



GOVERNING COUNCIL

Regular Meeting of the Albuquerque Aviation Academy Governing Council on
Friday, May 22, 2026

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

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

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

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Farrah Nickerson and Jody Meyer

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

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

PUBLIC

none

These minutes were approved on 6/24/2026

By a vote of 10 yes 0 no 1 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 May 22, 2026 at 9:02 AM on Zoom.us and in person.

A. Roll Call

Larry Kennedy asked Amanda Catanzaro to call roll. Amanda Catanzaro called Mike Romo, Alex Carothers, Roland Dewing, Laura Kohr (via Zoom), and Larry Kennedy (via Zoom).

B. Adoption of the Agenda*

Larry Kennedy asked to amend the agenda, moving the Finance Report earlier in the meeting before Ongoing Business Matters. Larry Kennedy for a motion to approve the amended agenda. Alex Carothers made a motion to approve the amended agenda. Mike Romo seconded the motion. Larry Kennedy asked Amanda Catanzaro to call roll. Amanda Catanzaro called Mike Romo, Alex Carothers, Roland Dewing, Laura Kohr, and Larry Kennedy; all voted yes. The motion carried unanimously.

C. Review/Approval of Minutes from April 24, 2026 Regular Meeting*

Larry Kennedy asked for a motion to approve the minutes from April 24, 2026 Regular Meeting. Mike Romo made a motion to approve the minutes. Alex Carothers seconded the motion. Larry Kennedy asked Amanda Catanzaro to call roll. Amanda Catanzaro called Mike Romo, Alex Carothers, Roland Dewing, Laura Kohr, 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. 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 April 2026. We have received 83.32% of budgeted operational revenue to date. Last months revenue exceeded expenditures by \$58,899.51. There were no abnormal transactions.

Mike Romo made a motion to approve the bank vouchers for April 2026. Roland Dewing seconded the motion. Motion was made out of agenda order. Motion was withdrawn.

B. FY 2027 Operating Budget *

Sean Fry presented the FY 2027 Operating Budget. The largest legislative change was the insurance split. Instead of being levels based on annual salary, all employees are at an 80/20 split. That averages out to an 8% increase in average take home pay for employees.

The unit value slightly increased next year and will be just over \$7,000 for the first time ever at \$7117.10. Albuquerque Aviation Academy's TCI Index creased. Special Education C level went down slightly but D level went up slightly.

Discussion regarding At Risk and ELL funding in the budget.

The change in insurance will cost the school approximately \$80,000 additionally in FY27. At this point in time, we are able to maintain the programs we currently have. We will have a slight decrease in FTE from 1.0 to .8 due to request from staff member to move to part time.

Sean Fry reviewed the graphs for operational budget. Operational Unrestricted case is approximately \$850,000 which is 15% of budget to meet our goal from last year.

Auditing costs have increased approximately \$5,000. We have budgeted \$20,000 for advertising for next year. Total budget is \$7,722,797.

Larry Kennedy asked for a motion to approve the FY 2027 Operating Budget as presented. Mike Romo made a motion to approve the budget. Roland Dewing seconded the motion. Larry Kennedy asked Amanda Catanzaro to call roll. Amanda Catanzaro called Mike Romo, Alex Carothers, Roland Dewing, Laura Kohr, and Larry Kennedy; all voted yes. The motion carried unanimously.

C. Voucher Approvals for April 2026 *

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

Larry Kennedy asked for a motion to approve the bank vouchers for April 2026. Mike Romo made a motion to approve. Roland Dewing seconded the motion. Larry Kennedy asked Amanda Catanzaro to call roll. Amanda Catanzaro called Mike Romo, Alex Carothers, Roland Dewing, Laura Kohr, and Larry Kennedy; all voted yes. The motion carried unanimously.

D. Bank Reconciliation for April 2026 *

The Finance Committee can support the approval of the April Bank Reconciliations. Larry Kennedy asked for a motion to approve the Bank Reconciliations for April 2026. Mike Romo made a motion to approve. Alex Carothers seconded the motion. Larry

Kennedy asked Amanda Catanzaro to call roll. Amanda Catanzaro called Mike Romo, Alex Carothers, Roland Dewing, Laura Kohr, and Larry Kennedy; all voted yes. The motion carried unanimously.

