



GOVERNING COUNCIL

Regular Meeting of the SAMS Academy Governing Council on Friday, October 21, 2022

In Person and via Zoom.us

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Larry Kennedy, Farrah Nickerson, Brandy Bond, Alex Carothers (late), Roland Dewing, and Laura Kohr

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Mike Deveraux and Mike Romo

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Bridget Barrett, Amanda Catanzaro, Sean Fry and Lauren Chavez

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Kelly Callahan, Steve Nakamura via phone, Jody Meyer

These minutes were approved on 11.18.2022

By a vote of 7 yes 0 no 1 absent 0 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 October 21, 2022 at 2:01 p.m. on Zoom.us and in person at SAMS Academy.

A. Roll Call

Larry Kennedy asked Amanda Catanzaro to call roll. Amanda Catanzaro called Farrah Nickerson, Brandy Bond, Roland Dewing, Laura Kohr, and Larry Kennedy.

B. Adoption of the Agenda*

Larry Kennedy has a request from Sean Fry to move Section VII and IX up to after Section II. Larry Kennedy asked for a motion to approve the agenda with the changes. Farrah Nickerson made a motion to approve the agenda with the changes. Brandy Bond seconded the motion. Larry Kennedy called for a roll call vote to approve the agenda. Amanda Catanzaro called Farrah Nickerson, Brandy Bond, Roland Dewing, Laura Kohr, and Larry Kennedy; all voted yes. The motion carried unanimously.

C. Review/Approval of Minutes from September 16, 2022 Special Meeting*

Larry Kennedy requested that the September 16, 2022 minutes reflect that Ed Smith, Emeritus Member was also in attendance at this meeting. Larry Kennedy asked for a motion to approve the minutes with additional member present from the September 16, 2022 Special Meeting. Alex Carothers enters the meeting at 2:05 pm. Farrah Nickerson made a motion to approve the minutes from the September 16, 2022 Special Meeting with changes. Brandy Bond seconded the motion. Larry Kennedy called for a roll call vote to approve the agenda. Amanda Catanzaro called Farrah Nickerson, Brandy Bond, Alex Carothers, Roland Dewing, Laura Kohr, and Larry Kennedy; all voted yes. The motion carried unanimously.

II. Public Comment

Larry Kennedy asked Bridget Barrett and Amanda Catanzaro if there was any public comment. There were no public comments.

III. New Business Matters

A. Movers Selection

Larry Kennedy explained that per policy, the SAMS Governing Council must approve purchases exceeding \$60,000 and must be presented with purchases between \$20,000 and \$60,000 but are not required to vote or approve those purchases. Amanda Catanzaro presented three quotes from Innovative Moving Systems, Quality Movers LLC and Moving Solutions. Innovative Moving Systems

quote was for \$51,857.49, Quality Movers LLC quote was for \$56,461.00 and Moving Solutions quote was for \$18,789.26.

Questions was asked if these are like quotes. Amanda Catanzaro stated that each company did a walk through around the current facility and same scope of work. Two quotes are not to exceed quotes and Moving Solutions quote put the areas that are unsure as part of the move as additional line items. Even with all of the additional separated line items included, the quote is still way under the other two quotes.

Amanda Catanzaro explained that she has experience with Innovative Moving Systems but also felt comfortable with the other two quotes based on the walk through completed. Larry Kennedy has experience with Moving Solutions and has used them to move offices in the past with success.

Larry Kennedy states that final decision will be made by Bridget Barrett and Amanda Catanzaro.

IV. Finance Report

A. Business Office Operations Update

Sean Fry presented that the Finance Committee met prior to this meeting. Note that no Purchase Order is in place for the new facility yet because of known upcoming changes to LPA and unknown start date of payments. When everything is finalized, a Purchase Order will be issued. With the 40 day count of 279, we can expect an increase in operational revenue in January 2023. Lease Assistance award is still pending and has been delayed until January when we are in the LPA for the new school and have final numbers.

B. Voucher Approvals*

After reviewing the vouchers and finance packet, Sean Fry asked for consideration for approval of the voucher report for the month of September. Larry Kennedy called for a motion to approve the vouchers. Farrah Nickerson made a motion to approve the September vouchers. Roland Dewing seconded the motion. Larry Kennedy called for a roll call vote. Amanda Catanzaro called Farrah Nickerson, Brandy Bond, Alex Carothers, Roland Dewing, Laura Kohr, and Larry Kennedy; all voted yes. The motion carried unanimously.

C. Bank Reconciliation*

Sean Fry presented the bank reconciliation that ties with the general ledger. Larry Kennedy called for a motion to approve the vouchers. Laura Kohr made a motion to approve the September Bank Reconciliation. Alex Carothers seconded the

motion. Larry Kennedy called for a roll call vote. Amanda Catanzaro called Farrah Nickerson, Brandy Bond, Alex Carothers, Roland Dewing, Laura Kohr, and Larry Kennedy; all voted yes. The motion carried unanimously.

