



GOVERNING COUNCIL

Special Meeting of the SAMS Academy Governing Council on
Wednesday, February 17, 2021

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, Nathan Hardin, Sean Fry, Connie Dove 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 Regular Meeting of the Governing Council for the Southwest Aeronautics, Mathematics, and Science Academy on February 17, 2021 at 4:30 PM on zoom.us.

A. Roll Call

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

B. Adoption of the Agenda*

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

C. Review/Approval of Minutes from January 20, 2021*

Larry asked for a motion to approve the Minutes from the January 20 special 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 20, 2021. Jill Brame called Mike Romo, Alex Carothers, Farrah Nickerson, Roland Dewing, 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 Kennedy said there was no reason for closed session.

III. Open Session

A. Action on matters discussed in Closed Session

No closed session.

IV. Public Comment

None.

V. Administrative Update

A. Student Achievement Report

Bridget Barrett reported on the following:

- Total enrollment of Edgenuity classes
- Number of students that are using school devices
- The number of students that have had home visits

VI. Ongoing Business Matters

A. Aviation Program Update

Nathan reported the following:

- * 16 missions/ 24.1 hours have been flown since the January meeting
- * 8 students have been in the RedBird Sim
- * The Cessna 172 is flying well/ N1917L has been sold and will no longer be used by SAMS Academy
- * A small group of students is working together in-person for drone class.
- * FOA is going well/ one student has passed the written exam

B. Facility Committee Update

Connie Dove gave an update on the new facility from the civil engineer. Larry Kennedy asked her for dimensions to be added to the preliminary drawings. Connie Dove said she would speak with the architect about that request.

VII. Governing Council Development

A. Presentation from Kelly Callahan PCSNM

Kelly Callahan shared the current policy revisions checklist. Some policies need to be revised due to change in language of the law. She will be working with Bridget Barrett to make the necessary changes.

Kelly Callahan also said she has been working on the Head Administrator evaluation process for the governing council. She presented a draft if the Governing Council would like to use for their evaluation of the Head Administrator. This evaluation focuses on the performance frameworks and mission specific goals of the charter.

VIII. New Business Matters

A. Charter Revision to Add Sixth Grade*

Jill Brame presented the paperwork needed to add 6th grade to the current charter. She said that every year we have interest from parents wanting their 6th grader to come to school at SAMS. She also told the governing council the process of the revision. If they approve the addition of 6th grade, the paperwork would be sent to the PEC for final approval.

Larry Kennedy called for a motion. Farrah Nickerson made a motion to add 6th grade to our current charter. Alex Carothers seconded. Larry Kennedy called for a roll call vote to approve the addition of 6th grade to the charter. Jill Brame called Mike Romo, Alex Carothers, Farrah Nickerson, Roland Dewing, and Larry Kennedy; all voted yes. The motion carried unanimously.

B. School Reentry to In-person Learning*

Jill Brame presented the plan to bring students back to in-person learning. This plan included a daily schedule, safety protocols, and a bus schedule. The governing council thought that the school seemed prepared. Farrah Nickerson questioned the precautions that the bus company was taking to be safe for students. Other governing council members agreed. Larry Kennedy called for a motion. Mike Romo made a motion that SAMS Academy Governing Council authorizes the return to in-person attendance in accordance with the presented school COVID-19 mitigation protocols. Bus transportation will be pending the approval of the selected vendor's risk reduction protocols. Farrah Nickerson seconded. Larry Kennedy called for a roll call vote to approve the motion. Jill Brame called Mike Romo, Alex Carothers, Farrah Nickerson, Roland Dewing, and Larry Kennedy; all voted yes. The motion carried unanimously.

IX. Finance Report

A. Business Office Operation Update

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

He also reported:

* Revenues are 62.2% of budget.

* Expenditures are 49.7% 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. Alex Carothers seconded the motion. Larry Kennedy called for a roll call vote to approve the voucher report. Jill Brame called Mike Romo, Alex Carothers, Farrah Nickerson, Roland Dewing, and Larry Kennedy; all voted yes. The motion carried unanimously.

C. Budget Adjustment Requests*

BAR 14-I: Larry Kennedy called for a motion to approve BAR 14-I. Farrah Nickerson made a motion to approve BAR 14-I. Mike Romo seconded the motion. Larry Kennedy called for a roll call vote to approve BAR 14-I. Jill Brame called Mike Romo, Alex Carothers, Farrah Nickerson, Roland Dewing, and Larry Kennedy; all voted yes. The motion carried unanimously.

BAR 15-I: Larry Kennedy called for a motion to approve BAR 15-I. Farrah Nickerson made a motion to approve BAR 15-I. Mike Romo seconded the motion. Larry Kennedy called for a roll call vote to approve BAR 15-I. Jill Brame

called Mike Romo, Alex Carothers, Farrah Nickerson, Roland Dewing, 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 March 17, 2021 at 4:30 PM on zoom.us.

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 approve the agenda. Jill Brame called Mike Romo, Alex Carothers, Farrah Nickerson, 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 February 17, 2021 on zoom.us at 6:16 PM.