

SAMS ACADEMY

GOVERNING COUNCIL

Regular Meeting of the SAMS Academy Governing Council on
Thursday, August 20, 2020

Zoom.us

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

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

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Ed Smith and LyDawn Blount

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Bridget Barrett, Alice Chavez, Nathan Hardin, Kelly Callahan

PUBLIC

Jose Garcia-Galvez and Stephanie Tuttle

These minutes were approved on 9-17-2020

By a vote of 5 yes 0 no 2 absent 0 abstained

Larry Kennedy President

Roland Dewing Secretary

I. Call to Order

Larry called to order the Regular Meeting of the Governing Council for the Southwest Aeronautics, Mathematics, and Science Academy on August 20, 2020 at 8:30AM via zoom.us.

A. Roll Call

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

B. Adoption of the Agenda*

Larry asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Farrah made a motion to approve the agenda. Alex seconded the motion. Larry called for a roll call vote to approve the agenda. Jill called Farrah Nickerson, Mike Romo, Alex Carothers, and Larry Kennedy; all voted yes. The motion carried unanimously.

*Roland Dewing arrived at 8:32am.

C. Review/Approval of Minutes from July 16, 2020*

Larry asked for a motion to approve the Minutes from the July 16 regular meeting. Farrah made a motion to approve the minutes. Alex seconded the motion. Larry called for a roll call vote to approve the July 16 minutes. Jill called Farrah Nickerson, Mike Romo, Alex Carothers, Roland Dewing and Larry Kennedy; all voted yes. 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).**

No closed session.

III. Open Session

- A. Action on matters discussed in Closed Session**

No closed session.

IV. Ongoing Business Matters

- A. Aviation Program Update**

Nathan reported the following:

- * Two students now have their pilot’s certificate
- * 21 missions were flown since the last meeting

- * Working on selling the SIM soon
- * There are 60 students in 9 – 12th FOA class; working on getting more of those students in the plane
- * 13 students in the new drone class

V. Governing Council Development

A. Presentation from Kelly Callahan PCSNM

Kelly discussed that FY20 training really focused on the succession plan. FY21 will dive deeper into policy review, evaluation process for the head administrator, and governing council self-evaluations.

VI. New Business Matters

A. Review Reduction in Force (RIF) Policy*

Larry informed the governing council more work needs to be done with this policy. Larry requested that this item be pushed to the next board meeting. Farrah made a motion to table this discussion on the RIF policy. Mike seconded the motion. Larry called for a roll call vote to approve tabling the RIF policy. Jill called Farrah Nickerson, Mike Romo, Alex Carothers, Roland Dewing and Larry Kennedy; all voted yes. The motion carried unanimously.

B. Public Comment at Governing Council Meetings Policy Review

Larry said public comment has been in policy and the agenda since the beginning of the school. He asked the governing council for their opinion on this matter. Farrah said she doesn't see a need for it; as it has been abused in the past. Alex agreed with Farrah as long as the meeting is still open to the public. He also offered that if there is public comment, it needs to be structured. Larry asked Kelly for her advice; she said that a response does not need to be given to the comment. It can also be focused on the agenda. They decided to table this discussion and action until the September meeting. Farrah made a motion to table any action on this matter. Alex seconded. Larry called for a roll call vote to approve tabling the Public comment policy. Jill called Farrah Nickerson, Mike Romo, Alex Carothers, Roland Dewing and Larry Kennedy; all voted yes. The motion carried unanimously.

VII. Administrative Update

Bridget gave the following updates and information.

A. Back to School Update

Students started the school year on August 10 on zoom. It is going well and little kinks are being worked out.

B. Construction Progress

Construction is finished. Pictures were shared to show the progress.

C. Enrollment Update

The enrollment is down – but it is across the board (all schools). We are getting new students, specifically interested in aviation.

VIII. Finance Report

A. Business Office Operation Update

Alice reported that the finance committee met before the board meeting. She also reported:

* Revenues are 8% of budget.

* Expenditures are 6% of the budget

B. Voucher Approvals*

Larry said that the Finance Committee recommends the check register. Larry called for a motion to approve the vouchers. Farrah made a motion to approve the vouchers. Roland seconded the motion. Larry called for a roll call vote to approve the vouchers. Jill called Farrah Nickerson, Mike Romo, Alex Carothers, Roland Dewing and Larry Kennedy; all voted yes. The motion carried unanimously.

C. Budget Adjustment Requests*

BARs 01-D: Larry called for a motion to approve BAR 01-D. Farrah made a motion to approve BAR 01-D. Alex seconded the motion. Larry called for a roll call vote to approve BAR 01-D. Jill called Farrah Nickerson, Mike Romo, Alex Carothers, Roland Dewing and Larry Kennedy; all voted yes. The motion carried unanimously.

IX. Announcements

A. Date for next Regular SAMS Academy Governing Council Meeting

The next regular meeting will be September 17, 2020 at 8:30AM.

X. 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 adjournment. Jill called Farrah Nickerson, Mike Romo, Alex Carothers, Roland Dewing and Larry Kennedy; all voted yes. The motion carried unanimously.

The regular meeting of the Governing Council for the Southwest Aeronautics, Mathematics and Science Academy adjourned on August 20, 2020 on zoom.us at 10:05AM.