



**GOVERNING COUNCIL**

Special Meeting of the SAMS Academy Governing Council on  
Friday, August 27, 2021

Zoom.us

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

Larry Kennedy, Brandy Bond, Farrah Nickerson,  
Alex Carothers, and Roland Dewing

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT**

Ed Smith and Mike Romo

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE**

Bridget Barrett, Nathan Hardin, Sean Fry, and Shannon Baldonado

**PUBLIC**

None

These minutes were approved on 9-17-21

By a vote of 4 yes 0 no 3 absent 0 abstained

*Larry Kennedy* President

*Roland Dewing* 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 August 27, 2021 at 8:31 AM on zoom.us.

### **A. Roll Call**

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

### **C. Review/Approval of Minutes from July 21, 2021\***

Larry asked for a motion to approve the Minutes from the July 21 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 July 21, 2021. Jill Brame called Alex Carothers, Roland Dewing, Farrah Nickerson, and Larry Kennedy; all voted yes. The motion carried unanimously.

### **D. Review/Approval of Minutes from August 10, 2021\***

Larry asked for a motion to approve the Minutes from the August 10 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 August 10, 2021. Jill Brame called Alex Carothers, Roland Dewing, Farrah Nickerson, and Larry Kennedy; all voted yes. The motion carried unanimously.

## **II. Public Comment**

None.

## **III. New Business Matters**

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

Larry Kennedy said that after talking with all the governing council members, having the meetings Friday morning at 8:30am would work best with schedules. Larry called for a motion. Farrah Nickerson made a motion to approve the Open Meeting Resolution revision. Brandy Bond seconded. Larry Kennedy called for a roll call vote to approve the motion. Jill Brame called Alex Carothers, Roland

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

#### **IV. Administrative Update**

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

Bridget Barrett reported the following:

- \* Students are starting work in Edgenuity
- \* Parent Volunteer Program is starting
- \* We have a full-time social worker and she is also teaching SEL classes
- \* There are many changes on campus and students are getting used to them, including wearing masks
- \* A blended model is being used with smaller class sizes, and high school and middle school levels split.
- \* She shared a note from a senior student about his thoughts being back in the building.

##### **B. Start of Classes Update**

Bridget Barrett reported that 260 students started the new school year on August 16. There continue to be offers for spots made. She also reported that students are completing interim assessments.

#### **V. Ongoing Business**

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

Nathan Hardin reported the following:

- \* Airplane is still in Texas for painting – he will be getting the airplane the first weekend of September.
- \* Currently 157 students in the aviation program; 94 in FOA and drone
- \* LOEFI is coming up on September 25-26 and SAMS will have a display set up.

##### **B. Facility Update**

Larry Kennedy said the submittal was made for the permits with the city. The appraisal is also happening. Connie Dove had submitted items to PSFA and the approval letter was returned to the school and sent to PED.

#### **VI. Finance Report**

##### **A. Business Office Operation Update**

Sean Fry reported that the Finance Committee met before the meeting. There is a lot of change with the beginning of the fiscal year and school year. He said enrollment is important and we need to continue to get more students.

He also reported:

- \* Revenues are 8.2% of budget.
- \* Expenditures are 6.04% of the budget

**B. Voucher Approvals\***

Sean Fry presented the voucher report and pointed out some one-time fees for renewal of services. Farrah Nickerson made a motion to approve the voucher report. Alex Carothers seconded. . Larry Kennedy called for a roll call vote to approve the motion. Jill Brame called Alex Carothers, Roland Dewing, Farrah Nickerson, and Larry Kennedy; all voted yes. The motion carried unanimously.

**VII. Announcements**

**A. Date for next Regular SAMS Academy Governing Council Meeting**

The next regular meeting will be Friday, September 17, 2021 at 8:30 AM in the conference room or zoom – depending on health order.

**VIII. Adjournment\***

Larry Kennedy called for a motion to adjourn. Farrah Nickerson made a motion to adjourn. Brandy Bond seconded the motion. . Larry Kennedy called for a roll call vote to adjourn the meeting. Jill Brame called Alex Carothers, Roland Dewing, Farrah Nickerson, 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 August 27, 2021 on zoom.us at 9:23AM.