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**Arizona Head Start Association
November 16, 2023
Board Meeting Minutes**

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| <p>I. Call Board Meeting to Order</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Roll Call for Quorum • Action Item: Approve August Board Minutes | <p>Janell Stringfellow – AZHSA Board Secretary</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Roll call – Quorum met yes or no <p>Patricia Kirkland- AZHSA Board Vice President</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting to order at 1:04 PM • Approve August Board Minutes First motion: Ana Herron-Valenzuela Second Motion: Erin Lyons *Passed 12/17 |
| <p>II. Treasurer's Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Action Item: Approve Financial Report • Action Item: AZHSA Budget 2024 • Action Item: AZHSA Sponsorships 2024 | <p>Shandeen Gomez – AZHSA Board Treasurer</p> <p>Action Items</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Financial report First motion: Charity Russell Second Motion: Gretchen Bonkoske *Passed 18/20 • AZHSA Budget 2024 First motion: Erin Lyons Second Motion: Cindy English *Passed 19/20 • AZHSA Sponsorship Opportunities 2024 First motion: Cindy English Second Motion: Debbie Schlamann *Passed 17/20 |
| <p>III. President/ Executive Committee Reports</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Action Item: In Person Meetings 2024 | <p>Patricia Kirkland- AZHSA Board Vice President</p> <p>Action Items</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In Person Meetings 2024 First motion: Erin Lyons Second Motion: Charity Russell *Passed 18/20 <p>Cindy English – I believe we should do one in person. It is beneficial.</p> <p>Sonya Montoya – There is value in meeting together. We should try at least one.</p> <p>Debbie Schlamann – Yes, I would like to it's beneficial. I have a whole new team.</p> <p>From the chat: Jenna Juniper and Marci Flores -Yes, in person. Q: Is there interest in having a PD portion the day before?</p> |

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| | <p>Consider sending out a survey.</p> <p>Updates – Jessica Rivera-Garcia</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board President Update – Eve Del Real has stepped down the Maricopa County as the HS Director. The Executive Board met, and per her bylaws, she can stay in her role as President through June 2024. • Bylaws – Executive Team lawyers will review and provide guidance feedback and possibly meet with the board to ensure they align with the state laws. and reviewing the bylaws to provide feedback. You will still have an opportunity to give feedback. • NHSA update – Would like to collaborate more with state Associations. Discussed win-win situations and revenue sharing. |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AZHSA Director Updates • Regional Film Screening Event • Parent Advocacy Group • Committee Attendance Updates | <p>Jessica Rivera-Garcia AZHSA Director</p> <p>Regional Film Screening Event</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Film screening – 60 participants attended; producers attended. We will have the screening again in the Spring, and the Association will take the lead on this event. Are there any other interested individuals who would like to be part of the planning committee? <p>We hope to bring Black Girls once it is released in the Fall. There is no more funding after February 28th.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parent Advocacy Group <p>Parent Centers and Catholic Charities</p> <p>The 2024 Advocacy Cohort for parents closes on November 27th. The goal of this advocacy cohort is to help parents feel comfortable when they go to Capitol Hill. The field trip is already scheduled. If you have any questions, reach out to Jessica Rivera-Garcia.</p> <p>The link is provided in the chat.</p> <p>Committee Attendance Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Still low attendance. It is important to hear from each of your programs; it is helpful for staff to connect and that you have representation statewide. • If the dates and times are not working, let us know. <p>*We are now a sponsoring agency on the workforce registry.</p> |
| <p>V. Committee Reports</p> | <p>Committee Chairs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PFCE: Sonya Montoya – The Committee is on a break until January 2024. Working on feedback from committee members for regular speakers for the year ahead. This year, we have done much work on SNAP and are reaping the benefits. Will continue working with DCS and foster care. Successful year! • Disabilities and Mental Health: Ana Herron-Valenzuela – No new updates, still continuing work on current goals. • Integrated Health and Safety: Elizabeth Soqui – Celina McCabe-Charley was voted in as the committee Vice |

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| | <p>Chair. The committee is taking a break and will meet again in February. Will begin work on the action plan for 2024.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Education: Gretchen Bonkoske – Working on AZ Workforce Registry, PD in collaboration with AZAECY. Black Boys film screening. Shared the Trailer. 60 attendees, Director Chad shared information about the importance of equity for all children, and Governor Lewis attended and shared his thoughts. Participants were able to engage with an active panel. Create a MOU with PBS to get more answers about data collection. Will begin working on the 2024 action plan. |
| <p>VI. Region IX Association Report</p> | <p>Patti Kirkland – AZHSA Board Vice President Family Engagement Conference – Increasing our partnerships with tribal nations and migrant/seasonal. It is an excellent professional development opportunity and very informative. Able to take two staff and do a few site visits. During the visit, staff shared the commonalities of behaviors, staffing, and how they incorporate the outdoors.</p> <p>Larry Campbell shared it was a phenomenal conference with about 700 individuals. Attend the Hawaii Association meeting. We learned about the state and island challenges and insights and shared appreciation for the associations.</p> <p>Patricia Kirkland – Asked if we want to send a state-level comment for the NPRM from OHS. We can send it out, and everyone can send comments or do a Zoom meeting. Comments are due January 2024. Jessica and Patricia will work on something and send it out.</p> <p>Winter Leadership is coming up. Let Jessica know if you will send any staff to support the Capitol visits.</p> <p>The Directors meeting – December 22nd.</p> |
| <p>VII. Adjourn</p> | <p>Patricia Kirkland- AZHSA Board Vice President</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting adjourn at <u>2:26 PM</u> |

Secretary Signature : *Janell Stringfellow*
Date that minutes were taken: November 16, 2023