

Regular Meeting Minutes

Date: March 26, 2026
Time: 3:15 p.m.
Location: 1718 Yale Blvd SE
 Albuquerque, New Mexico 87106

Regular Meeting	X	Special Meeting	
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I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at **3:15 P.M. MST**

II. Roll Call

Board Member in Attendance

BOARD MEMBERS	Present	Absent
Bruce Langston, President	X	
Pam Kissoondyal, Vice President	X	
Liza Knight, Treasurer	X	
Andee Hendee, Secretary	X	
Tami Hill		X

Others in Attendance

JoAnn Mitchell, CEO/Founder	X	
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III. AGENDA

Member Langston motioned to accept the agenda as written. Member Kissoondyal seconded.

To accept the agenda as written was approved.					
YEA	3	NAY	0	ABSTAIN	0

IV. REVIEW OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Member Langston motioned to accept the minutes as submitted. Member Hendee seconded.

The approval of the BARS as submitted.					
YEA	3	NAY	0	ABSTAIN	0

V. CEO REPORT

- a. Spring Break is next week, and parent-teacher conferences are currently underway and will continue through tomorrow. State testing will begin the Wednesday after we return. Interim assessment data is strong, and we are optimistic this may be our best outcome year yet. Lottery results are positive, and enrollment is trending in the right direction, with continued focus on K–4, which is typical and not a major concern. Staffing remains stable overall; however, we are managing upcoming expirations for J1 teachers while pursuing additional H1B and J1 candidates. Our HR and legal teams are working closely to ensure a compliant and sustainable path forward, and we expect to have a clearer update by the next meeting. As we prepare for the new school year, our primary focus areas remain enrollment, staffing, and state testing.

VI. COMMITTEE REPORT

- a. Regarding the state audit, we have received a response; however, it is unclear whether our appeal has been fully addressed. Additional clarification is needed. The full correspondence will be forwarded to the board, as not as members were included in the initial communication.

At this time, there is not full agreement on how to proceed. It is recommended that the audit Committee further review the matter to determine whether additional options or next steps are available beyond the current response. Given the nature and level of the finding, further exploration is warranted. The committee will evaluate whether to pursue the issue of accept the outcome.

Additionally, there was a recent discussion regarding the Equity Council. It is important to consistently address equity in board discussions. Our position remains that equity is embedded in the school's mission and is actively monitored by the CEO and the board. While external presentations to the board have been limited recently, equity efforts continue to be addressed at the committee level.

Student performance data continues to demonstrate that all student groups, including those from historically underserved backgrounds, are achieving at high levels compared to state averages. This reflects the school's foundational commitment to equity since its inception.

VII. BARS

- a. **BAR 1:** 542-000-2526-0029I
- b. **BAR 2:** 542-000-2526-0030I

Member Langston motioned to review the BARS in block format. Member Knight seconded.

The BARS have been approved.					
YEA	4	NAY	0	ABSTAIN	0

REQUEST FOR NEW AGENDA ITEMS OR NEW BUSINESS

- a. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 23, 2026 at 3:30 PM.
- b. Mr. Langston called for adjournment of the meeting at 3:36 PM.