



GOVERNING COUNCIL

Regular Meeting of the Albuquerque Aviation Academy Governing Council on
Friday, July 18, 2025

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

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Mike Romo, Roland Dewing, Laura Kohr, and Larry Kennedy

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Farrah Nickerson, Alex Carothers and Jody Meyer

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Bridget Barrett, Amanda Catanzaro, and Lauren Chavez

PUBLIC

Eric Hanley, Community Member Interested in Volunteering and

David Mueller, Founding Board Member of First Things Classical Charter School

These minutes were approved on 8-15-25

By a vote of 7 yes 0 no 0 absent 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 July 18, 2025 at 2:00 PM on Zoom.us and in person.

A. Roll Call

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

B. Adoption of the Agenda*

Larry Kennedy requested to approve the revised agenda, removing Finance Report for this month since Sean could not be in attendance and removing Provision for Special Education Services for Students with Disabilities and Gifted Student Policy and Procedures that is awaiting review from the attorney. Mike Romo made a motion to approve the revised agenda. Roland Dewing 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 June 20, 2025 Regular Meeting*

Larry Kennedy asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the June 20, 2025 Regular Meeting. Mike Romo made a motion to approve the minutes. Laura Kohr 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/Committee Update

Dr. Lauren Chavez presented that they have flown 79 hours in Hotel Kilo and 15 hours in Addison. All three of the seniors left have completed their ground check rides. Two will complete their flight check rides on Monday and the other should be ready by the end of next week.

The display plane design is being simplified and still working on getting it painted. Larry Kennedy reminded Doc that she does have access to a structural engineer when it comes to mounting the plane. Matt Dixon has been leading the mounting process of the plane.

Question was asked about how many seniors did we have in total that received their private pilots licenses this year. With the three that should be completed next week, that gives us a total of 11 for the year.

IV. Administrative Update

A. Student Achievement Update

Bridget Barrett presented the current enrollment of 330 registered students. Reviewed Summer School grades, which are not great but it is only a three week window so some kiddos were unsuccessful in completing the class, while a couple of other students were able to complete two classes during that same period.

Popsicles with the Principal was a great success. Lots of new students attended and a few current students with friends. Overall successful event.

V. New Business Matters

A. PSFA Lease Assistance Application *

Larry presented the application for lease assistance. The attorney information needs to be updated.

Larry Kennedy asked for a motion to approve the PSFA Lease Assistance Application. Mike Romo made the motion. Laura Kohr 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.

B. 2025-2026 Student Handbook *

Amanda Catanzaro shared the 2025-2026 Student Handbook that has been reviewed by the attorney. Discussion regarding how it will be shared with students and families. Entire handbook will be available online. Highlighted parts will be shared with new families during New Family Meetings, shared with students during Student Orientation days and parents during Parent Meetings each of those days.

Question regarding course catalog. The Course Catalog is available online for anyone to view.

Larry Kennedy asked for a motion to approve the 2025-2026 Student Handbook. Mike Romo made the motion. Laura Kohr 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. Academic Dishonesty Policy *

Amanda Catanzaro shared the policy and discussion took place.

Larry Kennedy asked for a motion to approve the Academic Dishonesty Policy. Mike Romo made the motion. Laura Kohr 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. Preliminary State Testing Data

Amanda Catanzaro shared the preliminary state testing data that shows an increase in all areas of testing. Final testing scores will be released by the state via NM Vistas in the Fall.

E. CLA Statement of Work *

Larry Kennedy shared the Statement of Work with CLA, our auditors for the year. Along with signing the agreement, each governing council member must also sign the Annual Conflict of Interest form that they do have any undisclosed conflicts of interest with the school.

Larry Kennedy asked for a motion to approve the CLA Statement of Work. Mike Romo made the motion. Laura Kohr 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.

VI. Announcements

Next Governing Council meeting is scheduled for August 15, 2025. Please be sure to reply to the emails sent out with information packet so that we are sure that we have quorum for the meeting.

VII. Adjournment*

Larry Kennedy called for a motion to adjourn. Mike Romo made a motion to adjourn. Laura Kohr 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 Regular Meeting of the Governing Council for the Albuquerque Aviation Academy adjourned on July 18, 2025 at 2:32 PM.