



GOVERNING COUNCIL

Regular Meeting of the Albuquerque Aviation Academy Governing Council on
Friday, February 16, 2024

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

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

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

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Mike Deveraux

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Bridget Barrett, Amanda Catanzaro, Kelly Callahan and Lauren Chavez

PUBLIC

These minutes were approved on 3/15/2024

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 Albuquerque Aviation Academy for February 16, 2024 at 2:02 PM on Zoom.us and in person.

A. Roll Call

Larry Kennedy asked Amanda Catanzaro to call roll. Amanda Catanzaro called Mike Romo, Jody Meyer, Farrah Nickerson, Roland Dewing, Alex Carothers, 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. Alex Carothers seconded the motion. Larry Kennedy called for a voice vote to approve the agenda, all board members present approved. Next, he called for any opposition and upon hearing none, the motion carried unanimously.

C. Review/Approval of Minutes from January 19, 2024 Regular Meeting*

Larry Kennedy asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the January 19, 2024 Regular Meeting. Farrah Nickerson made a motion to approve the minutes. Laura Kohr seconded the motion. Larry Kennedy called for a voice vote to approve the minutes, all board members present approved. Next, he called for any opposition and upon hearing none, 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 78 hours since previous meeting. Two students student's recently soloed and one more should very soon. The airplane just completed its 50 hours oil change.

At least 2 more students passed their FAA Private Pilot Exam and still have 12 students waiting to fly on the flight team! School recently purchased a VR sim that can help with training program while Doc monitors the students' progress.

One student is currently completing an A&P Internship and one student is scheduled to start ATC Internship next week.

Roland Dewing asked how much the DPE charges. \$500 paid for by the student. Alex Carothers asked how much time is left on this engine? Doc shared approximately 1 year, would cost about \$40,000 and the plane would be down for at least one month.

B. Facility Update

Amanda Catanzaro shared newest roof leak (same spot as previous) was repaired by EB, even though slightly out of warranty because the issue was obviously not resolved with the last fix. Working on alternative thermostats that would be easier to program and be able to program using wi-fi and phone/computer.

EB continues to finish warranty issues. They are meeting on Monday with developer to come up with a plan for the Downspout Drains that are causing flooding and ice during bad weather.

Working with a vendor on school signage with the new name.

Phase II of the cameras was supposed to start this week. Reaching out to VCLM to find out when it will begin.

Next big project is getting quotes for the track on the west side of campus. Looking for gravel simple track, similar to previous school location, and then seeking legislative funding for artificial turf for inside track to be used as soccer field and other recreation field.

C. Charter Contract Negotiations

Bridget Barrett shared that admin team has been working on the Performance Framework with Kelly Callahan and CSD. We have been working specifically on the mission specific goal and having it align with our updated mission statement. Amanda Catanzaro shared that we have come up with two mission specific goals. One we would like to use but the CSD is suggesting that it is an input goal rather than an output goal. If this one is turned down during negotiations, we have a back-up goal that is output driven but admin doesn't like as much.

Roland Dewing discussed that next Friday, he will be working with the Sci-Matics teachers on ways to integrate aviation into the curriculum.

Bridget Barrett shared that administration is looking into Drone Soccer grant to purchase and integrate with SMART Lab next year, beginning with our 8th graders as a way to get aviation opportunities into the middle school classes.

Kelly Callahan discussed the Performance Framework and the changes that have been taking place and how the Governing Council fits into these changes and the contract negotiations.

IV. Administrative Update

A. Student Achievement Update

Bridget Barrett shared new report from Edgenuity. Edgenuity has been updating all of their reports so familiarizing herself with the various reports now available. Discussion around that significant portion of students are behind but still passing the class. The report shows most of the students are within 10% of the expected progress at this point in the semester.

A second Open House for families that were pulled in the upcoming lottery will take place on 3/14/2024. Basketball is still happening and Volleyball begins next week. School held a Valentine's Dance which was successful and Prom is coming up.

Enrollment is holding steady at 306 for the 120th day! Lottery applications are being accepted for next year and at least 115 applications already submitted. Update on Equity Council and Charter Renewal and discussion around Mission Minute. Charter Negotiations will take place in Santa Fe on 3/12/2024 at 1:30. At least one GC member should be present.

Alex Carothers asked how the augmentation of Edgenuity is going. Bridget Barrett and Amanda Catanzaro shared that it is happening better in some classes than in others but some, like Ms. Watson Science class has significantly moved to more hands-on based projects, supported by Edgenuity lessons.

V. New Business Matters

No New Business

VI. Governing Council Development

A. Discussion with Kelly Callahan

Kelly Callahan shared that GC has completed 6 hours of training this year. 7 is required this year. Discussion around contract negotiations and goals.

B. Strategic Planning Discussion

Alex Carothers asked about the emails from Lauren Hunter. Kelly explained that all GC members are on the list serve and these emails are sales calls for upcoming board training. Since our GC uses Kelly Callahan and does training with her, the trainings in the emails are not necessary.

VII. Finance Report

A. Business Office Operations Update

Larry Kennedy shared that Sean Fry is at a conference this week. Sean Fry presented to the finance committee earlier this week and reviewed all the detailed reports.

B. Voucher Approvals*

Larry Kennedy presented the January Vouchers. Larry Kennedy asked for a motion to approve January 2024 Vouchers. Farrah Nickerson made the motion. Laura Kohr seconded the motion. Larry Kennedy called for a voice vote to approve the January 2024 Vouchers, all board members present approved. Next, he called for any opposition and upon hearing none, the motion carried unanimously.

C. Bank Reconciliation*

Larry Kennedy presented the January Bank Reconciliation. Larry Kennedy asked for a motion to approve January 2024 Vouchers. Farrah Nickerson made the motion. Laura Kohr seconded the motion. Larry Kennedy called for a voice vote to approve the January 2024 Bank Reconciliation, all board members present approved. Next, he called for any opposition and upon hearing none, the motion carried unanimously.

D. Budget Adjustment Requests*

Larry Kennedy presented BAR 2324-24330-0006-T, a transfer of ARP ESSER III funds to balance sub-categories, BAR 2324-24154-0007-I, an increase \$15,545 from final FY24 award letter for Professional Development, BAR 2324-24330-0008-D, a decrease \$11,875 from ARP ESSER III from final FY24 award letter, BAR 2324-31703-0009-I, an increase of \$26,915 for SB-9 State Match fund from FY24 final award letter. Larry Kennedy asked for a motion to approve BAR 2324-24330-0006-T, BAR 2324-24154-0007-I, BAR 2324-24330-0008-D, and BAR 2324-31703-0009-I. Farrah Nickerson made the motion. Alex Carothers seconded the motion. Larry Kennedy called for a voice vote to approve the BARS as listed, all board members present approved. Next, he called for any opposition and upon hearing none, the motion carried unanimously.

VIII. Announcements

Next regular Governing Council meeting is scheduled for March 15, 2024.

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 voice vote to approve adjourning, all board members present approved. Next, he called for any opposition and upon hearing none, the motion carried unanimously.

The Regular Meeting of the Governing Council for the Albuquerque Aviation Academy adjourned on February 16, 2024.