



GOVERNING COUNCIL

Special Meeting of the Albuquerque Aviation Academy Governing Council on
Friday, December 1, 2023

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

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

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

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Mike Deveraux

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Bridget Barrett, Amanda Catanzaro, and Lauren Chavez

PUBLIC

none

These minutes were approved on 1-19-24

By a vote of 7 yes ___ no 1 absent ___ 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 Albuquerque Aviation Academy for December 1, 2023 at 2:05 PM on Zoom.us and in person.

A. Roll Call

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

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

Larry Kennedy asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the November 17, 2023 Regular Meeting. Farrah Nickerson made a motion to approve the minutes. Mike Romo seconded the motion. Larry Kennedy called for a roll call vote. Amanda Catanzaro called Jody Meyer, Mike Romo, Farrah Nickerson, Roland Dewing, Laura Kohr, Alex Carothers, 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 they have flown approximately 13 hours in about 2 days since last update. Plane is repaired and flying well.

Another student passed drone pilot exam and another student passed the airplane pilot exam and one student is taking the exam as we speak. There are many students scheduled to take their flight check ride exam in the next two months.

Reviewed expenses due to repairs of the plane and maintenance.

B. Facility Update

Amanda Catanzaro presented there are no new facility updates since last meeting.

Amanda Catanzaro shared the academic and athletic letters that are now available for students to earn as well as the pins for the specific activities.

C. Planning and Preparation for Charter Renewal

There is a meeting scheduled on December 6th with Kelly for final preparation of the charter renewal. Charter renewal with PEC is scheduled for December 14th. Governing Council members requested that we share the zoom link when it becomes available.

IV. Administrative Update

A. Student Achievement Update

Bridget Barrett presented Academics by Enrollment information to show where students are currently standing.

Turkey BINGO was last night and great turn-out and positive feedback from families.

Current enrollment is 305.

V. New Business Matters

A. VLCM Contract for Verkada Cameras *

Amanda Catanzaro presented the quote for phase II of the cameras which include cameras in the classrooms, administrative hallways and buses as well as vape sensors for the bathrooms. Total of the quote is \$101,776.57. Larry Kennedy asked for a motion to approve the VLCM quote. Farrah Nickerson made a motion to approve. Mike Romo seconded the motion. Larry Kennedy called for a roll call vote. Amanda Catanzaro called Jody Meyer, Mike Romo, Farrah Nickerson, Roland Dewing, Laura Kohr, Alex Carothers, and Larry Kennedy; all voted yes. The motion carried unanimously.

B. PCSNM Excellence in Governance Award

Larry Kennedy presented that he was at the awards ceremony of the Public Charter Schools of New Mexico and received the Excellence in Governance Award on behalf of the board. The board was honored at a luncheon early today. This is a recognition for all the hard work that every board member puts in and thank you for everything you do.

Bridget Barrett shared that following receiving the award, we were approached by a parent who is a teacher at another charter school. She stated that he son

attends Albuquerque Aviation Academy and she was so thankful for all our work and knew her son was in good hands.

VI. Governing Council Development

A. Discussion with Kelly Callahan

Kelly Callahan was not present. No Discussion.

VII. Announcements

- A. Next regular Governing Council meeting is scheduled for January 19, 2024 and will be held at Bode at Double Eagle Airport so that Governing Council photos can be taken with the plane.

Alex Carothers shared that Boeing has invited Doc and anyone else from the school to a ribbon cutting ceremony in January for their STEM Education Outreach Facility. Alex will send Bridget an email with the information to be shared with the board.

Reminder that the Winter Party is December 15th at 3:00 and Governing Council members are invited.

VIII. Adjournment*

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

The Special Meeting of the Governing Council for the Albuquerque Aviation Academy adjourned on December 1, 2023 at 2:42 PM.