barbara Ricks for Chairperson of the Audubon Board of Directors. Chachie Dupuy seconded the motion. Alisa Dupuy moved to nominate Carlos Zervigon for Chairperson of the Audubon Board of Directors. Charly Borenstein-Regueira seconded the motion. Board and public discussion ensued. Alisa Dupre called for the vote. Joyous Van Buskirk, Chachie Dupuy, Jill Otis and Barbara Ricks voted for Barbara Ricks - against were Carlos Zervigon, Alisa Dupre and Charly Borenstein-Regueira. The motion carried 4 to 3 in favor of Barbara Ricks. Barbara Ricks was elected Chairperson of the Audubon Charter School Board of Directors.

Joyous Van Buskirk motioned to nominate Carlos Zervigon as Vice-Chairperson. Jill Otis seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Carlos Zervigon was elected Vice-Chairperson of the Audubon Charter School Board of Directors.

Charly Borenstein-Regueira motioned to nominate Chachie Dupuy as Board Secretary. Joyous Van Buskirk seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Chachie Dupuy was elected Board Secretary of the Audubon Charter School Board of Directors.

Carlos Zervigon motioned to leave the position of Treasurer vacant until further notice. Joyous Van Buskirk seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously adopted.

Carlos Zervigon made the motion to form a committee of no less than three Board of Directors to search for a principal. Joyous Van Buskirk seconded the motion. Carlos Zervigon withdrew his motion. Joyous Van Buskirk made a motion that 1) the board act as a committee of the whole, 2) the board ask the prior principal to apply, 3) the board ask any certified Montessori teacher to apply inside or outside Audubon Charter School community, and 4) anyone by word-of-mouth to apply. The announcement would be placed on the Rarebird and the Audubon Charter School website. No formal advertising of the position would take place. The board would collect resumes beginning November 7, 2005 until the deadline of November 11, 2005 at 5 p.m. The board would meet as a committee of the whole to review resumes, schedule interviews, if necessary, and on November 15, 2006 at 10:00 a.m., convene the meeting of the Board of Directors of the Audubon Charter School, then go into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters; come out of Executive Session, resume the Board meeting, and vote on the new principal. Resumes shall be submitted to Alisa Dupre at FindAlisa@Cox.net. There was board and public discussion. Joyous Van Buskirk amended her motion to include the following: That the Director of the French Program, Marie Claude Kellerman, shall continue as Director of the French Program based upon the agreement with French Government. That the Director of the French Program shall have the authority to hire, dismiss and evaluate faculty and staff associated with such program. Carlos Zervigon seconded the motion. The motion passed with Charly Borenstein-Regueira and Alisa Dupre voting against.

Alisa Dupre motioned to open re-enrollment with preference to all previous enrollees beginning November 14 and continuing until the opening of school. Registration will be conducted on-site and on-line. Carlos Zervigon seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. In following discussions, it was agreed that pre-Katrina Audubon students returning in the fall will also have preference. A motion will follow at next Board meeting. A teacher selection policy will be created by the board from January to May to assist the interim principal in calling back teachers to Audubon in a fair and equitable manner. Joyous Van Buskirk and Carlos Zervigon will be contacting every teacher that has post-Katrina contact information.

Carlos Zervigon made a motion to give Carlos Zervigon authority to establish a non-endowed, donor-advised fund for FAME, Inc. . Charly Borenstein-Regueria seconded the motion. There was public and board discussion on the matter. The motion passed unanimously.

Barbara Ricks motioned that a fundraising committee be formed and to have Carlos Zervigon chair the committee. Jill Otis seconded the motion. The motion was amended to appoint Carlos Zervigon and Charly Borenstein-Regueira co-chairs of the committee. The amended motion passed unanimously.

Sarah Ottinger, President of the PTO, offered the Board of Directors PTO funds in the form of a signed loan agreement to be able to operate until the school received its \$200,000 in start-up charter monies.

Carlos Zervigon made a motion to place the item of the acquisition of an additional building on the Board's agenda. Barbara Ricks seconded the motion. The motion to amend the Board's agenda unanimously passed. Carlos Zervigon made a motion that Alisa Dupre make inquiries into additional building sites. Jill Otis seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Joyous Van Buskirk moved to set the next Board Meeting to take place November 15, 2005 at 10:00 am in the Audubon Charter School Cafeteria. Carlos Zerivgon seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Joyous Van Buskirk motioned to adjourn the meeting. Barbara Ricks seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The Board meeting adjourned at 12:30pm. Minutes were prepared by Chachie Dupuy.