



**GOVERNING COUNCIL**

Special Meeting of the SAMS Academy Governing Council on  
Thursday, April 19, 2022

4100 Aerospace Parkway NW  
Albuquerque, NM 87120

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

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

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT**

None

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE**

Bridget Barrett, Sean Fry, Shannon Baldonado, Lauren Chavez,  
Kelly Callahan (zoom), Sue Griffith (zoom), Richard Romero (zoom)

**PUBLIC**

None

These minutes were approved on 5-20-22

By a vote of 6 yes 0 no 0 absent 0 abstained

*Brandy Bond* 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 April 14, 2022 at 8:37 AM in the conference room at 4100 Aerospace Parkway NW, Albuquerque, NM 87120.

### **A. Roll Call**

Larry Kennedy asked Jill Brame to call roll. Jill Brame called Roland Dewing, Brandy Bond, Alex Carothers, Farrah Nickerson, and Larry Kennedy. Mike Romo was absent during roll call.

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

Larry Kennedy requested to move the Governing Council Development before ongoing business. Larry Kennedy asked for a motion to approve the amended agenda. Farrah Nickerson made a motion to approve the amended agenda. Alex Carothers seconded the motion. Larry Kennedy called for a voice vote to approve the agenda, all board members present approved. Next, he called for any opposition and upon hearing none, the motion carried unanimously.

### **C. Review/Approval of Minutes from March 18, 2022 Regular Meeting\***

Larry asked for a motion to approve the Minutes from the March 18 regular meeting. Brandy Bond made a motion to approve the minutes. Alex Carothers seconded the motion. Larry Kennedy called for a voice vote to approve the minutes, all board members present approved. Next, he called for any opposition and upon hearing none, the motion carried unanimously.

## **II. Public Comment**

None.

## **III. Administrative Update**

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

Bridget Barrett reported on the following:

- Edgenuity progress
- Activities at the school (Prom, Archery)
- Open House for new students/families was a success
- Discussed enrollment for the current school year and for next school year
- Next Equity Council meeting is 4/20/22
- Covid protocols and updates
- End of year assessments (Science test, staff surveys, family surveys, HA self-evaluation)

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

##### **A. Legislative Update from Lobbyists**

Larry Kennedy welcomed Sue Griffith and Richard Romero and asked them to present a report from this year's legislative session. Sue Griffith reported the following:

- Thanked everyone for letting them be part of the SAMS community
- We had a very successful 30 day session; next year will be 60 days
- The school asked for \$150,000 for capital outlay and received it. (\$90,000 from Sen. Harold Pope and \$60,000 from Rep. Joy Garratt)
- Because of the redistricting that was approved, we will have new representation in the House and Senate. Sen. Pope will remain for two more years. With the new location of the school, that will also change the representation.

+ Joy Garratt still wants to support the school as she loves the things that are happening

Richard Romero reminded everyone that once new rep is announced, it will be important to introduce them to the school.

\* Mike Romo arrive at 8:49AM.

Sue Griffith continued with important legislation updates:

- HB43 with regards to lease assistance (passed)
- SB1- increase of pay for licensed teachers (passed)
- SB212 – capital outlay bill (passed)
- SB36 – for retiree health care (passed)
- HB13- Teacher residencies would help any student that wants to become a teacher (passed)
- HB73 – allows for retirees to return to work (passed)

Both Sue and Richard shared the importance of reaching out to senators and representatives and attending fundraisers and other events.

Larry Kennedy asked about which district our new school would fall in and Sue said would reach out to all the members with that information.

##### **B. Governing Council Member Recruitment**

Larry Kennedy reminded the governing council members to be recruiting new members for the council.

##### **C. Athletic Equity Policy\***

Larry Kennedy asked Bridget Barrett to explain the following policies. Bridget Barrett explained that this policy gives equity to girls and boys in athletics. Larry Kennedy called for a motion. Farrah Nickerson made a motion to approve the athletic equity policy. Brandy Bond seconded. Larry Kennedy called for a voice

vote to approve the Athletic Equity Policy, all board members present approved. Next, he called for any opposition and upon hearing none, the motion carried unanimously.