E. Budget Adjustment Requests *

Sean Fry presented BAR 2526-24106-0019-I, an increase due to final award allocation for IDEA-B in the amount of \$13,164.56 that will be used for the Special Education Coordinator salary and benefits.

BAR 2526-27502-0020-M, a maintenance BAR to adjust lines within the Next Gen CTE grant moving within a function in the amount of \$5,000.

BAR 2526-11000-0021-I, an increase of \$91,275.36 in Operational from the Hold Harmless of At-Risk due to a change in the formula. Funds will be used for athletic salaries, ARA payout and supply assets.

BAR 2526-24154-0022-D, a decrease of \$767.43 in Title II from final allocation from the state. Decrease what was paid in stipends and move to operational.

Larry Kennedy asked for a motion to approve BAR 2526-24106-0019-I, BAR 2526-27502-0020-M, BAR 2526-11000-0021-I, and BAR 2526-24154-0022-D. Mike Romo made a motion to approve the BARs. Alex Carothers seconded the motion. Larry Kennedy asked Amanda Catanzaro to call roll. Amanda Catanzaro called Mike Romo, Alex Carothers, Roland Dewing, Laura Kohr, and Larry Kennedy; all voted yes. The motion carried unanimously.

IV. Ongoing Business Matters

A. Aviation Program/Committee Update

Dr. Chavez presented that they have flown 22.7 hours in Hotel Kilo and 41.7 hours in Addison since the last meeting. Hotel Kilo is getting the 100 hour completed. Last two seniors who were eligible have now earned their private pilot's license.

Reviewed the Final Grade Table. Internships are complete for the school year. New photos with seniors and both planes have been taken and will be shared.

Reviewed expenses.

V. Administrative Update

A. Student Achievement Update

Bridget Barrett presented her report. Reviewed Academics by Enrollment. For the 26/27 School Year, we have 319 students fully registered. Goal is to be closer to 360 so that there is a buffer for students that don't end up attending after all.

Today is graduation!

Question was asked about the 6th grade and what subject areas they are most struggling in coming to Albuquerque Aviation Academy. 6th grade struggles all the way around, we are looking at changing the model so that it is not so heavily reliant on Edgenuity courses. Middle school is already a big change.

VI. New Business Matters

A. Animals on Campus Policy *

Amanda Catanzaro presented the Animals on Campus Policy which has been vetted by the attorney.

Larry Kennedy asked for a motion to approve the Animals on Campus Policy. Alex Carothers made the motion. Mike Romo seconded the motion. Larry Kennedy asked Amanda Catanzaro to call roll. Amanda Catanzaro called Mike Romo, Alex Carothers, Roland Dewing, Laura Kohr, and Larry Kennedy; all voted yes. The motion carried unanimously.

B. Service Animals Policy *

Amanda Catanzaro presented the Service Animals Policy, that was needed in conjunction with the Animals on Campus Policy. Both have been vetted by the attorney.

Larry Kennedy asked for a motion to approve the Service Animals Policy. Alex Carothers made the motion. Mike Romo seconded the motion. Larry Kennedy asked Amanda Catanzaro to call roll. Amanda Catanzaro called Mike Romo, Alex Carothers, Roland Dewing, Laura Kohr, and Larry Kennedy; all voted yes. The motion carried unanimously.

C. Governing Council Member Recruitment

Larry Kennedy shared that we are still actively recruiting for another member to join the Governing Council.

VII. Governing Council Development

Kelly Callahan shared that this will be the last meeting for the 2025-2026 school year. Reports for Governing Council training will be sent to CSD and copies will be provided to Bridget Barrett and Larry Kennedy.

Still questions as to what next years trainings might look like with the new Executive Director at PCSNM.

Discussion about losing a member of the Governing Council. Jody will be leaving later in the summer, so we are pro-actively filling the position. CSD notification will take place as required when transition takes place and all required training will be completed when it comes to that time.

VIII. Announcements

Next regular scheduled governing council meeting is scheduled for 6/26/2026. Email will be sent by Amanda Catanzaro and/or Bridget Barrett to verify that we will have quorum.

Graduation is today at 1:00.

IX. Adjournment*

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

The Regular Meeting of the Governing Council for the Albuquerque Aviation Academy adjourned on May 22, 2026 at 9:55 AM.