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# SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

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**November 6, 2017**  
**Via teleconference**

**Board of Directors:**

Melida Akiti, Board Chairman; Armando Fana, Vice Chairman; Michael Lepera, Treasurer; Joe Rogers, Secretary, Christopher Cade, Jeff Dwyer, Kalinthia Dillard, Ken Nolan, Lisa McDermott, Nichole Anderson, Sarah Marmion, Sarah Thomas, Elizabeth Wynter

**Unable to Attend:**

Michael Lepera, Ken Nolan, Lisa McDermott

**Other Attendees:**

*ChildNet Staff:* Emilio Benitez, Lourdes Pons, Larry Rein, Donna Skees, Dawn Liberta, Deena Ponto, Sheryl Williams, Lawrence Plaza, Kenneth Brighton, Gillian Moxey, Christine Butler, Julie Janello, *DCF:* Raul Ocampo

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## CALL TO ORDER

- Melida Akiti, Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m.

## NEW BUSINESS

- Selection of Vendor for ChildNet Team Building – Melida Akiti noted that the goal of this specially called Board meeting was to select the consultant for team building. Discussion was held on the following two agencies:
  - 1) WorkWise Group – Sara Herald and Shannon Wall. \$30,000
  - 2) Group Victory – Stephen Ferrante. \$23,300

The Board heard separately from both Sara Herald of WorkWise Group and Stephen Ferrante of Group Victory. After much discussion, the following motion was made:

*A motion was moved to retain Stephen Ferrante of Group Victory, to waive requirements of procurement, and to give the Chair authority to appoint the designee to handle contracts and point of contact with Group Victory. A vote was taken. The motion was passed unopposed.*

Board Volunteer to work with Group Victory - Melida Akiti requested a volunteer to be the Board designee to work with Group Victory. Joe Rogers volunteered.

Ms. Akiti reported that she spoke with DCF today in that the ChildNet Board had secured legal counsel last week to work with Mr. Benitez's legal counsel. The Board will be responsible to ensuring things are moving in the right direction.

*A motion was moved to give Joe Rogers legal authority to speak with legal counsel in the limited purpose of his requirement to meeting legal counsel for his work with Group Victory. A vote was taken. The motion was passed unopposed.*



Ms. Akiti also noted that the marketing group that ChildNet works with will develop a communication plan to present to the Board.

**OLD BUSINESS**

- N/A

**PUBLIC COMMENT**


- N/A

**NEXT MEETING DATE**

- Friday, November 17, 2017 (in person)

**CONCLUSION**

- Having no further business, a motion was *moved* to adjourn the meeting. *A vote was taken. The motion was passed unopposed.* The meeting was adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

  
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Joe Rogers  
Board Secretary

11/26/2018  
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