



**GOVERNING COUNCIL**

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

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

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

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

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT**

Mike Romo

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE**

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

**PUBLIC**

none

These minutes were approved on 4/24/2026

By a vote of 5 yes 0 no 2 absent 0 abstained

Jody 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 March 20, 2026 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, Farrah Nickerson, Alex Carothers, Roland Dewing, Laura Kohr 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. 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. Review/Approval of Minutes from February 20, 2026 Regular Meeting\***

Larry Kennedy asked for a motion to approve the minutes from February 20, 2026 Regular Meeting. Farrah Nickerson made a motion to approve the minutes. 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.

**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**

Alex Carothers presented that the aviation committee met yesterday. There is a check-ride that happened this morning so Albuquerque Aviation Academy has one more new pilot.

Dr. Lauren Chavez presented that they have flown 34 hours in Hotel Kilo and 10 hours in Addison since the last meeting. There have been two new pilots this last month. One student is completing his Air Traffic Control internship with ABQ Tower and said it was going "amazing!"

Classes are going well and the balloons class is working on making a cover for the RC Balloon. The vinyl design for the planes is ready and the weather is warmer so just have to find a common time for installation.

Dr. Chavez reviewed expenses.

Question was asked about the students who dropped the class due to failing grades, what grade levels were they in and how that effects next years batch of pilots. They are mostly 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> graders and if they are failing ITA and/or FOA, they were not going to make it to AIA next year anyway. Question about display plane, is there an update? Mr. Dixson was working with Mr. Portillos on the construction piece and everyone is just waiting on the mounting information from them.

#### **IV. Administrative Update**

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

Bridget Barrett presented her report. She reviewed the Academics by Enrollment and shared that interventions are happening in both middle and high school to get students on track. Today is the second of three days of parent teacher conferences. Question was asked if students are just not spending enough time in Edgenuity and administration will check about the average number of hours spent in classes. A discussion about session logs viewing in Edgenuity vs EdgeX has been an issue on the parent side and we are working with Edgenuity to get that fixed. Since we are in the Beta testing of EdgeX, that may be something that doesn't happen until it is fully launched.

Discussion about the mentorship program with 6<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade and how that seems to be working well so far. Senator Jay Block came to the school and did a presentation with the 7<sup>th</sup> grade Civics class on Wednesday. Senator Block will also be the speaker at graduation ceremony this year.

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

##### **A. Annual Organizational Meeting / 2026 Open Meetings Resolution \***

Larry shared the Open Meetings Resolution and discussion about moving the meeting from the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday to the 4<sup>th</sup> Friday of each month due to the conflict with the PEC monthly meetings.

Larry Kennedy asked for a motion to approve moving the regular monthly meetings from the third Friday of each month to the fourth Friday of each month. Farrah Nickerson 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.

Larry Kennedy asked for a motion to approve the 2026 Open Meetings Resolution as amended. Alex Carothers made the motion. 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. The next regular meeting will be April 24, 2026.

#### **B. Election of Officers: President, Vice President, and Secretary \***

Larry Kennedy stated that he would be willing to stay on another year as President if the Council would like. Roland Dewing made the motion to have Larry Kennedy as President. 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.

Larry Kennedy made the motion to have Farrah Nickerson as Vice President. 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.

Farrah Nickerson made the motion to have Roland Dewing as Secretary. 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. Committee Member Appointments – Finance Committee, Audit Committee, Aviation Committee \***

Discussion about committee membership. Alex Carothers made a motion to keep committee membership the same. 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.

Finance Committee GC Members: Larry Kennedy, Roland Dewing, and Laura Kohr  
Audit Committee GC Members: Larry Kennedy, Alex Carothers, and Laura Kohr as Parent Representative

Aviation Committee GC Members: Alex Carothers, Roland Dewing, and Mike Romo

#### **D. Student Attendance**

Amanda Catanzaro shared graphs comparing attendance rates by grade and overall from the 2024-2025 school year to the present 2025-2026 school year. Overall, there

is no statistical difference between the two years. Some months are lower and others are higher since beginning the attendance initiatives this year. Will continue to gather data year over year for comparison.

