

Emergency NAHJ Board Meeting

Saturday, May 22, 2021 @ Noon Eastern

<https://youtu.be/QsArzN0RZ0I>

Present: Nora Lopez, Julio Cesar Chavez, Arelis Hernandez, Keldy Ortiz, Blanca Rios, Jennifer Marcial Ocasio, Jessica Retis, Mc Nelly Torres, Jamie Stockwell, Luis Joel Mendez Gonzalez, Johnny Cordoba, Ninnette Sosa.

Not Present: Melissa Macaya, Elwyn Lopez, Cristy Fajardo, Valerie Juarez and Yvette Cabrera

Guests: Zita Arocha, Yunuen Bonaparte, Leslie Anne Frank, BA Snyder

I. Emergency Motion

- A. Nora Lopez called the meeting of the board of directors of NAHJ in order to remove Anna Lopez as a key executive on NAHJ bank accounts.
- B. Jessica motions to remove Anna Lopez as a key executive on the NAHJ bank accounts.
- C. Johnny seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.
- D. Julio Cesar Chavez motions to make Treasurer Keldy Ortiz the key executive on our NAHJ (Wells Fargo) bank accounts. Arelis seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.

II. Executive Session

- A. Board went into executive session at 12:25 p.m. to discuss personnel matters and returned from executive session at 1:26 p.m.

III. Hall of Fame

- A. The Board approved unanimously to induct [Jovita Idár](#), a Mexican-American journalist, activist and suffragist, and [Jesús Colón](#), an Afro-Puerto Rican who left the island and moved to New York, and became known as the Father of the Nuyorican Movement, to the Hall of Fame.

IV. Interim executive director

- A. Jessica made a motion to hire Zita Arocha as NAHJ's interim executive director. Julio Cesar seconded the motion. All those present (Nora, Arelis, Julio Cesar, Blanca, Jessica, Mc Nelly, Luis Joel, Johnny, Jamie) voted yes. Motion carried unanimously.
- B. Ninnette and Jennifer were not present for this vote.

V. Adjournment

- A. The meeting ended at 1:45 p.m.

Voted via email:

I, Cristy Fajardo, waive the requirement of notice for the special meeting of the National Association of Hispanic Journalists board on May 22, 2021 to remove Anna Lopez as a key executive on the NAHJ bank

accounts, to make Treasurer Keldy Ortiz the key executive on our bank accounts, and to approve the Hall of Fame nominees.

I, Melissa Macaya, waive the requirement of notice for the special meeting of the National Association of Hispanic Journalists board on May 22, 2021 to remove Anna Lopez as a key executive on the NAHJ bank accounts, to make Treasurer Keldy Ortiz the key executive on our bank accounts, and to approve the Hall of Fame nominees.

I, Valerie Juarez waive the requirement of notice for the special meeting of the National Association of Hispanic Journalists board on May 22, 2021 to remove Anna Lopez as a key executive on the NAHJ bank accounts, to make Treasurer Keldy Ortiz the key executive on our bank accounts, and to approve the Hall of Fame nominees.

I, Elwyn Lopez, waive the requirement of notice for the special meeting of the National Association of Hispanic Journalists board on May 22, 2021 to remove Anna Lopez as a key executive on the NAHJ bank accounts.”

I, Yvette Cabrera, waive the requirement of notice for the special meeting of the National Association of Hispanic Journalists board on May 22, 2021 to remove Anna Lopez as a key executive on the NAHJ bank accounts, to make Treasurer Keldy Ortiz the key executive on our bank accounts, and to approve the Hall of Fame nominees.