



GOVERNING COUNCIL

Regular Meeting of the SAMS Academy Governing Council on Friday, December 9, 2022

In Person and via Zoom.us

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Larry Kennedy, Farrah Nickerson, Laura Kohr, Roland Dewing, Mike Romo (late @2:26 pm), and Mike Deveraux

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Brandy Bond, and Alex Carothers

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Bridget Barrett, Amanda Catanzaro, Lauren Chavez, and Ed Smith (Emeritus Member)

PUBLIC

none

These minutes were approved on 1/20/2023

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 Regular Meeting of the Governing Council for the Southwest Aeronautics, Mathematics, and Science Academy on December 9, 2022 at 2:02 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 Roland Dewing, Laura Kohr, Farrah Nickerson, Mike Deveraux, 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. Mike Deveraux seconded the motion. Larry Kennedy called for a roll call vote to approve the agenda. Amanda Catanzaro called Roland Dewing, Laura Kohr, Farrah Nickerson, Mike Deveraux, and Larry Kennedy; all voted yes. The motion carried unanimously.

C. Review/Approval of Minutes from November 18, 2022 Regular Meeting*

Larry Kennedy asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the November 18, 2022 Regular Meeting. Farrah Nickerson made a motion to approve the minutes from the November 18, 2022 Regular Meeting. Laura Kohr seconded the motion. Larry Kennedy called for a roll call vote to approve the agenda. Amanda Catanzaro called Roland Dewing, Laura Kohr, Farrah Nickerson, Mike Deveraux, 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. Ongoing Business Matters

A. Aviation Program Update

Dr. Lauren Chavez presented that they have flown about 38.5 hours since the last month update. Three students finished their night flights. An oil change is now needed on the plane. Classroom instruction is complete for this semester so that students could focus on completing their Edgenuity courses. KRQE News 13 did an interview and there is a follow-up live interview on the morning show on 12/12/2022 with students at KRQE around 8:00 am - 9:00 am. Dr. Chavez has been holding students more accountable on staying on track with their Edgenuity courses and it is working well to get students back on track. Planning on keeping

high expectations into next year so that students stay on track in order to be able to fly.

B. Facility Update

Farrah Nickerson and Amanda Catanzaro presented that the building is coming along and almost complete. On track for possession before next semester.

Parking lot has been paved, but some will be pulled back up and redone.

Discussion regarding internet service to the new building.

C. SAMS Wellness Committee Update

Laura Kohr presented and shared the survey results for students and families.

Board is encouraged to look through all of this data and bring questions to the next meeting. Many of these survey results are issues that Ms. Barrett will need to address. Governing Council will dive deeper at the next meeting.

IV. Administrative Update

A. Student Achievement Update

Bridget Barrett presented the Academics update and student progress numbers.

Last day on campus for students is 12/14 and the last day for students to complete classes is 12/21.

Finals week is virtually this year to help with the move from 12/14-12/21. There is a testing room that is open on Friday morning's for students to test with an EA. SAMS will have a Winter party Luncheon on 12/16 at M'Tucci's. Cognia has approved the extension on the accreditation until next year so we will work on this hand and hand with the charter renewal. Mr. Begit led a team of students to the STEM Challenge at NMSU this past weekend and they won! There is an archery tournament coming up this weekend.

Current enrollment information includes 281 student enrolled and 4 students have submitted applications. We have had many families call about the school since the planes were put on the front of the new building.

COVID cases are still happening, but very few at this time (1-2 per week). Cleaning and COVID safe practices are still taking place.

Our mission minute was about our EA/Registrar, April Oldham who took up a collection for one family from the school. She provided an entire cooked Thanksgiving meal to the family. When Mr. Begit found out, he went and delivered a full cart of groceries to their home as well. The kindness and generosity of our staff is fantastic! They are always willing to help anyone in need.

V. New Business Matters

A. SAMS Academy Governing Council Bylaws and Board Policy Revision*

None

VI. Governing Council Development

No discussion this meeting

VII. Finance Report

A. Business Office Operations Update

Amanda Catanzaro presented that the Finance Committee met prior to this meeting on 12/7/2022. Sean could not attend this meeting due to PCSNM Conference. Updates will be presented in January.

B. Voucher Approvals*

Voucher Approvals will be presented in January

C. Budget Adjustment Requests*

Amanda Catanzaro presented BAR 2223-0005-IB, an initial budget IDEA in the amount of \$12,289. BAR 2223-0006M, a maintenance bar in operation to move the benefits of the registrar position addition. BAR 2223-0007-I, an increase bar for operational because there was more carryover funds than budgeted in the amount of \$193,416. BAR 2223-0008-I, an increase bar for non-instructional support, supplies and materials because there was more carryover funds than budgeted in the amount of \$5,553. BAR 2223-0010-IB, an initial budget for the LANL Foundation for the STEM Challenge participants to travel to the competition in the amount of \$1000. BAR 2223-0011-I, an increase bar for HB-33 because carryover was higher than budgeted in the amount of \$6,295. BAR 2223-0012-I, an increase bar for SB-9 Local because carryover was higher than budgeted in the amount of \$4,240. BAR 2223-0013-IB, an initial budget for SB-9 Match because carryover was higher than budgeted in the amount of \$21,950.

Larry Kennedy asked for a motion to approve the described BARs. Farrah Nickerson made a motion to approve the BARs. Mike Deveraux seconded the motion. Larry Kennedy called for a roll call vote to approve the agenda. Amanda Catanzaro called Roland Dewing, Laura Kohr, Farrah Nickerson, Mike Deveraux, Mike Romo, and Larry Kennedy; all voted yes. The motion carried unanimously.

VIII. Announcements

The next meeting of the governing council will be a regular meeting scheduled for January 20, 2023 at 2:00 p.m. in the new building.

Larry Kennedy shared that he was able to attend Ed Smith's book signing and it was a great event. SAMS Academy is lucky to have a published author with Mr. Smith's knowledge and experience associated with the school.

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. Amanda Catanzaro called Roland Dewing, Laura Kohr, Farrah Nickerson, Mike Deveraux, 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 December 9, 2022 on zoom.us and in person at 3:01 p.m.

