



GOVERNING COUNCIL

Regular Meeting of the Albuquerque Aviation Academy Governing Council on
Friday, February 20, 2026

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

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

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

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

none

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

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

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none

These minutes were approved on _____

By a vote of ___ yes ___no ___ absent ___abstained

_____ President

_____ Secretary

I. Call to Order

Larry Kennedy called to order the Regular Meeting of the Governing Council for the Albuquerque Aviation Academy for February 20, 2026 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 and Larry Kennedy.

B. Adoption of the Agenda*

Larry Kennedy asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Mike Romo made a motion to approve the agenda. Farrah Nickerson 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 January 16, 2026 Regular Meeting*

Larry Kennedy asked for a motion to approve the minutes from January 16, 2026 Regular Meeting. Mike Romo made a motion to approve the minutes. Farrah Nickerson 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 34.7 hours in Hotel Kilo and 15.7 hours in Addison since the last meeting. A check-ride is scheduled for Monday. Another student is completing their solo cross country and should be ready for their check-ride soon. Aviation program is on track to get all seniors across the finish line that are eligible before graduation.

Alex Carothers enters the meeting at 2:09 PM.

This year there have been four students who have earned their remote drone license, in addition to the students who earned their license last school year. Balloon class is going well and this morning they have a guest speaker from AAAA.

One student will be doing an internship with Air Traffic Control in March. Dr. Chavez gave an update on the display plane and vinyl for the planes to replace the SAMS Academy decals that are currently on the plane.

Dr. Chavez reviewed expenses.

IV. Administrative Update

A. Student Achievement Update

Bridget Barrett presented her report. She reviewed the Academics by Enrollment and apologized that the On Pace and Passing and Behind and Passing were transposed on the report. Reviewed Edgenuity Enrollment by grade level and discussed current status.

For the average of 80 day and 120 day was 310, below our 320 goal for the year but we are working on recruitment. An Open House is scheduled for 2/26/2026 for prospective families for next year. A postcard campaign is in progress and postcard was shared with the governing council in addition to the billboard campaign that is continuing for another month.

The Altitude Achievement for the month was around the early success of the middle school mentorship that begun in the last couple of weeks. This years 8th graders are partnering with the 6th graders in a mentorship capacity and it is going really well so far. If the success continues, the plan is to implement this with 9th graders and seniors next year.

V. New Business Matters

A. MOY Short Cycle Assessment Data

Amanda Catanzaro shared in an effort to keep the governing council up to date with goals in our performance framework, we will be sharing testing data a few times a year.

In the performance framework for Albuquerque Aviation Academy, we chose option one for the Academic Performance Options, which means that our scores for the annual performance framework are based on Spring state testing (i.e. NM-MSSA, SAT and NM-ASR). The governing council reviewed the Academic Framework from our

contract and reviewed the 2023-2024 and 2024-2025 state testing results. These testing results directly reflect the scores for 1.A.1 and 1.B.1.

Ms. Catanzaro shared that to keep the school on track and make sure that we are meeting the needs of students, we use short cycle assessments to monitor student progress and determine if additional supports, such as the interventions class, are needed. For middle school, we use the iMSSA assessment and for 9th, 10th and 11th grades, we use Renaissance STAR testing. Reviewed the Beginning of Year (BOY) and Middle of Year (MOY) scores for all the short cycle assessments.

Discussed the Mission Specific Goal. For the 2024-2025 school year, we earned an Exceeds Standard because 91% of our full academic year students scored at “B” or better in Aviation and/or STEAM related electives or a passing grade for internships.

B. 2025-2026 CSD Preliminary Report

Amanda Catanzaro shared the 2025-2026 CSD Preliminary Report from the site visit that took place on 1/13/2026. There are only a couple of ratings available at this time but CSD is required to have the preliminary report to the school within 30 days.

C. Civil Air Patrol MOU

Bridget Barrett shared that the Civil Air Patrol unit is requesting a three-year MOU. The unit has grown to 31 cadets.

D. Stock Emergency Medications in School Program Acknowledgement Sheet and Request for Standing Order *

Amanda Catanzaro reviewed the Rules and Recommendations to School Districts for Stock Emergency Medications in Schools packet. This would need to be approved and signed by the GC to allow the school to have life saving medications on campus for general use without a specific prescription. Following a discussion, Larry Kennedy asked for a motion to approve the Stock Emergency Medications in Schools Program Acknowledgement Sheet and Request for Standing Order. Laura Kohr made the motion to approve the Stock Emergency Medications in Schools Program Acknowledgement Sheet and Request for Standing Order. Mike Romo seconded the motion. Larry Kennedy called for a voice vote to approve; Jody Meyer, Mike Romo, Alex Carothers, Roland Dewing, Laura Kohr and Larry Kennedy approved. Next, Larry Kennedy called for any opposition and Farrah Nickerson voted in opposition. The motion carried six to one.

VI. Governing Council Development

Kelly Callahan shared that based on the surveys that the Governing Council completed, she was able to identify three focused priorities. First, creating a

succession plan for the governing council. Second, creating a succession plan for the school leader/head administrator and third, an annual performance appraisal for the governing council and creating goals. Kelly is suggesting that the board creates a committee regarding the succession plan for the governing council. She has provided recruitment tools that can be used by the committee. Kelly discussed this committee could also create a succession plan for the head administrator or another committee could work on this piece.

After discussion, Larry Kennedy asked the governing council members review the materials provided before the next meeting and at the next meeting, the board would decide what they would like to see and how they would like to proceed with this process.

VII. Finance Report

A. Business Office Operations Update

Mike Romo leaves the meeting at 3:06 PM.

Sean Fry presented that the Finance Committee met prior to the meeting and reviewed the financial statements through January 2026.

Albuquerque Aviation Academy is 58.59% budget to revenue.

B. Voucher Approvals for January 2026 *

Sean Fry presented the January Vouchers and the Finance Committee can support the approval of the January Voucher Approvals.

Larry Kennedy asked for a motion to approve the bank vouchers for January 2026. Farrah Nickerson made a motion to approve. 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. Bank Reconciliation for January 2026 *

The Finance Committee can support the approval of the January Bank Reconciliations.

Larry Kennedy asked for a motion to approve the Bank Reconciliations for January 2026. Farrah Nickerson made a motion to approve. 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. Permanent Cash Transfer PCT26-01 *

Sean Fry presented the Permanent Cash Transfer in the amount of \$23,611 from REAP fund 25233 to Operational 11000. This is from funds received from the old location and will be the last of these funds since the new location does not qualify to receive these funds.

Larry Kennedy asked for a motion to approve the Permanent Cash Transfer PCT26-01. Farrah Nickerson made a motion to approve. 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.

E. FY 2025 Audit Review

Sean Fry presented that the state auditors office has approved the FY25 audits and all are now public and available. Albuquerque Aviation Academy had no repeat findings because there were no findings in FY24 and no new findings this year.

VIII. Announcements

Next regular scheduled governing council meeting is scheduled for 3/20/2026.

IX. Adjournment*

Larry Kennedy called for a motion to adjourn. Alex Carothers made a motion to adjourn. Jody Meyer 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 February 20, 2026 at 3:21 PM.