

National Association of Hispanic Journalists
Board of Directors Special Meeting
Wednesday, July 6, 2023
5:03 p.m. Eastern

Present: Yvette Cabrera, Arelis Hernandez, Julio Cesar Chavez, Mc Nelly Torres, Marilyn Garateix , Adriana Chavira, Luis Joel Méndez González, Dunia Elvir, David Cordero Mercado , Melissa Macaya , Diana Gutierrez, Johnny Cordoba, Cristy Fajardo, Nora Lopez (Reg. 5 Alternate Director) and Brenda Elizondo (Student Representative)

Not Present: Jamie Stockwell, Ninette Sosa and Damia Bonmati

Guests : Ivan Briones, Yaneth Guillen, Yunuen Bonaparte, Leslie-Anne Frank

I. Official Board Meeting Opening

President Yvette Cabrera called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m. Eastern .

II. Roll Call

Secretary Blanca Rios

III. President's welcome

- A. Yvette welcomed everyone and asked if there was a motion on the table to move into executive session to discuss personnel matters.
- B. VP of Broadcast Julio Cesar Chavez moved to go into executive session. Spanish Officer at Large Dunia Elvir seconded the motion. The motion passed via roll call vote.
- C. The board left public session to enter executive session at 5:08 p.m.

IV. Executive Session

Yvette moved to leave the executive session at 6:03 p.m.

V. Public Session

The board returned to public session 6:11 pm

VI. Personnel Matter

- A. Yvette moved that the board appoint Yaneth Guillen, NAHJ’s Senior Director of Training & Membership as Interim Chief Operations Officer. VP of Print Arelis Hernandez seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously via roll call vote.
- B. Yaneth thanked the board for trusting her with the position, saying she is happy to take on the role and is ready to go.

VII. Financial Resolution

- a. Yvette mentioned the board has received a Certificate of Corporate Resolution and read it out loud as follows:

CERTIFICATE OF CORPORATE RESOLUTION

We, **National Association of Hispanic Journalists** Board of Directors do hereby approve the removal of Key Signators/Association Executives:

David Peña, Jr – National Executive Director (2022-2023)

Going forward the following Individuals are recognized by the National Board of Directors of the National Association of Hispanic Journalists **as Key Signators/Association Executives**

Yaneth Guillen – National Interim Chief Operations Officer

Yvette Cabrera – National Board President

Marilyn Garateix - National Financial Officer

- b. Yvette moved to approve the resolution. Dunia seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously via roll call vote.

VIII. Public Questions & Comments

No public comment was made.

IX. New business

Next regular board meeting date: July 12, 2023 9 a.m. EST at Miami Convention

X. Closing Remarks

Leslie-Anne Frank, NAHJ's Director of Next Generation Initiatives, made an appeal to the board. She said she was very concerned about the next week and said the staff will need help from the board moving forward. Leslie-Anne noted that a few of the staff members have been there a while and know how to pivot but others are new. She said the staff wants to see NAHJ succeed next week and said we should all give each other the benefit of the doubt and work together as much as possible in order to get through the next week.

XI. Adjournment

Yvette adjourned the meeting at 6:22 p.m.