



**GOVERNING COUNCIL**

Special Meeting of the SAMS Academy Governing Council on  
Thursday, May 26, 2022

Zoom.us

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

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

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT**

None

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE**

Bridget Barrett

**PUBLIC**

Shannon Baldonado, Lauren Chavez, Jose Garcia-Galvez,  
Paula Gonzales, Stephanie Tuttle, Jonathan Garcia

These minutes were approved on 6-17-22

By a vote of 6 yes 0 no 2 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 May 26, 2022 at 8:31 AM on zoom.us.

### **A. Roll Call**

Larry Kennedy asked Jill Brame to call roll. Jill Brame called Roland Dewing, Mike Romo, Farrah Nickerson, Brandy Bond, Alex Carothers, Mike Deveraux, Laura Kohr, and Larry Kennedy.

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

Larry Kennedy asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Farrah Nickerson made a motion to approve the agenda. Brandy Bond seconded the motion. Larry Kennedy called for a roll call vote to approve the agenda. Jill Brame called Roland Dewing, Mike Romo, Farrah Nickerson, Brandy Bond, Alex Carothers, Mike Deveraux, Laura Kohr, and Larry Kennedy; all voted yes. The motion carried unanimously.

## **II. SAMS Wellness Committee Report\***

Larry Kennedy asked Brandy Bond and Alex Carothers to share their report.

Alex Carothers shared a PowerPoint with data from their research. Brandy Bond shared that three surveys were sent out (parents, students, and staff) Responses came from 19% of families, 30% of students, and 72% of staff.

Alex Carothers shared the main topics that were mentioned were: educational model, leadership, student retention, staff retention, strategic planning, culture reform, and effective bi-directional communication.

Alex Carothers then shared the results of the family and students.

Larry Kennedy asked about the items that were the most concern and what areas need to be addressed first. The Wellness Committee will be working with the admin team to really dive into the results.

Larry Kennedy asked for another board member to volunteer to join this committee. Laura Kohr offered and will now join the committee.

### **III. Closed Session**

#### **A. Limited personnel matters, head administrator evaluation, pursuant to NMSA 1978, Section 10-15-1(H)(2).**

Larry Kennedy made a motion to move to closed session pursuant to limited personnel matters, head administrator evaluation, pursuant to NMSA 1978, Section 10-15-1(H)(2). Farrah Nickerson seconded. Larry Kennedy called for a roll call vote to move to closed session. Jill Brame called Roland Dewing, Mike Romo, Farrah Nickerson, Brandy Bond, Alex Carothers, Mike Deveraux, Laura Kohr, and Larry Kennedy; all voted yes. The motion carried unanimously.

Larry Kennedy said that the board would start and call Bridget Barrett in later.

Closed session began at 9:14AM.

Bridget Barrett joined at 10:16AM.

### **IV. Open Session**

#### **A. Action on matters discussed in Closed Session**

Larry Kennedy made a motion to move back to open session and affirmed that only items listed on the agenda were discussed. Mike Romo seconded. Larry Kennedy called for a roll call vote to approve the agenda. Jill Brame called Roland Dewing, Mike Romo, Farrah Nickerson, Brandy Bond, Mike Deveraux, Laura Kohr, and Larry Kennedy; all voted yes. The motion carried unanimously.

Open session resumed at 10:26AM.

Alex Carothers left during closed session.

Mike Romo made a motion to move forward with extending Bridget Barrett's contract for one year. Farrah Nickerson seconded. Larry Kennedy called for a roll call vote to approve the motion. Jill Brame called Roland Dewing, Mike Romo, Farrah Nickerson, Brandy Bond, Mike Deveraux, Laura Kohr, and Larry Kennedy; all voted yes. The motion carried unanimously.

### **V. Announcements**

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

The next regular meeting will be June 17, 2021 at 8:30 AM.

### **VI. Adjournment\***

Larry Kennedy called for a motion to adjourn. Mike Romo made a motion to adjourn. Brandy Bond seconded the motion. Larry Kennedy called for a roll call vote to approve the motion. Jill Brame called Roland Dewing, Mike Romo, Farrah Nickerson, Brandy

**Bond, Mike Deveraux, Laura Kohr, 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 May 26, 2022 on zoom.us at 10:31Am.**