



**GOVERNING COUNCIL**

Special Meeting of the SAMS Academy Governing Council on  
Wednesday, April 21, 2021

Zoom.us

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

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

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT**

Ed Smith

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE**

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

**PUBLIC**

None

These minutes were approved on 5-19-21

By a vote of 5 yes 0 no 1 absent 0 abstained

*Larry Kennedy* President

*Roland Dewing* 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 April 21, 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, and Mike Romo. Alex Carothers was absent during roll call. 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. Mike Romo seconded the motion.

*Alex Carothers arrived at 4:31pm., prior to the vote.*

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 February 22, 2021\***

Larry asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the February 22 special meeting. Farrah Nickerson made a motion to approve the minutes. Alex Carothers seconded the motion. Larry Kennedy called for a roll call vote to approve the minutes from February 22, 2021. Jill Brame called Mike Romo, Alex Carothers, Farrah Nickerson, Roland Dewing, and Larry Kennedy; all voted yes. The motion carried unanimously.

### **D. Review/Approval of Minutes from March 17, 2021\***

Larry asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the March 17 regular 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 March 17, 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 made a motion to move to closed session due to real property acquisition, pursuant to NMSA 1978, Section 10-15-1(H)(8). Farrah Nickerson seconded the motion. Larry Kennedy called for a roll call vote to approve moving to closed session. Jill Brame called Mike Romo, Alex Carothers, Farrah

Nickerson, Roland Dewing, and Larry Kennedy; all voted yes. The motion carried unanimously.

Closed session began at 4:35PM.

### **III. Open Session**

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

Larry Kennedy made a motion to move back to closed session and affirmed that only items on the agenda were discussed and no action was taken. Farrah Nickerson seconded the motion. Larry Kennedy called for a roll call vote to approve moving back to open session. Jill Brame called Mike Romo, Alex Carothers, Farrah Nickerson, Roland Dewing, and Larry Kennedy; all voted yes. The motion carried unanimously.

### **IV. Public Comment**

None.

### **V. Administrative Update**

#### **A. Student Achievement Report**

Bridget presented information on how student are doing in their classes. She gave an update on the enrollment numbers for next fall. Vault testing is happening for unvaccinated staff members. SAT testing for juniors is on April 27. She read a story from Ms. Yates about how she is handling her remote/in-person learning.

#### **B. In-Person Learning Update**

Bridget Barrett reported that teachers are teaching the in-person students and have remote students and it is going really well. Students are rotating through content teachers.

### **VI. Ongoing Business Matters**

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

Nathan reported the following:

- \* They have flown 10 mission
- \* Another student had her first solo flight
- \* Ground and drone classes are going well
- \* Spartan Aviation School recently announced the partnership with the school on their website.
- \* He has found a new maintenance company that can do the work for less cost.

**B. Facility Committee Update**

Larry Kennedy informed the governing council that the facility committee met and reviewed the preliminary floor plans and had a few questions to talk with Steve. Enclosing the courtyard may be an option. Larry Kennedy will ask Steve Nakamura to update the governing council at the next meeting.

**VII. Governing Council Development**

**A. Presentation from Kelly Callahan PCSNM**

Kelly Callahan said all hours for the governing council training are met. Moving forward there will be more emphasis on Culturally and Linguistically Responsive understanding and training. Moving forward, looking at a new mission and vision for the school may be beneficial.

**VIII. New Business Matters**

**A. 2018 CAT 2 e-Rate Funding close out\***

Sean Fry explained that this funding provided internet connectivity. We received the reimbursement for this funding sources and this just closes it out with the state. He asked for consideration for the governing council to allow Larry Kennedy to sign this form. Alex Carothers made a motion that Larry Kennedy can sign the 2018 CAT2 e-Rate funding close out. Mike Romo 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.

**B. Charter Revision to Add Sixth grade**

Larry Kennedy asked Jill Brame to give an update on the addition of sixth grade. Jill Brame said that the PEC was excited that SAMS Academy would be adding 6<sup>th</sup> grade to the charter. About 15 sixth grade students had already signed up in the lottery process.

**C. School Year 19-20 PED Site Visit Report**

Jill Brame explained that the CSD had released the final report for the school year 19-20 site visit report. All items were submitted that had been requested. It was an overall good report.

**D. School Year 20-21 Site Visit Update – Potential Assurances\***

Bridget Barrett explained that we had a very good virtual site visit. Larry Kennedy was pleased with the part he heard. There were no assurances to be signed, so no action.

## **E. Head Administrator Evaluation Rubric**

Kelly Callahan sent the governing council the evaluation for the head administrator. All were in agreement of using the rubric. The evaluation will happen during the closed session in May.

## **IX. Finance Report**

### **A. Fy 2020 Audit Report**

Sean Fry reported that the audit had been released March 27. There was one finding with four conditions. All concerns have been addressed and are being worked out.

### **B. Business Office Operations Update**

Sean Fry gave an update on the operating budget.

Revenues are 76.4% of the budget

Expenditures are 50.8% of the budget

### **C. 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 motion. 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 May 19, 2021 at 4:30 PM.

Larry Kennedy also announced that LyDawn Blount has resigned from the governing council. He thanked her for her service to SAMS Academy.

## **XI. Adjournment\***

Larry Kennedy called for a motion to adjourn. Alex Carothers made a motion to adjourn. Mike Romo seconded the motion. 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.

The regular meeting of the Governing Council for the Southwest Aeronautics, Mathematics and Science Academy adjourned on April 21, 2021 on zoom.us at 6:06 PM.