D. Budget Adjustment Requests*

Sean Fry presented BAR 2223-24101-0002-T which is a Transfer BAR for Title I from the 2100 function budgeted for the tutor to Direct Instruction for a Level III Educational Assistant. Larry Kennedy called for a motion to approve BAR 2223-24101-0002-T. Farrah Nickerson made a motion to approve BAR 2223-24101-0002-T. Alex Carothers seconded the motion. Larry Kennedy called for a roll call vote. Amanda Catanzaro called Farrah Nickerson, Brandy Bond, Alex Carothers, Roland Dewing, Laura Kohr, and Larry Kennedy; all voted yes. The motion carried unanimously.

V. Ongoing Business Matters

A. Aviation Program Update

Dr. Lauren Chavez presented Flight Training information and has flown 40.8 hours this month. The airplane just had its 100 hour and annual inspection. Two issues were identified and since corrected. The Redbird SIM will be relocated to the new building by Redbird (disassembly, transport and reassembly). One more student has received the Drone Scholarship.

Young Eagles Rally was October 15 and several SAMS students had the opportunity to go up in the plane. Doc provided update on A&P/Choose Aerospace program, Air Traffic Control internship, and program trying to establish with Luna College.

Farrah Nickerson shared that her son was at college and looked out and noticed a plane in the sky that looked like the SAMS plane so he got online and tracked and it was the SAMS plane flying over him. It was a student who was completing their first solo flight. Alex Carothers asked how many students are currently in the flight phase of the program. Doc shared that she is flying regularly with 10 students. Roland Dewing asked if one person is able to handle this program. Doc shared that Ms. Barrett and herself are discussing creative solutions to be able to serve as many students as possible. Discussion around the use of volunteer flight instructors and qualifications necessary. Doc shared she wants to expand the program but needs a solid plan in order to do so. Larry Kennedy asked if only SAMS students are flying during Young Eagle activities and who pays for the fuel. Doc stated that only SAMS students are flying and SAMS pay for the fuel but Young Eagles does provide liability insurance during the duration of their

programs. Larry Kennedy shared that Mike Deveraux is a former A&P and suggests reaching out to him regarding starting new program. SAMS email is the best way to contact him.

B. Facility Update

Steve Nakamura shared updates on the new building including that the final stucco coat is being applied and that should be completed by mid-week. Painting is about 90% complete, tile is completed in bathrooms, ceiling tiles are being installed around the perimeter of the rooms, and all of the LED lighting is installed. Cabinets are scheduled to be installed next week. Waiting on the backflow to be installed by the landscapers, which should be happening today and then the water meter can be installed. Waiting on the hookup from PNM, which is the only concern at this time regarding move in date. There have been no additional security issues and the guard is still on site at nights/weekends. On schedule for the 12/15 completion date.

C. SAMS Wellness Committee Update

Brandy Bond presented surveys are going to be sent out this week (about a week behind schedule due to testing) and results will be shared at the next governing council meeting. Committee continues to work on updating the mission statement that will be included in the charter renewal in 2023.

Farrah Nickerson asked what kinds of questions are on the survey? There are three surveys (parents, students, and staff) and similar to last year's questions.

VI. Administrative Update

A. Student Achievement Update

Bridget Barrett shared academic updates of Edgenuity class progress. Administration is continuing to work on removing restrictions on Chromebooks. Shared placement exam results and they are underwhelming and are not providing the data that we need to help students achieve. Next week, we will be completing an additional placement exam through My Path that will provide us with breakdown data that is useful in helping students progress. Basketball season is underway. Spirit Week is 10/24-10/28 and October Fest/ Dance is 10/28. Current enrollment numbers as well as 40 day count of 279 (highest ever) are exciting. Social worker attended a training on the Equity Council and will be training the staff in an upcoming meeting.

Brandy Bond asks if students are going to be graded on the new placement exam. Discussion around incentivizing students to do their best and pros and cons of making the placement exam a grade or offering extra credit.

Jody Meyer, a parent of a SAMS students, wanted the governing council and administration to know that her students are adamant on keeping Edgenuity and that her students often say the other students that are complaining about Edgenuity are lazy and not really trying in their classes. Laura Kohr says that her students are loving the hybrid model this year and how the teachers are connecting the live lessons with their Edgenuity course work.

Roland Dewing shared a story about attending a Wing Conference dinner and the person he was sitting next to knew Alex Carothers who told him about the CAP program. Roland told this person he knew Alex because they served on the SAMS board together and this person stated that his son is a student at SAMS and loves the school.

VII. Governing Council Development

Kelly Callahan lost phone reception. Larry Kennedy shared that Kelly had previously shared updated bylaws with suggestions last year to replace the outdated bylaws. Revisit updating at the next meeting.

VIII. Announcements

The next meeting of the governing council is scheduled for November 18, 2022 at 2:00 p.m. There is a high probability a special meeting will need to be scheduled between now and November meeting.

IX. Adjournment*

Larry Kennedy called for a motion to adjourn. Farrah Nickerson made a motion to adjourn. Laura Kohr seconded the motion. Larry Kennedy called for a roll call vote to approve the agenda. Amanda Catanzaro called Farrah Nickerson, Brandy Bond, Alex Carothers, Roland Dewing, Laura Kohr, 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 October 21, 2022 on zoom.us and in person at 3:23 p.m.