



**GOVERNING COUNCIL**

Special Meeting of the SAMS Academy Governing Council on  
Wednesday, January 20, 2021

Zoom.us

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

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

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT**

Alex Carothers, Ed Smith and LyDawn Blount

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE**

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

**PUBLIC**

Jose Garcia-Galvez

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 Regular Meeting of the Governing Council for the Southwest Aeronautics, Mathematics, and Science Academy on January 20, 2021 at 4:30 PM on zoom.us.

### **A. Roll Call**

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

### **C. Review/Approval of Minutes from December 16, 2020\***

Larry asked for a motion to approve the Minutes from the December 16 special meeting. Farrah Nickerson made a motion to approve the minutes. Roland Dewing seconded the motion. Larry Kennedy called for a roll call vote to approve the minutes from December 16, 2020. Jill Brame called Roland Dewing, Farrah Nickerson, and Mike Romo, and Larry Kennedy; all voted yes. The motion carried unanimously.

### **D. Review/Approval of Minutes from January 5, 2021\***

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 January 5, 2021. Jill Brame called Roland Dewing, Farrah Nickerson, and Mike Romo, and Larry Kennedy; all voted yes. The motion carried unanimously.

### **E. Review/Approval of Minutes from January 14, 2021\***

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 January 14, 2021. Jill Brame called Roland Dewing, Farrah Nickerson, and 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).**

None.

## **III. Open Session**

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

No closed session.

## **IV. Public Comment**

None.

## **V. Administrative Update**

### **A. Student Achievement Update**

Bridget Barret presented data on first semester student performance from Edgenuity. She also informed the board that there is discussion from PED that school may return to in-person learning by the end of the school year.

### **B. Safe School Plan Update**

Jill Brame explained that the safe school plan has been turned into the state for the initial rating. Before the final copy is due, the governing council will need to approve. She also informed the GC that Mike Romo has been looking through it as well.

### **C. 2019-2020 PED Site Visit Report and Update**

Jill Brame told the board that a report on the January 2020 site visit was sent and overall the school did well. She is working on the requests and will return by February 5.

## **VI. Ongoing Business Matters**

### **A. Aviation Program Update**

Nathan Hardin reported the following:

- \* N739HK is flying well, but cold weather has cancelled a couple flights.
- \* Ground classes are going well and will be focused on recreational written tests.
- \* Social media posts and other media are doing well and bringing more exposure to the school.
- \* The avionics upgrades are still pending as he works around the student flying schedule.
- \* Many students are about to begin flying.

**B. Facility Committee**

Larry Kennedy informed the board that the facility committee has not met. Connie Dove reminded of the extension on the land. She also said that the civil engineer is working with the city.

**VII. Governing Council Development**

**A. Presentation from Kelly Callahan PCSNM**

Kelly Callahan said she received the most current head administrator from Larry Kennedy. She said the evaluation they have is good. She wants to add the “how” of what the head administrator is doing. She will make an instrument to use to work through the evaluation process, which will take place throughout the spring.

**VIII. New Business Matters**

**A. 2021 Open Meetings Resolution\***

Larry Kennedy explained that this Open Meeting resolution moves the regular meeting to the third Wednesday at 4:30pm. Farrah Nickerson made a motion to approve the Open Meetings Resolution. Roland Dewing seconded the motion. Larry Kennedy called for a roll call vote to approve the Open Meetings Resolution. Jill Brame called Roland Dewing, Farrah Nickerson, and Mike Romo, and Larry Kennedy; all voted yes. The motion carried unanimously.

**B. eRate CAT 2 funding\***

Jill Brame explained that this funding will cover the cost of new switches for the school. The form presented needs to be signed by Larry Kennedy to accept the money. Farrah Nickerson made a motion to approve the acceptance of the CAT 2 eRate money. Mike Romo seconded. Larry Kennedy called for a roll call vote to approve the eRate CAT 2 Funding. Jill Brame called Roland Dewing, Farrah Nickerson, and Mike Romo, and Larry Kennedy; all voted yes. The motion carried unanimously.

**IX. Finance Report**

**A. Business Office Operation Update**

Sean Fry reported that the finance committee met before the board meeting. He also reported:

- \* Revenues are 54% of budget.
- \* Expenditures are 44.4% of the budget

**B. Voucher Approvals\***

Larry Kennedy said that the Finance Committee recommends the check register. Larry Kennedy called for a motion to approve the vouchers. Farrah Nickerson made a motion to approve the vouchers. Mike Romo seconded the

motion. Larry Kennedy called for a roll call vote to approve the vouchers. Jill Brame called Roland Dewing, Farrah Nickerson, and Mike Romo, and Larry Kennedy; all voted yes. The motion carried unanimously.

### **C. Budget Adjustment Requests\***

**BARs 10-M – 12-M** Larry Kennedy called for a motion to approve BARs 10-M – 12-M. Farrah Nickerson made a motion to approve BARs 10-M – 12-M. Mike Romo seconded the motion. Larry Kennedy called for a roll call vote to approve the minutes from December 16, 2020. Jill Brame called Roland Dewing, Farrah Nickerson, and Mike Romo, 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 February 17, 2021 at 4:30 PM in the conference room.

## **XI. Adjournment\***

Larry Kennedy called for a motion to adjourn. Farrah Nickerson made a motion to adjourn. Mike Romo seconded the motion. . Larry Kennedy called for a roll call vote to adjourn the meeting. Jill Brame called Roland Dewing, Farrah Nickerson, and 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 January 20, 2021 on zoom.us at 5:40 PM.