



**GOVERNING COUNCIL**

Regular Meeting of the Albuquerque Aviation Academy Governing Council on  
Friday, August 15, 2025

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

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

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

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT**

none

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE**

Bridget Barrett, Amanda Catanzaro, Sean Fry and Lauren Chavez

**PUBLIC**

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

These minutes were approved on 9/26/2025

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 Regular Meeting of the Governing Council for the Albuquerque Aviation Academy for August 15, 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 Jody Meyer, Mike Romo, Roland Dewing, Laura Kohr, Alex Carothers (via Zoom), Farrah Nickerson (via Zoom), and Larry Kennedy.

**B. Adoption of the Agenda\***

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

**C. Review/Approval of Minutes from July 18, 2025 Regular Meeting\***

Larry Kennedy asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the July 18, 2025 Regular Meeting. Mike Romo made a motion to approve the agenda. Laura Kohr seconded the motion. Larry Kennedy asked Amanda Catanzaro to call roll. Amanda Catanzaro called Jody Meyer, Mike Romo, Roland Dewing, Laura Kohr, Alex Carothers, Farrah Nickerson 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 they have flown approximately 3 hours in Hotel Kilo and none in Addison. HK is up for the 100 hour so that will be done in the next week. The vacuum pump is being repaired on Addison. Students are working in the SIM and on ground practicing maneuvers and getting ready for flight time.

Classes have just begun and are going great so far. There are currently 10 students in AIA and for the first time, a sophomore qualified for AIA. They will be in AIA for a few years because they won't be old enough to solo or get license for another year. Three

more students are prepping to take their drone exam. We have added a second ITA class this semester, with approximately 30 students in the two classes.

The balloon class is going well. Abby Catanzaro was trained this week on the RC balloon and aviation is using it to generate interest. Goal is to create an RC Balloon Crew. The current Lighter than Air volunteer teacher will be out about 1/3 of the semester. Based on feedback, students want to be able to pass the LTA Exam by the end of the course.

Internships have slowed down but hoping to get one Eclipse and one Air Traffic Control internships soon.

The donated plane display has the falcon design that our students helped design. We are waiting for Mr. Dixson to coordinate the mounting piece.

Reviewed expenses and Dr. Chavez is collecting estimates for HK engine overhaul.

Two of our graduates, Chief and Trixie just earned their Commercial Pilot License yesterday! Two more graduates to follow in the next few weeks. Looking for ideas to recognize their accomplishments when the graduate.

Roland asked when the next aviation committee meeting will be. Answer unknown.

#### **B. Aviation Committee Update**

None, committee did not meet this month.

### **IV. Administrative Update**

#### **A. Student Achievement Update**

Bridget Barrett presented current enrollment is slightly down to 313. We have 14 students on the waiting list and filling spots.

Reviewed Academics by Enrollment and reviewed the Imagine Learning Grade Report. It is early in the semester, so there is lots of room for change.

Ms. Barrett discussed the Registration Goal.

Ms. Barrett shared her Altitude Achievement for the month which is the Adopt-a-Student program that is being initiated this school year. Each staff member chose a student that was identified as having difficulties from last school year. This staff member is asked to build a connection with this student and support them to make a difference this school year.

### **V. New Business Matters**

**A. Provision for Special Education Services for Students with Disabilities and Gifted Students Policy and Procedures \***

Amanda Catanzaro shared this document has been vetted by the attorney and is a requirement for the special education department.

Larry Kennedy asked for a motion to approve the Provision for Special Education Services for Students with Disabilities and Gifted Students Policy and Procedures. Mike Romo made a motion to approve. Laura Kohr seconded the motion. Larry Kennedy asked Amanda Catanzaro to call roll. Amanda Catanzaro called Jody Meyer, Mike Romo, Roland Dewing, Laura Kohr, Alex Carothers, Farrah Nickerson and Larry Kennedy; all voted yes. The motion carried unanimously.

**B. Brady Outdoor Trashcans and Poweron Phase III Cameras**

Amanda Catanzaro shared both of these expenditures with the Governing Council. With the addition of the field, we needed to order some heavy duty, outdoor trashcans. We ordered new trashcans for some of the common areas in the school. The total of the order was quoted at \$20,647.25.

We are installing a third round of cameras that include cameras near the entrance of the restrooms so we can better see who is entering those spaces as well as cameras in lounges, workrooms, and office spaces. The total of the order was quoted at \$21,491.63.

**VI. Finance Report**

**A. Business Office Operations Update**

Sean Fry presented that we will be reviewing two months of reports. We have positive budget authority across the funds. Spent down the funds from last year with few dollars of exception (under \$28.00 total).

**B. Voucher Approvals for June 2025\***

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#### **D. BAR 2526-31400-0001-I**

Sean Fry shared there is a BAR for \$0.57 for legislative appropriation funds that will be used for land improvement.

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**VII. Announcements**

Next Governing Council meeting is scheduled for September 19, 2025.

**VIII. Adjournment\***

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

The Regular Meeting of the Governing Council for the Albuquerque Aviation Academy adjourned on August 15, 2025 at 2:44 PM.