**E. Children’s Internet Protection Act, Internet Safety Policy and CIPA Certification \***

Larry Kennedy shared that the policy was emailed over this morning after being reviewed by attorney. Discussion about this policy is specifically related to E-Rate.

Larry Kennedy asked for a motion to approve the Children’s Internet Protection Act, Internet Safety Policy and CIPA Certification. Farrah Nickerson made the motion. 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.

**F. NMPSIA Part Time Employee Resolution \***

Sean Fry presented the annual NMPSIA Part Time Employee Resolution. Larry Kennedy asked for a motion to approve the NMPSIA Part Time Employee Resolution. Alex Carothers made the motion. 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.

**VI. Governing Council Development**

Larry Kennedy shared that Kelly Callahan could not be at this meeting. Discussion about creating committees for Governing Council Succession Planning and Head Administrator Succession Planning.

Following discussion, the Governing Council determined that the Head Administrator Succession Plan would be created on an as needed basis and not until it is needed.

More discussion with Kelly next month and GC is hoping she will provide examples from other schools.

Question was asked about the boards role in deciding what curriculum is used at the school. Discussion followed. This will be a discussion item next month.

**VII. Finance Report**

**A. Business Office Operations Update**

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

There are a lot of BARs today due to audited financial ending cash balances vs budgeted audit cash. Albuquerque Aviation Academy is 51.42% of the budget spent to date and has received 66.88% of budgeted funds. Lease Assistance payment came in after delay from the state. Revenue exceeded expenditures by \$155,113.58 mainly due to that large payment from Lease Assistance. Other large payment that happens annually is the renewal of GoGuardian that is seen on this months statements.

**B. Voucher Approvals for February 2026 \***

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

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

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

Larry Kennedy asked for a motion to approve the Bank Reconciliations for February 2026. Laura Kohr made a motion to approve. 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.

**D. Budget Adjustment Requests \***

Sean Fry presented BAR 2526-24101-0007-I, an increase in Title I for the final allocation in the amount of \$6660.46 that will be used for salary and benefits for our Level III Educational Assistants.

Sean Fry presented BAR 2526-31703-0009-IB, an initial budget for SB-9 in the amount of \$10,800.66 that will be used for the lease to purchase.

Sean Fry presented BAR 2526-31600-0010-I, an increase in HB33 due to ending cash balance in the amount of \$112,814.

Sean Fry presented BAR 2526-31701-0011-I, an increase in SB-9 Local in the amount of \$62111 that will be used for the buildings purchase.

Sean Fry presented BAR 2526-31703-0013-I, an increase in SB-9 State Match in the amount of \$73655 which is actual carryover vs budgeted.

Sean Fry presented BAR 2526-11000-0014-I, an increase from reconciliation for operational in the amount of \$255,033. Reviewed all sub functions that were fixed. \$4500 to 58211 for the Tax Penalty line.

Sean Fry presented BAR 2526-23000-0015-I, an increase of \$5035 for supplies and materials.

Sean Fry presented BAR 2526-31400-0017-D, a decrease in the amount of \$6250 for the Arts in Public Places dollars from the Capital Outlay funding.

Larry Kennedy asked for a motion to approve BAR 2526-24101-0007-I, BAR 2526-31703-0009-IB, BAR 2526-31600-0010-I, BAR 2526-31701-0011-I, BAR 2526-31703-0013-I, BAR 2526-11000-0014-I, BAR 2526-23000-0015-I, and BAR 2526-31400-0017-D. Farrah Nickerson made a motion to approve the BARs. 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.

#### **VIII. Announcements**

Next regular scheduled governing council meeting is scheduled for 4/24/2026.

#### **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 March 20, 2026 at 3:23 PM.