



AGENDA

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING AVESON CORPORATION

Zoom Virtual Meeting ([Link](#))

Meeting ID: 995 6454 3710

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August 6, 2020

5:30 P.M

INSTRUCTIONS FOR PRESENTATIONS TO THE BOARD BY PARENTS AND CITIZENS

Aveson Corporation (“Aveson”), which operates Aveson School of Leaders and Aveson Global Leadership Academy, welcomes your participation at the Aveson’s Board meetings. The purpose of a public meeting of the Board of Directors (“Board”) is to conduct the affairs of Aveson in public. We are pleased that you are in attendance and hope that you will visit these meetings often. Your participation assures us of continuing community interest in our schools. To assist you in the ease of speaking/participating in our meetings, the following guidelines are provided and are included in Board Policy.

1. Agendas are available to all audience members at the door/start to the meeting. Note that the order of business on this agenda may be changed without prior notice. For more information on this agenda, please contact: Aveson Charter Schools, 1919 Pinecrest Dr., Altadena, CA 91001. Telephone: 626-797-1440.
2. “Request to Speak” forms are available to all audience members who wish to speak on any agenda items or under the general category of “Oral Communications.”
3. “Oral Communications” is set aside for members of the audience to raise issues that are not specifically on the agenda. However, due to public meeting laws, the Board can only listen to your issue, not respond or take action. These presentations are limited to three (3) minutes and total time allotted to non-agenda items will not exceed fifteen (15) minutes. The Board may give direction to staff to respond to your concern or you may be offered the option of returning with a citizen-requested item.
4. You may specify that you wish to speak on an agenda item by “raising your hand” in the Zoom chat box or speaking up and you will be given an opportunity to speak for up to five (5) minutes when the Board discusses that item.
5. When addressing the Board, speakers are requested to state their name and adhere to the time limits set forth.
6. Citizens may request that a topic related to school business be placed on a future agenda in accordance with the guidelines in Board Policy. Once such an item is properly agendized and publicly noticed, the Board can respond, interact, and act upon the item.

7. In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and upon request, Aveson may furnish reasonable auxiliary aids and services to qualified individuals with disabilities. Individuals who require appropriate alternative modification of the agenda in order to participate in Board meetings are invited to contact Aveson’s main office.

I. PRELIMINARY

A. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order by the Board Chair at _____.

B. ROLL CALL

	Present	Absent
Trinity Jolley	_____	_____
Elsie Rivas Gómez	_____	_____
Rob Dell Angelo	_____	_____
Bridgette Brown	_____	_____

II. COMMUNICATIONS

A. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS: **Non-agenda items**: no individual presentation shall be for more than three (3) minutes and the total time for this purpose shall not exceed fifteen (15) minutes. Ordinarily, Board members will not respond to presentations and no action can be taken. However, the Board may give direction to staff following a presentation.

III. PUBLIC SESSION AGENDA

A. DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Brief Fall Planning Executive Directors’ Updates
 - i. AGLA (10 min)
 - ii. ASL (10 min)

B. ACTION ITEMS

1. Approve Aveson Board Nominees
 - i. Approve Elsie Rivas Gómez for Board Presidency
 - ii. Approve Javier Guzman for Board Membership
 - iii. Approve Jeiran Lashai for Board Membership
 - iv. Approve Kat Ross for Board Membership

V. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at _____.

JAVIER GUZMAN

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July 13, 2020

Dear Aveson Board of Directors,

I visited 14 schools before deciding on Aveson for Saraya, who will be starting the second grade in the fall. I believe in what the school aims to offer. When I heard Kate Bean speak at the information/recruitment session, I knew she believed deeply in personalizing learning in ways that truly and authentically brought students into the learning process. When I visited classrooms, I also saw a school that was intentional about challenging practices that weren't sound and were/are counter to authentic student inquiry and learning. That gave me hope. I believe the guiding principles, though imperfect, can serve as a way forward and provide moral guidance as we seek to navigate our current challenges.

