



**GOVERNING COUNCIL**

Special Meeting of the SAMS Academy Governing Council on Friday, July 8, 2022

Zoom.us

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

Larry Kennedy, Farrah Nickerson, Brandy Bond, Alex Carothers, Mike Romo and Laura Kohr

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT**

Mike Deveraux and Roland Dewing

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE**

Bridget Barrett, Amanda Catanzaro, and Lauren Chavez

**PUBLIC**

None

These minutes were approved on 07/15/2022

By a vote of 12 yes 0 no 0<sup>2</sup> absent 0 abstained

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*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 July 8, 2022 at 8:48 a.m. on Zoom.us and in person at SAMS Academy.

**A. Roll Call**

Larry Kennedy asked Amanda Catanzaro to call roll. Amanda Catanzaro called Larry Kennedy, Farrah Nickerson, Brandy Bond, Laura Kohr, Alex Carothers, and Mike Romo.

**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. Amanda Catanzaro called Farrah Nickerson, Brandy Bond, Laura Kohr, Alex Carothers, Mike Romo and Larry Kennedy; all voted yes. The motion carried unanimously.

**II. SAMS Mission Statement\***

Lauren Chavez shared that several high schools in East Mountain, close to Moriarty, are interested in starting aviation curriculum. Discussion around SAMS Academy identity and solidly establishing the school's identity around aviation. Aviation is what makes SAMS Academy different from other schools and we should capitalize on that fact. Discussion around branding the school so that people know we are aviation based and possibly changing the school's name to reflect our aviation focus. Suggestions shared including Albuquerque Aviation Academy. Lauren Chavez worked on creating what an updated website might look like and shared with the members of the governing council. Larry Kennedy wants this to be one of our priorities and wants to know what it takes to change our name with PEC and legally.

Larry Kennedy asked for a motion that the SAMS Academy Governing Council moves to direct the construction of a new mission statement in conjunction with Administration Actions for the changing of the school's name. This construction will fall under the purview of the Wellness Committee. Mike Romo made the motion and Farrah Nickerson seconded. Larry Kennedy asked for a roll call vote to approve the motion. Amanda Catanzaro called Farrah Nickerson, Brandy Bond, Laura Kohr, Alex Carothers, Mike Romo and Larry Kennedy; all voted yes. The motion carried unanimously.

**III. Governing Council Focus and Priorities for the coming year\***

Larry Kennedy presented SAMS Academy Governing Board Strategic Plan-DRAFT document with three focused priorities. Discussion around each of these focused

priorities as well as updates and changes in priorities. Discussion around needing to add a teacher onto the Facilities Committee since previous teacher is no longer at SAMS Academy. Suggestion was made for that to be Dr. Lauren Chavez. Bridget Barrett shared that the goal for the year is to integrate aviation into the curriculum and present this in positive ways through kick-off assembly first to staff during professional development training and then to students. Alex Carothers made a motion that the SAMS Academy Governing Council moves to amend the Governing Board Strategic Plan Document to reflect the following priorities:

1. New Facility Process
2. Develop New School Mission and Vision Statement
3. Develop an Aerospace Curriculum Implementation Plan

Mike Romo seconded the motion. Larry Kennedy asked for a roll call vote to approve the motion. Amanda Catanzaro called Farrah Nickerson, Brandy Bond, Laura Kohr, Alex Carothers, Mike Romo and Larry Kennedy; all voted yes. The motion carried unanimously.

#### **IV. Announcements**

- A. Date for next Regular SAMS Academy Governing Council Meeting:  
The next regular meeting will be July 15, 2022 at 8:30 a.m.

#### **V. Adjournment\***

Larry Kennedy called for a motion to adjourn. Farrah Nickerson made a motion to adjourn. Mike Romo seconded the motion. Larry Kennedy asked for a roll call vote to approve the motion. Amanda Catanzaro called Farrah Nickerson, Brandy Bond, Laura Kohr, Alex Carothers, Mike Romo 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 8, 2022 on zoom.us at 11:18 a.m.

