

SAMS ACADEMY

GOVERNING COUNCIL

Special Meeting of the SAMS Academy Governing Council on
Monday, June 1, 2020

Via Zoom

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Larry Kennedy, Roland Dewing, Farrah Nickerson, Mike Romo,
Alex Carothers, and LyDawn Blount

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Ed Smith

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Coreen Carrillo, Nathan Hardin, Alice Chavez, Bridget Barrett

PUBLIC

Ken Lairsey, Abril Cera-Ramirez, Stephanie Tuttle, Paula Gonzales, Elizabeth Scharrer,
Lauren Chavez, Leah Yates, Shannon Baldonado, Carol Jester, Jonathan Garcia, Kelly
Callahan, Martha Holman, Jose Garcia-Galvez, Charles Ellis, Donya Johnson

These minutes were approved on 6-25-2020

By a vote of 4 yes 1 no 2 absent 0 abstained

Larry Kennedy President
Roland Dewing Secretary

I. Call to Order

Larry called to order the Special Meeting of the Governing Council for the Southwest Aeronautics, Mathematics, and Science Academy on June 1, 2020 at 4:00PM on Zoom.us.

A. Roll Call

Larry asked Jill to call roll. Jill called Larry Kennedy, Farrah Nickerson, Roland Dewing, and Mike Romo. Alex Carothers and LyDawn Blount were absent during roll call. Ed Smith was absent.

B. Adoption of the Agenda*

Larry asked to amend the agenda to have budget presentation and governing council questions first and then public comment, then come back to the vote. Larry asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Mike made a motion to approve the agenda with the amended. Roland seconded the motion. Larry called for a roll call vote to approve the agenda; Jill called Larry Kennedy, Farrah Nickerson, Roland Dewing, and Mike Romo. All voted in favor and the motion carried unanimously.

II. Closed Session

A. Limited personnel matters, pursuant to NMSA 1978, Section 10-15-1(H)(2) and matters subject to the attorney-client privilege pertaining to pending or threatened litigation in which the public body is or may become a participant to NMSA 1978, Section 10-15-1(H)(7).

Larry made a motion to move to closed session due to limited personnel pursuant to NMSA 1978, section 10-15-1(H)(2) and matters subject to the attorney-client privilege which the public body is or may become a participant to NMSA 1978, Section 10-15-1(H)(7). Farrah seconded the motion. Larry called for a roll call vote to move into closed session; Jill called Larry Kennedy, Farrah Nickerson, Roland Dewing, and Mike Romo. All voted in favor and the motion carried unanimously.

The governing council moved to closed session at 4:04PM.

Alex Carothers arrived at 4:20PM.

III. Open Session

A. Action on matters discussed in Closed Session

Larry made motion to move back into open session and affirmed that only items on the agenda were discussed. Farrah seconded the motion. Larry called for a roll call vote to move back into open session; Jill called Larry

Kennedy, Farrah Nickerson, Roland Dewing, Mike Romo, and Alex Carothers. All voted in favor and the motion carried unanimously.

Open session resumed at 4:38 PM.

IV. New Business Matters

A. FY 2021 Salary Schedule*

Alice presented three salary schedules: a teacher salary schedule with 4% raise, and educational assistant salary schedule, and the flight instructor salary schedule. The EA salary schedule has an increase in base pay. There was question about the aviation salary schedule. Alex said those salaries are in-line with aviation standards. Alex made a motion to approved the FY21 Salary Schedule. Mike seconded the motion. Larry called for a roll call vote to approve the salary schedule; Jill called Larry Kennedy, Farrah Nickerson, Roland Dewing, Mike Romo, and Alex Carothers. All voted in favor and the motion carried unanimously.

B. School Calendar 2020 – 2021*

Alice presented the instructional calendar to the governing council. The calendar meets the hours required by PED. There were no questions from the governing council. Roland made a motion to approve the school calendar for the 2020 – 2021. Alex seconded the motion. Larry called for a roll call vote to approve the salary schedule; Jill called Larry Kennedy, Farrah Nickerson, Roland Dewing, Mike Romo, and Alex Carothers. All voted in favor and the motion carried unanimously.

Before moving on, Larry thanked Coreen for her years at SAMS Academy and wished her well in her retirement. Coreen thanked Larry and said it was an honor and privilege to be at SAMS Academy.

V. Ongoing Business

A. FY21 Presentation

Larry asked if Coreen had been able to work with Kelly on the budget. Coreen thanked the board for giving her extra time and Kelly for helping. Coreen then deferred the budget to Bridget and Alice. Alice showed the preparation work she did to prepare the budget. She then presented her budget, function by function. Bridget presented her vision of the school moving forward. The governing council asked a few questions which were answered.

LyDawn entered the meeting at 4:58PM

B. FY21 Budget Public Comment

Larry then opened discussion up to the public.

Public comment was made by:

+ Kenneth Lairsey, Stephanie Tuttle, Carol Jester, Elizabeth Scharrer, and Paula Gonzales

The questions asked were concerning:

+ Aviation salary schedule, cash carryover, HB2, teacher salary schedule, contracting IT service, business manager line item, Title 4 funds.

LyDawn left the meeting before the vote.

After all public comment was asked and answered, Larry called for a motion. Roland made a motion to accept the FY21 budget. Alex seconded the motion. Larry called for a roll call vote to approve the salary schedule; Jill called Larry Kennedy, Farrah Nickerson, Roland Dewing, Mike Romo, and Alex Carothers. All voted in favor and the motion carried unanimously.

VI. Announcements

A. Date for next Regular SAMS Academy Governing Council Meeting

The next regular meeting June 18th at 8:30AM on zoom. Kelly reminded Larry that the special legislative session begins on the 18th and the governing council may want to push the date back. Larry said he would look into that.

VII. Adjournment*

Larry called for a motion to adjourn. Farrah made a motion to adjourn. Mike seconded the motion. Larry called for a roll call vote to approve the salary schedule; Jill called Larry Kennedy, Farrah Nickerson, Roland Dewing, Mike Romo, and Alex Carothers. All voted in favor and the motion carried unanimously.

The special meeting of the Governing Council for the Southwest Aeronautics, Mathematics and Science Academy adjourned on June 1, 2020 on zoom.us at 6:40PM.