



GOVERNING COUNCIL

Special Meeting of the SAMS Academy Governing Council on Friday, March 31, 2023

via Zoom.us & In person at 6441 Ventana Road NW

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Larry Kennedy, Roland Dewing, Laura Kohr, Alex Carothers, Mike Deveraux, Mike Romo, and Jody Meyer

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Farrah Nickerson and Brandy Bond

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Bridget Barrett, Amanda Catanzaro, Lauren Chavez, Sean Fry, Kelly Callahan and Tiffany Hazelbaker (Imagine Learning/Edgenuity), and Alexis Blake (Imagine Learning/Edgenuity)

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These minutes were approved on _____

By a vote of ___ yes ___no ___ absent ___abstained

_____ President

_____ 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 March 31, 2023 at 2:02 p.m. on Zoom.us and in person.

A. Roll Call

Larry Kennedy asked Amanda Catanzaro to call roll. Amanda Catanzaro called Roland Dewing, Laura Kohr, Alex Carothers, Mike Deveraux, Mike Romo and Larry Kennedy.

B. Adoption of the Agenda*

Larry Kennedy asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Mike Romo 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 Roland Dewing, Laura Kohr, Alex Carothers, Mike Deveraux, Mike Romo and Larry Kennedy; all voted yes. The motion carried unanimously.

C. Review/Approval of Minutes from February 17, 2023 Regular Meeting*

Larry Kennedy asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the February 17, 2023 Regular Meeting. Mike Romo made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 17, 2023 Regular Meeting. Laura Kohr seconded the motion. Larry Kennedy called for a roll call vote to approve the minutes. Amanda Catanzaro called Roland Dewing, Laura Kohr, Alex Carothers, Mike Deveraux, Mike Romo 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 two more students completed their check rides; Valente and Gabriel. This makes for 7 pilots this year. Three additional students have passed the FAA Exam.

The annual 100 hour is complete. Redbird SIM is fully functional and operational. One more student has earned the Drone Certificate.

Young Eagles had another successful event and 8 SAMS students were able to participate. There is another event tomorrow morning.

Air Traffic Control internships are up and running and one more student was able to participate in a week long internship.

A&P Mechanics internship is now also up and running. These are exciting opportunities for our students who are interested in aviation but don't want to become pilots.

Dr. Chavez is working with Rick & Kyle, the owners of Del Sol Aviation about additional opportunities for our students after they have earned their private pilots license.

Aviation Accident Investigator and Aviation Leader of the National Weather Service used the SAMS facility for an outside investigation they were doing. They were able to see SAMS and some even offered to volunteer working with our students.

Larry Kennedy asked about the Farmington trip and the weather issues that happened during the last check ride. Discussed that it was a great opportunity for students to see that just because you want to fly, doesn't mean that you should fly. Dr. Chavez ended up staying the night in Farmington and flying the plane back to ABQ the next morning and both of the boys were picked up by parents that evening.

Roland Dewing discussed how important it is to discuss all of the internship opportunities we have set up in the charter renewal.

B. Facility Update

Amanda Catanzaro presented that Enterprise Builders is still working on a few smaller projects like lighting around the campus but that the majority of the work is completed, including some electrical and flooring work that was completed over Spring Break.

There is an ongoing issue with the dirt in the side lot. The City of Albuquerque will not approve of the seed that was laid and wants it to be rock, mulch or AstroTurf. EB tells us that all of those options are very expensive and by code the seed has three years to take but the inspector does not see it that way. EB, Steve Hernandez, and Steve Nakamura are working on this issue. Larry Kennedy asked how this will effect our permanent CO. Amanda will check back with Jared at EB and find out. The last thing Jared said was that this had no effect on the CO.

C. SAMS Wellness Committee Update

Laura Kohr presented the draft mission statement that the wellness committee has developed. The committee will finalize the statement and include this as an action item at the next Governing Council meeting.

IV. Administrative Update

A. Edgenuity MOY

Tiffany and Alexis from Imagine Learning/Edgenuity presented an overview of the mid-year data. Edgenuity is used in 80 of the 89 districts/charter schools in New Mexico. This data is a reflection of the time between August 2022 and

December 2022. SAMS Academy had a 91% completion rate which is far higher than the state average.

Alex Carothers asked if there was any plans from Edgenuity to increase the level of interactivity in the future. Tiffany and Alexis shared what Edgenuity is doing to make their curriculum more engaging, including the use of science notebooks. Alexis shared that SAMS Academy teachers and staff take a real effort to have teachers customize their courses so that they are more engaging and interactive for their students.

B. Student Achievement Data

Bridget Barrett presented the Administrative Update, including academic. Roland Dewing asked what is being done to get students on track that are behind. Ms. Barrett shared that sponsor teachers are reaching out to students and families. Prom is April 1st and the students are very excited. Standardized testing will begin the first week in April. CSD Site Visit has been completed.

Current enrollment is 278 and 100 students so far have accepted spots for the 2023-2024 school year.

Equity Council is still looking for members, led by Audra Hays, Social Worker. Shared a quote from an email from a parent for the Mission Minute.

C. CSD Site Visit

The preliminary ratings were shared with the Governing Council and discussed the Site Visit overall.

Administration will reach out to Missy Brown specifically regarding the GC Training hours from the previous year to get that rating corrected.

V. New Business Matters

A. Bode Aviation Contract*

The Bode Contract has been reviewed by Sean Fry and Dan, our attorney. Specific changes and discussions with Bode around the name, calling this a Hangar Rental Agreement and not a lease.

Larry Kennedy asked for a motion to approve the Bode Hangar Rental Agreement. Mike Romo made a motion to approve. Alex Carothers seconded the motion.