**D. Anti-Bullying Policy\***

Because of the last minute changes that were presented, Mike Romo made a motion to table this policy for the next meeting so the governing council can review. Brandy Bond seconded. Larry Kennedy called for a voice vote to approve tabling the Anti-Bullying policy, all board members present approved. Next, he called for any opposition and upon hearing none, the motion carried unanimously.

**E. Medical Cannabis Policy\***

Bridget Barrett explained that this policy allows those with medical cannabis cards to be able to use medical cannabis on campus. Brandy Bond asked if there was an age limit. Bridget Barrett said as long as they have the card, they can use on campus. Farrah Nickerson made a motion to approve the Medical Cannabis Policy. Alex Carothers seconded. Larry Kennedy called for a voice vote to approve the Medical Cannabis policy, all board members present approved. Next, he called for any opposition and upon hearing none, the motion carried unanimously.

**F. Attendance During Pandemic Policy\***

Bridget Barrett explained that this policy is for student attendance during pandemic periods. Farrah Nickerson made a motion to approve the Attendance During Pandemic policy. Brandy Bond seconded. Larry Kennedy called for a voice vote to approve the Attendance During Pandemic policy, all board members present approved. Next, he called for any opposition and upon hearing none, the motion carried unanimously.

**G. Social Media Policy\***

Bridget Barrett explained this policy says what is and is not allowed on the school campus in regards to Social Media. Several governing council members had questions about this policy and requested that the policy be tabled to be further reviewed and discussed. Farrah Nickerson made a motion to table the Social Media Policy until a further meeting. Alex Carothers seconded. Larry Kennedy called for a voice vote to approve tabling the Social Media policy, all board members present approved. Next, he called for any opposition and upon hearing none, the motion carried unanimously.

## **V. Governing Council Development**

### **A. Presentation from Kelly Callahan PCSNM**

Kelly Callahan said she is working with Sean Fry to determine with the FY23 budget meeting will be in order for the governing council to receive their required training hours.

Kelly Callahan is also working with the head administrator, Bridget Barrett, on her self-evaluation. She reminded the governing council that they will need to evaluate her before June 30<sup>th</sup> in a closed session.

Kelly Callahan also reminded the governing council that work is being done on strategic goals (working on recruiting and a mission specific goal around aviation). She recommends doing a retreat to build a strategic plan for the school.

## **VI. Ongoing Business Matters**

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

Dr. Chavez reported:

- The status of the airplane and some repairs that need to happen
- said all classes are going well

### **B. Facility Update**

Larry Kennedy asked Jill Brame to give an update on the new facility. Jill Brame explained that footings have been poured and plumbing lines have been installed. She said that she will be going later in the day to the site for the weekly update.

## **VII. Finance Report**

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

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

- \* Revenues are 74.1% of budget.
- \* Expenditures are 67.6% of the budget

He also reviewed the finance packet with the governing council and reported that reimbursements are now being received from the state. He told the board that the finance committee will be having a special meeting to discuss the budget for FY23.

### **B. Voucher Approvals\***

Sean Fry asked for consideration of the voucher report. Larry Kennedy called for a motion to approve the vouchers. Farrah Nickerson made a motion to approve the vouchers. Mike Romo seconded the motion. Larry Kennedy called for a voice

vote to approve the vouchers, all board members present approved. Next, he called for any opposition and upon hearing none, the motion carried unanimously.

**C. Budget Adjustment Requests\***

**BARs 32-I- Fund 31700 Per Award Letter:** This is an award from the state for SB-9. Larry called for a motion to approve BAR 32-I. Farrah made a motion to approve BAR 31-I. Ed seconded the motion. Larry called for a voice vote to approve BAR 31-I, all board members present approved. Next, he called for any opposition and upon hearing none, the motion carried unanimously.

**VIII. Announcements**

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

The next regular meeting will be May 20, 2022 at 8:30 AM in the conference room.

**IX. Adjournment\***

Larry Kennedy called for a motion to adjourn. Farrah Nickerson made a motion to adjourn. Alex Carothers seconded the motion. Larry Kennedy called for a voice vote, all board members present approved. Next, he called for any opposition and upon hearing none, the motion carried unanimously.

The special meeting of the Governing Council for the Southwest Aeronautics, Mathematics and Science Academy adjourned on April 14, 2022 in the conference room at 4100 Aerospace Parkway NW, Albuquerque, NM at 10:14AM.