



GOVERNING COUNCIL

Special Meeting of the Albuquerque Aviation Academy Governing Council on
Friday, January 24, 2025

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

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

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

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Laura Kohr

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Bridget Barrett, Amanda Catanzaro, Lauren Chavez, and Kelly Callahan

PUBLIC

none

These minutes were approved on 2/21/2025

By a vote of 7 yes 0 no 0 absent 0 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 January 24, 2025 at 2:01 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, Alex Carothers, Roland Dewing, 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 voice vote to approve, 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 December 20, 2024 Regular Meeting*

Larry Kennedy asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the December 20, 2024 Regular Meeting. Farrah Nickerson made a motion to approve the minutes. Mike Romo seconded the motion. Larry Kennedy called for a voice vote to approve, 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 6 hours this past month. Avionics are back and installed. The Aviation Committee will meet following this meeting.

Several students moved up to AIA this semester and the Instrument/Commercial class has begun, which is a new class offered this semester. Two more students have earned their drones license and two more students earned the drone scholarship.

The hot air balloon class has a few new students this semester and the enthusiasm is high in the program. One new internship started this week with Eclipse.

The display plane is well on its way with the help of EAA. A lot of progress has been made and they are finalizing installation.

Aviation finances were reviewed.

Larry Kennedy asked if an engineer was part of the display plane installation plans for mounting and if so, what kind of engineer is it? He would like a structural engineer to be involved and can provide assistance in this area if we do not already have someone working on this piece.

IV. Administrative Update

A. Student Achievement Update

Bridget Barrett presented current student enrollment numbers. We had an Open House last week and it was very successful. Lots of interest for next year. Ms. Barrett reviewed Edgenuity Academics by Enrollment and shared some of the interventions that have been added which include hiring Mr. Leonard who will be working half time as special education teacher and half time interventionist. Edgenuity On-Demand tutoring is now available to students all day through 9:00 PM and on the weekends for immediate student support through chat feature.

Roland Dewing asked if Edgenuity is providing the tutoring, how are the teachers providing more support? Ms. Barrett shared that the expectation is that teachers are moving around the room monitoring and helping students more and working with small groups. This was a discussion piece in PLC's.

Ms. Barrett reviewed semester one grades which were 32% A's, 26% B's, and F's 11% and D's were 12%. The F's and D's are where interventions are being targeted.

Larry Kennedy asked about the PowerSchool hack and if we were effected. PowerSchool did inform us that we were part of the breach and we shared that information with families and staff. We are just waiting for PowerSchool to provide the information on additional supports that will be available due to the breach.

Roland Dewing asked about the dress code. Followed by discussion.

V. New Business Matters

A. Governing Council Members Biography and Photo on Web Page*

Larry Kennedy and Amanda Catanzaro shared that it was suggested by Matt Pahl that GC's include bios and photos in addition to the contact information on the school's website. It is not a rule or law yet, but at this time a best practice. Larry Kennedy asked Kelly Callahan her opinion on the matter. Kelly shared that it was presented by Representative Joy Garret because school boards are public boards and district school boards are required to provide that information, so why wouldn't charter school boards also have to provide that information? Kelly confirmed that it is best practice and helps with accessibility as a public entity.

Farrah Nickerson made a motion to hold off on including bios and photos of the Governing Council until it is mandated. Mike Romo seconded the motion. Larry Kennedy called for a voice vote to approve, Jody Meyer, Mike Romo, Farrah Nickerson, Alex Carothers, and Roland Dewing voted in approval. Larry voted in opposition. The motion carried.

B. PED Site Visit February 5, 2025 Governing Council Focus Group

Larry Kennedy shared that the Charter School Division will be at the school on 2/5/2025 for the annual site visit. Part of the site visit includes a focus group with members of the governing council. The members that have volunteered to attend the in-person focus group are Larry Kennedy, Roland Dewing, Alex Carothers, and Laura Kohr. Quorum will be present so notice has been posted.

C. Governing Council Membership Requirements

Amanda Catanzaro shared that at the last PEC meeting, the PEC voted that all GC bylaws would have to include provisions for Governing Council's that fall below the five membership minimum and provisions as to what would happen if all Governing Council members were to resign. Consulted with the attorney and draft of updated bylaws was included in the packet. Suggested updates are highlighted. Governing Council members and Kelly Callahan are asked to review the suggestions and come back next months with possible revisions and it will be an action item.

VI. Governing Council Development

A. Discussion with Kelly Callahan

Kelly Callahan shared the Competency and Indicators that she and her team have developed for governing councils. Governing Councils are required to have 5 hours of training versus the 8 hours in previous years. These Competencies and Indicators are the things that effective boards should be doing. These are like the PDP's for GC's. Bridget Barrett will distribute this to the GC members. Kelly is validating and

observing then documenting and intervening when necessary. This is a way of documenting the training hours.

VII. Finance Report

A. Business Office Operations Update

Larry Kennedy informed the GC that Sean Fry was at a training. Amanda Catanzaro presented that the Finance Committee met the Wednesday prior to the Governing Council meeting and reviewed all the financial documents in detail.

Amanda Catanzaro reviewed the bank account reconciliations for December 2024 and the payments that were made. A few to note include \$19,501.12 for Renaissance for the new high school short cycle assessment, \$42,132.43 for Sharp Interactive Boards for classrooms.

B. Voucher Approvals for December 2024*

Amanda Catanzaro presented the December Vouchers and the Finance Committee can support the approval of the December 2024 Voucher Approvals. Larry Kennedy asked for a motion to approve. Farrah Nickerson made the motion. Alex Carothers seconded the motion. Larry Kennedy called for a voice vote to approve, all board members present approved. Next, he called for any opposition and upon hearing none, the motion carried unanimously.

C. Bank Reconciliation for December 2024*

Amanda Catanzaro presented the December Bank Reconciliation and the Finance Committee can support the approval of the December 2024 Bank Reconciliation. Larry Kennedy asked for a motion to approve. Farrah Nickerson made the motion. Alex Carothers seconded the motion. Larry Kennedy called for a voice vote to approve, all board members present approved. Next, he called for any opposition and upon hearing none, the motion carried unanimously.

D. Budget Adjustment Requests*

There are no BAR's this month.

VIII. Announcements

Next regular Governing Council meeting is scheduled for February 21, 2025.

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

The Special Meeting of the Governing Council for the Albuquerque Aviation Academy adjourned on January 24, 2025 at 2:56 p.m.