

**Hostos Community College  
Auxiliary Enterprises Corporation (AEC)**

**Board of Directors Meeting  
Friday, December 16, 2022, 3:30 PM  
via Zoom**

**Board Attendees**

Shiang Kwei Wang; La Toro Yates; Ken Acquah; Fanny Dumancela; Johanna Gomez; Iris Mercado (faculty); Shirley Shevach (retiree); Jose Gonzalez (student); Abbi Raper (student); Kacey Witter Duncan (student); Brian Carter (student)

**Absent**

Esther Rodríguez-Chardavoynne

**Other Attendees**

Su Ng

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**Agenda**

1. Welcome and introduction
2. Food services contract between Hostos Community College and A La Carte Menu Services, Inc.
3. New Business
4. Adjourn

**Proceedings**

The meeting was called to order at 3:34 pm by Ken Acquah, AEC Treasurer.

- Ken Acquah welcomed the attendees and asked everyone to make brief introductions. He explained that SVP Rodríguez-Chardavoynne could not join the meeting due to a conflicting meeting. He then moved to the next agenda item which was to discuss the food services contract. He briefly explained the contract, which had been sent to all members in advance of the meeting, and then opened the floor up for discussion and questions.
- Assistant Dean Gomez informed the group that Procurement Director Devon Hariprashad, Director of Student Activities Jerry Rosa, and SGA representatives Brian Carter and Elizabeth Soto had visited the vendor's location at Bronx Community College (BCC) in October, without

prior notice, to taste the vendor items. The group enjoyed the food items offered at BCC as well as the service provided by the vendor staff.

- Questions and concerns from the group included the following. Please note that italicized text is additional information provided post-meeting.
  - **Given that Hostos has a small number of students than Bronx Community College, there is concern regarding a sustainable vendor revenue level.** *In earlier discussions with the vendor, the Procurement Director had provided the vendor with the number of FTEs at Hostos.*
    - Vice President Yates reminded the group that the Hostos community will need to step up and support the vendor to ensure they remain on campus. The President's Cabinet will be purchasing from the vendor at least once a week when the vendor is set up at Hostos.
  - **Would the vendor consider weekend hours as a possibility in the future?** That can be discussed with the vendor in the future; there would need to be a justifiable number of students on campus on the weekends in order for the vendor to consider it.
  - **Will there opportunities to suggest improvements to the vendor?** Yes. In Section 5, 5.3.1 (B) states that the Contractor (A La Carte) must be available once per quarter to discuss food quality and nutrition with members of the Corporation and representatives of student groups on campus. Additionally, in Section 6, there is a clause that the Corporation and Contractor will meet at least quarterly to review monthly reports, discuss problems, and mutually agree on courses of action to improve the results of Food Service Operations.
  - **Will there be opportunities for students to work for the vendor?** In Section 5, 5.3.1 (P) states that when the Contractor has part-time positions appropriate for students available, it must notify the College placement office. Contractor agrees to cooperate with the College placement office in these placements.
  - **Can the balances on student ID cards, which are used for copying/scanning/printing, be used towards food purchases?** *The funds on the ID cards come from the Student Tech Fee and are specifically for copying/scanning/printing. They are virtual funds and cannot be utilized for the purchase of any other items.*
- After the discussion, the Provost motioned to vote on accepting the food services contract. All members voted in favor of the contract. SVP Rodriguez-Chardavoyne had already submitted her vote to Ken Acquah, in favor of accepting the contract.

As there was no new business, the meeting adjourned at 4:02 pm.

*Meeting notes submitted by: Su Ng*