Larry Kennedy called for a roll call vote to approve. Amanda Catanzaro called Roland Dewing, Laura Kohr, Alex Carothers, Mike Deveraux, Mike Romo and Larry Kennedy; all voted yes. The motion carried unanimously.

B. 2023 Open Meetings Resolution*

Larry Kennedy asked for a motion to approve the 2023 Open Meetings Resolution as presented. Mike Romo made a motion to approve. Laura Kohr seconded the motion. Larry Kennedy called for a roll call vote to approve. Amanda Catanzaro called Roland Dewing, Laura Kohr, Alex Carothers, Mike Deveraux, Mike Romo and Larry Kennedy; all voted yes. The motion carried unanimously.

C. Election of Officers: President, Vice President, and Secretary*

Larry Kennedy asked for a motion to approve Larry Kennedy for Governing Council President. Mike Romo made a motion for Larry Kennedy for President. Alex Carothers seconded the motion. Larry Kennedy called for a roll call vote to approve the agenda. Amanda Catanzaro called Roland Dewing (yes), Laura Kohr (yes), Alex Carothers (yes), Mike Deveraux (yes), Mike Romo (yes) and Larry Kennedy (abstain); motion passes.

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

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

Discussion with Kelly Callahan regarding the addition of Treasurer to the Governing Council officers in the future. It is not currently in bylaws, but should be a consideration to add. Treasurer would act as head of the finance committee and typically serves on the audit and finance committees.

D. Governing Council Member Recommendation*

Larry Kennedy introduced Joette “Jody” Meyer for consideration as a Governing Council Member. Jody Meyer introduced herself and why she wants to serve on the council. Larry Kennedy stated that we currently have 8 voting members, and this would take us to our max of 9 members. Larry Kennedy recommends approval of Jody Meyer as a member of the SAMS Academy Governing Council. Larry Kennedy asked for a motion to approve Jody Meyer as a member of the Governing Council. Laura Kohr made a motion to approve. Mike Romo seconded the motion. Larry Kennedy called for a roll call vote. Amanda Catanzaro called Roland Dewing, Laura Kohr, Alex Carothers, Mike Deveraux, Mike Romo and Larry Kennedy; all voted yes. The motion carried unanimously.

New Board Training will be arranged with Jody and Kelly Callahan soon.

VI. Governing Council Development

A. Discussion with Kelly Callahan

Discussion around addition of treasurer to the bylaws and praise around the draft mission statement.

B. SAMS Academy Governing Council Bylaws and Board Policy Discussion

Discussion around addition of treasurer to the bylaws.

C. Strategic Planning Discussion

Discussion around making sure that everything is in alignment; new mission statement, new school name and goals for charter renewal.

D. Planning and Preparation for Charter Renewal

Bridget Barrett and Kelly Callahan will develop a timeline for renewal to make sure that we are on track for a successful renewal.

VII. Finance Report

A. Business Office Operations Update

Sean Fry presented that the finance committee met yesterday. The school missed the enrollment projection of 320 that was made years ago. That will result in a significant reduction in SEG funding from February thru June.

B. Voucher Approvals*

Sean Fry presented the Voucher Approvals for February 2023. Larry Kennedy asked for a motion to approve the Voucher Approvals. Mike Romo made the motion. Alex Carothers seconded the motion. Larry Kennedy called for a roll call vote. Amanda Catanzaro called Roland Dewing, Laura Kohr, Alex Carothers, Mike Deveraux, Mike Romo, Jody Meyer and Larry Kennedy; all voted yes. The motion carried unanimously.

C. Bank Reconciliation*

Sean Fry presented the Bank Reconciliations for February 2023. Larry Kennedy asked for a motion to approve the Bank Reconciliations. Alex Carothers made the motion. Mike Romo seconded the motion. Larry Kennedy called for a roll call vote. Amanda Catanzaro called Roland Dewing, Laura Kohr, Alex Carothers, Mike Deveraux, Mike Romo, Jody Meyer and Larry Kennedy; all voted yes. The motion carried unanimously.

D. Budget Adjustment Requests*

Sean Fry presented the BARs.

BAR 2223-0023-D is a decrease BAR to the Operational Budget in the amount of \$411,351.

BAR 2223-0024-IB is an initial budget of the Carl Perkins Secondary CTE Grant for partial salary and benefits for Dr. Chavez in the amount of \$7,304.

BAR 2223-0025-I is an increase for the CRRSA, ESSER II funds in the amount of \$5,681 and will be used for additional Chromebooks purchase.

BAR 2223-0026-I is an increase in ARP ESSER III funds in the amount of \$13,888 and will be used for salaries for COVID leave.

BAR 2223-0027-I is an increase to the SB-9 State Match for Capital Outlay in the amount of \$10,604 and will be used for capital improvements including maintenance and repair of the new facility.

Larry Kennedy asked for a motion to approve the BARs as presented. Roland Dewing made the motion. Mike Romo seconded the motion. Larry Kennedy called for a roll call vote. Amanda Catanzaro called Roland Dewing, Laura Kohr, Alex

Carothers, Mike Deveraux, Mike Romo, Jody Meyer 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 April 21, 2023 at 2:00 p.m.

IX. Adjournment*

Larry Kennedy called for a motion to adjourn. Mike Romo made a motion to adjourn. Jody Meyer seconded the motion. Larry Kennedy called for a roll call vote. Amanda Catanzaro called Roland Dewing, Laura Kohr, Alex Carothers, Mike Deveraux, Mike Romo, Jody Meyer 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 March 31, 2023 at 3:49 p.m.