



GOVERNING COUNCIL

Special Meeting of the SAMS Academy Governing Council on
Wednesday, December 16, 2020

Zoom.us

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

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

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Ed Smith and Roland Dewing

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

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

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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 December 16, 2020 at 4:30 PM on zoom.us.

A. Roll Call

Larry Kennedy asked Jill Brame to call roll. Jill Brame called LyDawn Blount, Farrah Nickerson, Mike Romo, Alex Carothers, and Larry Kennedy. Roland Dewing and Ed Smith were 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 LyDawn Blount, Farrah Nickerson, Mike Romo, Alex Carothers, and Larry Kennedy; all voted yes. The motion carried unanimously.

C. Review/Approval of Minutes from November 19, 2020*

Larry asked for a motion to approve the Minutes from the November 19 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 minutes from November 19, 2020. Jill Brame called LyDawn Blount, Farrah Nickerson, Mike Romo, Alex Carothers, and Larry Kennedy; all voted yes. The motion carried unanimously.

II. Closed Session

A. None.

III. Open Session

A. None.

IV. Public Comment

None.

V. Administrative Update

A. Student Achievement Update

Bridget Barrett informed the governing council that 20 students finished classes early and 35 students are failing all class. Many students have extensions over the break. Many students that finished early, have started 2nd semester classes. The teachers are making many efforts to contact families and students. There are parent/teacher conferences on January 4th when break is over.

VI. Ongoing Business Matters

A. Aviation Program Update

Nathan Hardin reported that there have been fewer flights than the month before; the plane is down for maintenance. He is getting quotes for new avionics for the airplane. Ground classes are finishing up. Spartan is guaranteeing 3 spots for SAMS students and will work to get housing assistance for the students. They are posting our school as an affiliate. SAMS Academy is now participating in Pet Rescue program; as it works with the student schedules. The staff is working to get more students trained with recreational licenses. There are about 8 students that are working together to study and take their written exam.

B. Facility Committee Update

Farrah Nickerson, Bridget Barrett, and Jill Brame reported that all reports are back on the land of the new building (soil sample, environmental, etc) and everything looks good. The civil engineer is working with the city and HOA to ensure the building is to code.

VII. New Business Matters

A. Resolution 21-04 for Commitment of Fund Balances

Larry Kennedy asked Sean Fry to explain this item. Sean Fry explained that this resolution commits the money for the sale of the Diamond aircraft to the restoration of the existing aircraft. He wants to be sure that the money is budgeted to the current aircraft. Larry asked for a motion. Farrah Nickerson made a motion to approve resolution 21-04 for commitment of Fund Balances. Alex Carothers seconded the motion. Larry Kennedy called for a roll call vote to approve resolution 21-04. Jill Brame called Farrah Nickerson, Mike Romo, Alex Carothers, and Larry Kennedy; all voted yes. LyDawn Blount absent for the vote. The motion passed.

VIII. Governing Council Development

A. Discussion with Kelly Callahan

Kelly Callahan was thankful to the governing council for being flexible with the date of the meeting. The work that the whole Governing Council is doing is being credited for the training hours. She is continuing to work on policy writing with Bridget Barrett. Kelly Callahan also told the governing council that she will work with them to on the head administrator evaluation. She will take what they already have and enhance it. Alex Carothers asked Kelly about opportunities for grants and she said that she has some ideas and that PCSNM is working on building a collaborative list for charter schools.

IX. Finance Report

A. Business Office Operation Update

Sean Fry reported that the finance committee met the day before the board meeting.

He also reported:

- * Revenues are 44.1% of budget.
- * Expenditures are 36.1% of the budget

He also reported that the audit has not been released. He said that the business office is working on different projects with the City of Albuquerque – broadband and the lease of the option area. W-2's will be going out to staff in January. We are working our legislative ask for capital outlay. An update to the business office is that Alice Chavez will be taking a leave of absence. Sean Fry will remain as the business manager and Paula Gonzales will now be the assistant business manager.

B. Voucher Approvals*

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

Announcements

A. Date for next Regular SAMS Academy Governing Council Meeting

To continue to work with Kelly Callahan and the governing council meeting will be on January 20 at 4:30 on Zoom.

X. Adjournment*

Larry Kennedy called for a motion to adjourn. Farrah Nickerson made a motion to adjourn. Alex Carothers seconded the motion. Larry Kennedy called for a roll call vote to approve the agenda. Jill Brame called LyDawn Blount, Farrah Nickerson, Mike Romo, Alex Carothers, 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 December 16, 2020 on zoom.us at 5:21PM.