By way of background, I currently hold the position of Regional Director for Big Picture Learning for the West region. That means I work with schools and districts across the Southwest and Pacific Northwest to center equity into their practices, beliefs, and behaviors.

I've led the largest expansion of Big Picture Learning schools in California. Virtually all were transformation efforts, that is, existing schools that changed their practices and systems over a few years.

In addition to this systemic work, I've been a principal twice: as the founding principal of a Big Picture Learning school in NYC and the fourth principal (in three years) of New Village Girls Academy, a

small charter school in Los Angeles where I led it through transformation.

I also work with several communities of practice/justice that are comprised of school/county/district leaders who are in the process of shifting their systems/behaviors/mindsets to actualize the potential of their students, families, and communities. One such effort is the Deeper Learning Equity Fellows, which I co-lead, design, and facilitate, and is a cohort-based fellowship focused on educational equity and action.

Recently, I've been doing work with Educating All Learners Alliance, an effort to support students with special needs during COVID-19. As part of that work, I'm on an action team that's focused on student agency.

With this, I humbly, but with focus, toss my hat in the ring.

Sincerely,

Javier Guzman

JEIRAN LASHAI, DA.O.M, L.AC.,M.S., FABORM

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7.12.2020

Ms. Elsie Rivas Gomez
Aveson Charter Schools
Board of Directors

Re: Candidacy for Board of Directors

Dear Ms. Elsie Rivas Gomez:

I am writing this letter to share with you my interest in applying for the Aveson Charter Schools Board of Directors. Having played a consistently active role in Aveson School of Leaders has always left me wanting to do more to continue to preserve the school and to continue to evolve both ASL and AGLA in the best way possible.

I run a successful Chinese Medicine practice in Los Angeles that I have continued to grow over the last 15 years. To put myself through Chinese Medical School I worked as an executive recruiter, so I have experience in hiring for organizational structures and complying with individual organizations HR policies.

I immigrated to the United States from Iran as a child and then spent part of my college education living and studying in Lyon, Nice and Paris, France. Having had challenges as an immigrant for much of my educational life, I am uniquely poised to help the school address their blind spots in minority equity and representation on campus.

This will be our families 6th year at ASL and as such we are invested and passionate about continuing to better the school model that we have currently. In the past I have spoken to the board about disparities in sex education and addressing all children across the gender spectrum equally. When ASL hired Director Eva, I spent the summer meeting with her every two weeks with one other parent to help her understand how the school was implementing PML and where improvements were needed. I was also part of the push to get the ACO off

of the ground after many years of pressing for more parent involvement and representation on campus.

Sincerely,



Leiran Lashai



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24 July 2020

Elsie Rivas Gomez
Aveson Charter Schools Board of Directors
1919 East Pine Street
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Dear Ms. Rivas Gomez,

It is with great pleasure that I write to you to nominate Kat Ross to represent the Aveson Community Organization (ACO) on the Board of Directors of Aveson Charter Schools. The Board of the ACO unanimously voted for Mx. Ross based on their wealth of experience and their commitments to their community.

Kat Ross is a parent of a child at Aveson, the ACO's Recording Secretary, a public high school teacher of 13 years, and a teachers union representative of 4 years. Ross holds a masters degree and a teaching credential, as well as teaching fellowship certification from the Armory Center for the Arts. Kat Ross has been an active member of the ASL community for five years, with a child entering 5th grade this year. In addition, Ross serves as the faculty advisor for queer students at Gabrielino High School, working to imbedd systemic changes to make trans and queer students safer at school. In the local community, Ross is an organizer for the Altadena chapter of SURJ (Standing Up for Racial Justice). Kat Ross will represent the voice of the ACO with a strong commitment to social justice, community building, and an interest in developing strong, effective leadership in the organization.

I am confident that Kat. Ross will positively contribute to ACS's Board of Directors. My recommendation is also based on my personal experience with their strong ethical character and abilities as a flexible thinker.

Thank you for your time.

Best Regards,
Marisa White-Hartman
Co-President, Aveson Community Organization