



**GOVERNING COUNCIL**

Regular Meeting of the SAMS Academy Governing Council on  
Friday, February 18, 2022

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, Sean Fry, Shannon Baldonado,  
Lauren Chavez, and Kelly Callahan

**PUBLIC**

None

These minutes were approved on 3-18-22

By a vote of 4 yes 0 no 3 absent 1 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 February 18, 2022 at 8:32 AM on zoom.us.

### **A. Roll Call**

Larry Kennedy asked Jill Brame to call roll. Jill Brame called Roland Dewing, Brandy Bond, Alex Carothers, and Larry Kennedy. Ed Smith was absent.

### **B. Adoption of the Agenda\***

Larry Kennedy said that item IV.C. be removed from the agenda as the lawyer has not had time to approve. Larry Kennedy asked for a motion to approve the amended 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, Brandy Bond, Roland Dewing, and Larry Kennedy; all voted yes. The motion carried unanimously.

### **C. Review/Approval of Minutes from January 14, 2022\***

Larry asked for a motion to approve the Minutes from the January 14 special meeting. Farrah Nickerson made a motion to approve the minutes. Brandy Bond seconded the motion. Larry Kennedy called for a roll call vote to approve the January 14 minutes. Jill Brame called Mike Romo, Alex Carothers, Farrah Nickerson, Brandy Bond, Roland Dewing, and Larry Kennedy; all voted yes. The motion carried unanimously.

### **D. Review/Approval of Minutes from January 21, 2022\***

Larry asked for a motion to approve the Minutes from the January 21 regular meeting. Farrah Nickerson made a motion to approve the minutes. Brandy Bond seconded the motion. Larry Kennedy called for a roll call vote to approve the January 21 minutes. Jill Brame called Mike Romo, Alex Carothers, Farrah Nickerson, Brandy Bond, Roland Dewing, and Larry Kennedy; all voted yes. The motion carried unanimously.

## **II. Public Comment**

None.

## **III. Administrative Update**

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

Bridget Barrett reported on the following:

- Edgenuity student achievement data
- We received capital outlay funds for the new building from local representatives
- There is a restructuring of the Administrative Org. Chart
- Working on new marketing strategies
- Audra Hays will be taking over the Equity Council
- Mission minute: two students have been accepted to Embry Riddle

#### **IV. New Business Matters**

##### **A. 2022 Open Meetings Resolution\***

Larry Kennedy presented the 2022 Open Meetings Act Resolution. He reminded everyone that this needs to be approved annually. This outlines the days, times, and location for the regular governing council meetings. Alex Carothers made a motion to approve the Open Meetings Resolution. Mike Romo seconded the motion. Larry Kennedy called for a roll call vote to approve the Open Meetings Resolution. Jill Brame called Mike Romo, Alex Carothers, Farrah Nickerson, Brandy Bond, Roland Dewing, and Larry Kennedy; all voted yes. The motion carried unanimously.

##### **B. Election of Officers: President, Vice-President, and Secretary\***

Larry Kennedy said that since we were approving the Open Meetings Resolution, it was a good time to elect officers for the year. Larry Kennedy said he was happy to stay the president. Farrah Nickerson said she would stay vice-president, and Roland Dewing said he would remain secretary. Alx Carothers made a motion to elect Larry Kennedy as president, Farrah Nickerson as vice-president, and Roland Dewing as secretary. Mike Romo seconded the motion. Larry Kennedy called for a roll call vote to approve the officers. Jill Brame called Mike Romo, Alex Carothers, Farrah Nickerson, Brandy Bond, Roland Dewing, and Larry Kennedy; all voted yes. The motion carried unanimously.

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

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

Lauren reported the following:

- Some students are getting close to their solo flights and others are getting close to their check-ride.
- Ground classes are going well
- Students are getting Drone Pilot Scholarship
- She is working with Young Eagles and CAP on some partnership

- Potentially working with MS teachers to provide students an "Aviation Day" once per quarter.
- She was invited to the CNM Advisory Committee and making good connections
- She also met with a company that does work with Augmented Reality simulation for aviation training with Embry Riddle. They are offering this to our school for free.

**B. Facility Committee Update**

Larry Kennedy informed the board that earth work begins on Monday, February 21. He said that Jill Brame will be meeting with Steve Nakamura and his group soon for weekly meetings. The Facility Committee will be meeting regularly to make decisions.

**VI. Governing Council Development**

**A. Discussion with Kelly Callahan**

Kelly Callahan gave the school kudos for implementing mission specific goals. She said the governing council will be finalizing their training hours on budget and Equity Council.

**B. Strategic Planning Discussion**

Kelly Callahan reported the focus areas that the governing council wanted to implement via a survey. She shared a template for a strategic plan and how that could be implemented.

**VII. Finance Report**

**A. Business Office Operation Update**

Sean Fry reported that the finance committee met before the board meeting. Finances look good; we did make the down payment for the new building.

He also reported:

- \* Revenues are 57.5% of budget.
- \* Expenditures are 71.4% of the budget

**B. Voucher Approvals\***

Larry Kennedy said that the Finance Committee recommends the check register. Larry Kennedy called for a roll call vote to approve the vouchers. Jill Brame called Mike Romo, Alex Carothers, Farrah Nickerson, Brandy Bond, Roland Dewing, and Larry Kennedy; all voted yes. The motion carried unanimously.

**C. Budget Adjustment Requests\***

**BARs 2122-0023-I, 0024-I, 0025-IB:** Sean Fry explained each of the BARs. Farrah Nickerson made a motion to approve BARs 2122-0023-I, 0024-I, and 0025-IB. Alex Carothers seconded the motion. Larry Kennedy called for a roll call vote to approve the BARs. Jill Brame called Mike Romo, Alex Carothers, Farrah Nickerson, Brandy Bond, Roland Dewing, 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 March 18, 2022 at 8:30 AM; potentially in the conference room at the school.

**IX. 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 approve the agenda. Jill Brame called Mike Romo, Alex Carothers, Farrah Nickerson, Brandy Bond, 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 18, 2022 on zoom.us at 9:52 AM.