



GOVERNING COUNCIL

Special Meeting of the SAMS Academy Governing Council on
Thursday, October 26, 2020

Zoom.us

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

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

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Ed Smith

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Bridget Barrett, Sean Fry, and Dan Castille

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None

These minutes were approved on _____

By a vote of ___ yes ___ no ___ absent ___ abstained

_____ President

_____ Secretary

I. Call to Order

Larry Kennedy called to order the Special Meeting of the Governing Council for the Southwest Aeronautics, Mathematics, and Science Academy on October 26, 2020 at 4:32 PM on zoom.us.

A. Roll Call

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

B. Adoption of the Agenda*

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

C. Review/Approval of Minutes from October 15, 2020*

Larry Kennedy asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the October 15 regular meeting. Farrah Nickerson made a motion to approve the minutes. Mike Romo seconded the motion. Larry Kennedy called for a roll call vote to approve the October 15 minutes. Jill Brame called Alex Carothers, LyDawn Blount, Farrah Nickerson, Roland Dewing, Mike Romo, and Larry Kennedy; all voted yes. The motion carried unanimously.

II. Closed Session

A. Real property Acquisition, pursuant to NMSA 1978, section 10-15-1(H)(8).*

Larry made a motion to move to closed session due to real property acquisition, pursuant to NMSA 1978, section 10-15-1(H)(8). Mike Romo seconded the motion. Larry Kennedy called for a roll call vote to approve moving to closed session. Jill Brame called Alex Carothers, LyDawn Blount, Farrah Nickerson, Roland Dewing, Mike Romo, and Larry Kennedy; all voted yes. The motion carried unanimously.

Larry Kennedy asked Bridget Barrett, Sean Fry, and Dan Castille to join closed session.

The governing council moved to closed session at 4:35PM.

III. Open Session

A. Action on matters discussed in Closed Session*

Larry Kennedy made motion to move back into open session and affirmed that only items on the agenda were discussed. Farrah Nickerson seconded the

motion. Larry Kennedy called for a roll call vote to approve moving back to open session. Jill Brame called Alex Carothers, LyDawn Blount, Farrah Nickerson, Roland Dewing, Mike Romo, and Larry Kennedy; all voted yes. The motion carried unanimously.

Open session resumed at 5:15 PM.

Alex Carothers made a motion that SAMS Academy Governing Council agrees to enter into an agreement with RMSams LLC for the execution of a Predevelopment Services Agreement. Mike Romo seconded the motion. Larry Kennedy called for a roll call vote to approve the motion. Jill Brame called Alex Carothers, LyDawn Blount, Farrah Nickerson, Roland Dewing, Mike Romo, and Larry Kennedy; all voted yes. The motion carried unanimously.

IV. New Business Matters

A. Grievance Policy Revision*

Larry Kennedy reminded the governing council that this item had been tabled from the October 15 meeting and was waiting legal review. Dan Castille, the attorney, adjusted the first draft and presented the following change: the Governing Council has the discretion for hearing the grievance. He also noted that the Governing Council should have a separate policy for discrimination and one for sexual harassment. Larry Kennedy also noted that the PEC contacted him about changing the grievance policy and he would let them know once the changes had been made. Farrah Nickerson made a motion to approve the revised grievance policy. Alex Carothers seconded. Larry Kennedy called for a roll call vote to approve the revised grievance policy. Jill Brame called Alex Carothers, LyDawn Blount, Farrah Nickerson, Roland Dewing, Mike Romo, and Larry Kennedy; all voted yes. The motion carried unanimously.

B. Student Contact Discussion

Larry Kennedy asked Bridget Barrett to share with the governing council what the school is doing to make contact with the students during this time. Bridget told the governing council that a majority of students are working and showing up to zoom. However, the students that are not are receiving phone calls, emails, and home visits. She explained that 27 students had been visited in the last 3 weeks. Our school counselor is available to students should they need to talk with someone.

V. Announcements

A. Date for next Regular SAMS Academy Governing Council Meeting

The next regular meeting will be November 19, 2020 at 4:00 PM on zoom.

VI. Adjournment*

Larry Kennedy called for a motion to adjourn. Alex Carothers made a motion to adjourn. Roland Dewing seconded the motion. Larry Kennedy called for a roll call vote to adjourn the meeting. Jill Brame called Alex Carothers, LyDawn Blount, Farrah Nickerson, Roland Dewing, Mike Romo, and Larry Kennedy; all voted yes. The motion carried unanimously.

The special meeting of the Governing Council for the Southwest Aeronautics, Mathematics and Science Academy adjourned on October 26, 2020 on zoom.us at 5:41PM.