



GOVERNING COUNCIL

Regular Meeting of the SAMS Academy Governing Council on
Wednesday, July 21, 2021

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BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Larry Kennedy, Alex Carothers, Brandy Bond, and Mike Romo

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Farrah Nickerson, Ed Smith, and Roland Dewing

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

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

PUBLIC

None

These minutes were approved on 8-27-21

By a vote of 5 yes 0 no 2 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 July 21, 2021 at 4:30 PM on zoom.us.

A. Roll Call

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

C. Review/Approval of Minutes from June 16, 2021*

Larry asked for a motion to approve the Minutes from the June 16 regular meeting. Mike Romo made a motion to approve the minutes. Brandy Bond seconded the motion. Larry Kennedy called for a roll call vote to approve the June 16 minutes. Jill Brame called Mike Romo, Alex Carothers, Brandy Bond, and Larry Kennedy; all voted yes. The motion carried unanimously.

D. Review/Approval of Minutes from June 28, 2021*

Larry asked for a motion to approve the Minutes from the June 28 special meeting. Mike Romo made a motion to approve the minutes. Brandy Bond seconded the motion. Larry Kennedy called for a roll call vote to approve the June 28 minutes. Jill Brame called Mike Romo, Alex Carothers, Brandy Bond, and Larry Kennedy; all voted yes. The motion carried unanimously.

II. Public Comment

None.

III. New Business Matters

A. Memorandum of Understanding with Public Charter Schools of New Mexico for 2021-2022 school year for Governing Council Development*

Larry Kennedy explained that this MOU will allow the SAMS Academy Governing Council to continue to do training with Kelly Callahan. Larry Kennedy called for a motion. Mike Romo made a motion to approve the memorandum of understanding with PCSNM to continue training with Kelly Callahan. Alex Carothers seconded the motion. Larry Kennedy called for a roll call vote to approve the MOU with PCSNM. Jill Brame called Mike Romo, Alex Carothers,

Brandy Bond, and Larry Kennedy; all voted yes. The motion carried unanimously.

B. Contract for Kelly Callahan Professional Services, LLC for Consulting Services for Head Administrator*

Larry Kennedy explained that this service was used for the 20-21 school year and the head administrator is requesting to utilize this service again. Bridget Barrett explained that the service Kelly Callahan provided was invaluable. Mike Romo made a motion for Kelly Callahan to continue her Consulting services with the head administrator. Brandy Bond seconded. Larry Kennedy called for a roll call vote to approve Kelly Callahan to consult with the head administrator. Jill Brame called Mike Romo, Alex Carothers, Brandy Bond, and Larry Kennedy; all voted yes. The motion carried unanimously.

C. Charter School Division 2020/2021 Preliminary Site Visit Report

Jill Brame explained that the Report from the modified site visit was good. The few requests that were made have already been submitted.

D. Assurances for CSD Site Visit*

Jill Brame explained that Larry Kennedy and Bridget Barrett need to sign the assurances to meet the requests from the CSD Site Visit. She explained that all items on the list are being met at the school. Alex Carothers made a motion to approve Larry Kennedy signing the Assurances for the site visit. Mike Romo seconded. Larry Kennedy called for a roll call vote to approve the motion. Jill Brame called Mike Romo, Alex Carothers, Brandy Bond, and Larry Kennedy; all voted yes. The motion carried unanimously.

E. Attendance for Success Act*

Bridget Barrett explained the new attendance for success act policy. Kelly Callahan also added that this act is in statute and gives tiers to truancy. Larry Kennedy called for a motion. Mike Romo made a motion to approve the attendance for success act. Brandy Bond seconded. Larry Kennedy called for a roll call vote to approve the motion. Jill Brame called Mike Romo, Alex Carothers, Brandy Bond, and Larry Kennedy; all voted yes. The motion carried unanimously.

F. Governing Council Member Appointment to Audit Committee*

Larry Kennedy explained that with LyDawn Blount resigning from the board, there is an opening on the audit committee. He asked for volunteers. Alex Carothers volunteered. Mike Romo made a motion to accept Alex Carothers as the new audit committee member. Brandy Bond seconded. Larry Kennedy called for a roll call vote to approve the motion. Jill Brame called Mike Romo,

Alex Carothers, Brandy Bond, and Larry Kennedy; all voted yes. The motion carried unanimously.

G. Regular Governing Council Meeting Day and Time Discussion

Larry Kennedy brought up that we talked at the last meeting to be in person and at different times and days. Larry Kennedy proposed the third Friday of the month at 8:30AM in person at SAMS Academy. Everyone thought that would work with their schedules.

IV. Administrative Update

A. Student Achievement Update*

Bridget reported:

- * Summer school is wrapping up on July 28.
- * 307 student have accepted a spot at SAMS for the 21-22 school year.
- * Front office is busy giving tours to new/prospective families
- * ELA teacher resigned and a new teacher has been hired.
- * Discussed Special Education Department and said that Shannon Baldonado will be taking over as the Special Education director and part-time Assistant Principal. We are still looking for a special education teacher
- * Registration process is under way.
- * She read a letter from a student to Ms. Carla Gonzales thanking her for the tour.

V. Ongoing Business

A. Aviation Program Update

Nathan Hardin said there are 8 students in summer school ready to take their written test, then start flying. Avionics and interior is complete in the plane and it is now at the paint shop getting exterior complete. LOEFI is coming up in September and Spartan will be flying in to set up a booth with SAMS Academy.

VI. Governing Council Development

A. Discussion with Kelly Callahan

Kelly Callahan will prepare materials for training and begin in earnest in September.

VII. Finance Report

A. Business Office Operation Update

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

- * June ended the fiscal year. Everything looks great on the finance side. The school spent about 55% of operational budget – saving money for the new

building. All functions and funds ended positive. He is working on submitting final reports to the state and preparing for the audit.

B. Voucher Approvals*

Sean Fry presented the voucher report. Larry Kennedy said that the Finance Committee recommends the check register. Larry Kennedy called for a motion to approve the vouchers. Mike Romo made a motion to approve the vouchers. Brandy Bond seconded the motion. Larry Kennedy called for a roll call vote to approve the voucher report. Jill Brame called Mike Romo, Alex Carothers, Brandy Bond, and Larry Kennedy; all voted yes. The motion carried unanimously.

C. Budget Adjustment Requests*

BARs 22-01-IB – BAR 22-06-IB: Larry Kennedy called for a motion to approve BARs 01-1 – 06-1. Brandy Bondy made a motion to approve the BARs. Mike Romo seconded the motion. Larry Kennedy called for a roll call vote to approve the motion. Jill Brame called Mike Romo, Alex Carothers, Brandy Bond, and Larry Kennedy; all voted yes. The motion carried unanimously.

VIII. Announcements

A. Date for next Regular SAMS Academy Governing Council Meeting

The next regular meeting will be a special meeting as it will be held on Friday, August 27, 2021 at 8:30AM. The meeting will be in-person with option of zoom or call in.

IX. Adjournment*

Larry Kennedy called for a motion to adjourn. Mike Romo made a motion to adjourn. Brandy Bond seconded the motion. Larry Kennedy called for a roll call vote to approve the adjourning the meeting. Jill Brame called Mike Romo, Alex Carothers, Brandy Bond, 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 July 21, 2021 on zoom.us at 5:30 PM.