



GOVERNING COUNCIL

Special Meeting of the SAMS Academy Governing Council on
Monday, December 20, 2021

Zoom.us

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

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

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Ed Smith

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Bridget Barrett, Nathan Hardin, Sean Fry, Shannon Baldonado,
Lauren Chavez, and Kelly Callahan,

PUBLIC

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 Special Meeting of the Governing Council for the Southwest Aeronautics, Mathematics, and Science Academy on December 20, 2021 at 8:30 AM on zoom.us.

A. Roll Call

Larry Kennedy asked Jill Brame to call roll. Jill Brame called Roland Dewing, Brandy Bond, Alex Carothers, Farrah Nickerson, Mike Romo and Larry Kennedy. 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. Alex Carothers 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 19, 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. Roland Dewing seconded the motion. Larry Kennedy called for a roll call vote to approve the minutes from November 19, 2021. Jill Brame called Mike Romo, Alex Carothers, Farrah Nickerson, Roland Dewing, Brandy Bond and Larry Kennedy; all voted yes. The motion carried unanimously.

II. Public Comment

None.

III. Closed Session

A. Discussion of Real Property Acquisition pursuant to a Lease Purchase Agreement pursuant to NMSA 1978, Section 10-15-1(H)(8).

Larry Kennedy made a motion to move to closed session and invited Sean Fry and Bridget Barrett into the meeting as well. Roland Dewing seconded the motion. Larry Kennedy called for a roll call vote to moving to closed session. Jill Brame called Mike Romo, Alex Carothers, Farrah Nickerson, Roland Dewing, Brandy Bond and Larry Kennedy; all voted yes. The motion carried unanimously.

Closed session began at 8:33AM.

IV. Open Session

A. Action on matters discussed in Closed Session

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

Open Session resumed at 9:12AM.

Alex Carothers made a motion that the SAMS Academy governing council authorizes board president, Larry Kennedy, to sign the non-disturbance agreement between SAMS & Main Bank contingent to the requirements codified in the existing LPA at exhibit E, Part 8, Section B, subsection 5. 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, Brandy Bond and Larry Kennedy; all voted yes. The motion carried unanimously.

V. Administrative Update

A. Student Achievement Report

Bridget Barrett reported on the following:

- Edgenuity class update as students finish the semester
- Engage NM through PED is back to help with student engagement and giving support
- Interim assessments will be taking place in January
- A new Covid questionnaire on the website to help with tracking cases
- enrollment is at 270
- thanked Nathan Hardin for his work as he leaves SAMS Academy
- there has been an uptick in Covid cases; some groups have been quarantined
- Test-to-stay program will begin in the new year
- social worker has been a huge help with student conflict and mediation

VI. New Business

A. Non-Discrimination Policy*

Bridget Barrett explained that this new school policy is in response to HB33. This policy needs to be added to ensure there is no discrimination in the school and/or curriculum. Roland Dewing asked to see course catalog for Edgenuity. Mike Romo asked about wording of section 5. Sean Fry explained that these came from legislation and there is certain wording that needs to be part of the policy.

Roland Dewing made a motion to approve the non-discrimination policy. Brandy Bond seconded. Larry Kennedy called for a roll call vote to approve the non-discrimination policy. Jill Brame called Mike Romo - no, Alex Carothers - yes, Farrah Nickerson - yes, Roland Dewing - yes, Brandy Bond - yes and Larry Kennedy - yes; The motion carried in a vote 5-1.

VII. Ongoing Business Matters

A. Aviation Program Update

Nathan Hardin reported the following:

- * There have only been 3 flights since the meeting. Much of the time has been dedicated to the transition process between Nathan Hardin and Dr. Chavez.
- * Ground classes have concluded; for FOA 81% was the average grade with 87% passing the classes.
- * Looking at setting higher standards for passing the aviation classes and remaining in the program.
- * The annual inspection finished and some unexpected repairs came up that needed to be happen.
- * Nathan Hardin thanked the governing council and Bridget Barrett for support. He knows Dr. Chavez will do a great job running the program.
- * Governing council members thanked Mr. Hardin for his efforts for the program.

Brandy Bond asked about the drone program. Farrah Nickerson asked about the requirements for the aviation program. Lauren Chavez explained the way the program would be able to grow, be available to everyone and instill the high standards the aviation courses have.

B. Facility Committee Update

Larry Kennedy said we would be getting ready to sign the LPA and get dirt turning soon.

VIII. Governing Council Development

A. Discussion with Kelly Callahan

Kelly Callahan appreciates the good questions the governing council is asking.

B. SAMS Governing Council Bylaws Revision*

Kelly Callahan had suggested some language for the bylaws regarding term limits and rotation for governing council members. Larry Kennedy said that adding the term limits and rotation cycle would be good. He was also onboard with adding the language of the secretary description. Kelly Callahan suggested that the after approval, the term limits and rotation would go into process on July 1, start of the new fiscal year.

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

C. SAMS Governing Council Self-Evaluation Tool*

Kelly Callahan has received four of seven governing council members' self-evaluations. From what she has received, the top items to work on are: the new building completion, succession and recruiting, and appraisal of the governing council. After all are returned, Ms. Callahan will make an action plan for moving forward. Kelly Callahan suggested a board retreat to help set goals and plans for the governing council.

IX. Finance Report

A. Business Office Operation Update

Sean Fry reported that the finance committee met before the board meeting and finances look good.

He also reported:

* Revenues are 24.61% of budget.

* Expenditures are 20.03% 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. Mike Romo made a motion to approve the vouchers. Farrah Nickerson 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, Brandy Bond and Larry Kennedy; all voted yes. The motion carried unanimously.

C. Budget Adjustment Requests*

BAR 22-13-IB – BAR 22-22-I: Sean Fry explained the ten BARs for consideration (listed below). Alex Carothers made a motion to approve BARs 22-13-IB to 22-22-I. 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, Brandy Bond and Larry Kennedy; all voted yes. The motion carried unanimously.

BAR22-013-IB; BAR22-014-IB; BAR22-015-IB; BAR22-016-I; BAR22-017-I;
BAR22-018-I; BAR22-019-IB; BAR22-020-I; BAR22-021-I; BAR22-022-I

X. Announcements

A. Date for next Regular SAMS Academy Governing Council Meeting

The next regular meeting will be January 21, 2022 at 8:30 AM.

XI. Adjournment*

Larry Kennedy called for a motion to adjourn. Mike Romo made a motion to adjourn. Alex Carothers seconded the motion. Larry Kennedy called for a roll call vote to approve adjourning the meeting. Jill Brame called Mike Romo, Alex Carothers, Farrah Nickerson, Roland Dewing, Brandy Bond 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 December 20, 2021 on zoom.us at 10:21AM.