



GOVERNING COUNCIL

Regular Meeting of the SAMS Academy Governing Council on
Thursday, September 17, 2020

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BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Larry Kennedy, Roland Dewing, Alex Carothers, Farrah Nickerson, and Ed Smith

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Mike Romo and LyDawn Blount

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Bridget Barrett, Nathan Hardin, Alice Chavez, Sean Fry, and Kelly Callahan

PUBLIC

Stephanie Tuttle, Jose Garcia-Galvez, Shannon Baldonado, Martha Holman, and Missy Brown

These minutes were approved on _____

By a vote of ___ yes ___no ___absent ___abstained

_____ President

_____ 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 September 17, 2020 at 8:31 AM on zoom.us.

A. Roll Call

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

B. Adoption of the Agenda*

Larry requested that the agenda remove item D. under new business, as the item needs to be tabled for a special session. Larry asked for a motion to approve the amended agenda. Farrah made a motion to approve the agenda. Ed seconded the motion. Larry called for a roll call vote to approve the agenda. Jill called Farrah Nickerson, Ed Smith, Roland Dewing, Alex Carothers, and Larry Kennedy; all voted yes. The motion carried unanimously.

C. Review/Approval of Minutes from August 20, 2020*

Farrah pointed out that the front page needed the absent members listed. She also asked to add language to the item in which public comment was made to add more detail to her opinion. Larry asked for a motion to approve the amended minutes from the August 20 regular meeting. Farrah made a motion to approve the amended minutes. Alex seconded the motion. Larry called for a roll call vote to approve the agenda. Jill called Farrah Nickerson, Ed Smith, Roland Dewing, Alex Carothers, 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. Public Comment

Stephanie Tuttle made public comment addressing concerns about attendance.

V. Ongoing Business Matters

A. Aviation Program Update

Nathan reported the following:

- * 11 missions and 20.9 hours have been flown since the last meeting. Current seniors are beginning to fly.
- * A large group of students who will begin flight training soon.
- * Cessna s flying well; down in October for a couple of weeks for annual maintenance.
- * Some issues with the GPS/COM units; working on making work to fly while they are fixed.
- * The Sim is listed on several websites and several interested.
- * There is potential to use Dr. Chavez's plane, at no profit to her, for the large number of students getting ready to fly. Nathan is working with the lawyer on the legality and insurance of this.

VI. Governing Council Development

A. Presentation from Kelly Callahan PCSNM

Kelly reminded the governing council that she will be working on policy review; specifically the staff and student. Three areas to address are student diabetes management, medical cannabis, school evacuation, and restraint and seclusion.

VII. New Business Matters

A. Public Comment at Governing Council Meetings Policy Review*

Larry said he worked with Kelly on this proposed policy review, which is more comprehensive than what the current policy states. With no questions, Larry called for motion. Farrah made a motion to approve the new Public Comment at Governing Council Meetings Policy. Ed seconded. Larry called for a roll call vote to approve Public Comment Policy. Jill called Farrah Nickerson, Ed Smith, Roland Dewing, Alex Carothers, and Larry Kennedy; all voted yes. The motion carried unanimously.

B. 2020 Open Meetings Resolution Revision*

Larry presented a revised Open Meetings Resolution to reflect the changes to the new public comment policy. Farrah made a motion to approve the revisions to the 2020 Open Meetings Resolution. Alex seconded the motion. Larry called for a roll call vote to approve the revised Open Meetings Resolution. Jill called Farrah Nickerson, Ed Smith, Roland Dewing, Alex Carothers, and Larry Kennedy; all voted yes. The motion carried unanimously.

C. E-rate CAT2*

Larry presented this e-Rate CAT 2 document that needed his signature before the board meeting. This signature was to accept the funds from e-Rate. Larry asked for approval of this signature. Roland made a motion to approve Larry signing this document before the meeting. Ed seconded. Larry called for a roll call vote to approve the signing of the e-Rate funding. Jill called Farrah Nickerson, Ed Smith, Roland Dewing, Alex Carothers, and Larry Kennedy; all voted yes. The motion carried unanimously.

D. Attendance Policy Revision*

Bridget explained that the because of COVID, additional wording needed to be added to the attendance policy to account for blended learning and online learning. Farrah made a motion to add the proposed additional wording to the attendance policy. Ed seconded. Larry called for a roll call vote to approve the additions to the attendance policy. Jill called Farrah Nickerson, Ed Smith, Roland Dewing, Alex Carothers, and Larry Kennedy; all voted yes. The motion carried unanimously.

VIII. Administrative Update

Bridget gave the following updates and information.

A. Building Improvements

Bridget asked Jill to give this update: Jill informed the board that all construction was complete. Some portable walls were donated by a staff member and are being used to break the main lab into three spaces.

B. Re-Entry Update

Bridget said that while high schools haven't been given the green light to return to school, we are wanting to return if that day comes. There are many steps that need to be taken to a safe environment and the staff is working that.

C. School Policy Revision Update

As Bridget works with Kelly, more updates to policies will be forthcoming.

IX. Finance Report

A. Business Office Operation Update

Alice reported that the finance committee met before the board meeting. Alice also informed the governing council that she will be stepping back on her hours a little bit for personal reasons. Sean Fry will now be the contact for the governing council meetings.

She also reported:

* Revenues are 16% of budget.

* Expenditures are 13% 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. Ed seconded the motion. Larry called for a roll call vote to approve the vouchers. Jill called Farrah Nickerson, Ed Smith, Roland Dewing, Alex Carothers, and Larry Kennedy; all voted yes. The motion carried unanimously.

C. Budget Adjustment Requests*

BAR 02-I: Larry called for a motion to approve BAR 02-I. Farrah made a motion to approve BAR 02-I. Ed seconded the motion. Larry called for a roll call vote to approve BAR 02-I. Jill called Farrah Nickerson, Ed Smith, Roland Dewing, Alex Carothers, and Larry Kennedy; all voted yes. The motion carried unanimously.

BAR 03-D: Larry called for a motion to approve BAR 03-D. Farrah made a motion to approve BAR 03-D. Ed seconded the motion. Larry called for a roll call vote to approve BAR 03-D. Jill called Farrah Nickerson, Ed Smith, Roland Dewing, Alex Carothers, and Larry Kennedy; all voted yes. The motion carried unanimously.

X. Announcements

A. Date for next Regular SAMS Academy Governing Council Meeting

The next regular meeting will be October 15 at 8:30AM. There is also need for a special meeting; Larry said the meeting would be set after everyone looks at his or her calendar.

XI. Adjournment*

Larry called for a motion to adjourn. Farrah made a motion to adjourn. Roland seconded the motion. Larry called for a roll call vote to adjourn the meeting. Jill called Farrah Nickerson, Ed Smith, Roland Dewing, Alex Carothers, 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 September 17, 2020 on zoom.us at 10:06AM.