

NEW MEXICO ACADEMY FOR THE MEDIA ARTS  
GOVERNING COUNCIL MINUTES  
December 12, 2023 10:00 am  
Virtual Meeting via Zoom Platform

1. Quorum Call

Governing Council President Carolyn Carlson called the meeting to order at 10:00 am with a Quorum present. Those present were: Channing Concho, Malinda Menke, Carolyn Carlson, Kendra Toth, proposed council member Janie Woodard, Business Manager Mike Vigil II, Principal John Rodarte, Intern Coordinator Tom Richardson, Media Coordinator Anthony Conforti and lobbying consultants Richard Romero, Sue Griffith and Michael Chavez.

2. Approval of Agenda

Approval of Agenda was made by Malinda and seconded by Channing. Passed unanimously with Kendra abstaining.

3. Approval of Minutes

Approval of the November 14, 2023 Minutes was made by Channing and seconded by Malinda. Passed unanimously.

4. Committee of the Whole - There was no discussion.

5. Public Input - There was no public input.

6. Reports

Principal's Report - Mr. Rodarte sent his principal report ahead of time. Enrollment is 146. The students were disenrolled due to conflicts with parents. One ninth grader enrolled. Mr. Rodarte said that while the school has been awarded grants such as the wellness grant they have not been received. No purchases have been made towards the wellness room. He said school discipline continues to abate. Mr. Rodarte said he wanted to recognize the staff for their continued support of the absent humanities teacher. He recognized Mr. Frampton, the social worker, who was leaving the school. Mr. Rodarte said the school would be looking at contracted social workers. He also said the school should look at the possibility of hiring a student recruiter/social media coordinator. A new quote came in for the HVAC system of \$30,000 less than the first one. He said there are some classroom changes with a student lounge in the place. He said the green space is ready for the landscaping project. Mr. Rodarte said some of the students interviewed District Attorney Sam Bregman as part of a documentary the students are working on for Rep. Pamela Herndon. He invited the board to the Winter Expo.

Intern Coordinator Report – Tom Richardson said our percentage of students who have completed, or in the process of completing internships hold steady around the 50% mark. He said he was going to meet with the person in charge of the Orphan Sigh

project which takes abandoned signs and turns them into artwork. He suggested the board consider making it a graduation requirement to complete an internship.

Media Coordinator Report - Anthony Conforti gave an update on the wellness room grant and another possible grant to do a documentary on the project. He said he was going to reach out to the city in regards to it's guns and youth initiative. Mr. Conforti said he was planning on taking a group of students to the legislature.

Business Manager's Report - Mike Vigil II was present. He said the school is expecting an increase as we do in most years and we do have some funds coming in on the reimbursement basis. He will be working with Mr. Rodarte to make sure all pots of funding are being utilized. His reports reflect a healthy cash balance but the school needs to get more students in the seats. He said as far as the check register it was a pretty even month as far as revenues versus expenditures. The school brought in about \$218,000, and spent about \$215,000, so that equal in and out. There is about \$1.9 million cash balance. He said he could not talk about the audit yet will as soon as it is released by the state.

## 7. Action Items

- Approval of BARs - Approval of Bars - #FY24 Bar #0004-M-11000, FY24 Bar #0005-T24101 and FY24 Bar #0006I 31200 Motion made by Channing, seconded by Malinda approved unanimously with Kendra Toth abstaining.
- Approval contracts with SG Consulting Services LLC and Richard Romero Consulting for lobbying services in during the upcoming legislative session. Motion made by Channing, seconded by Malinda approved unanimously with Kendra abstaining.
- Accepting the resignation of Council member Faith Toledo Motion made by Malinda, seconded by Channing approved unanimously with Kendra abstaining.
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## 8. Executive Session

A motion was made by Malinda and was seconded by Channing to close the open meeting and go into executive session to discuss pending or threatened ligation pursuant to NMSA 1978 Section 10-15-1.H (7)(2015), which provides an exception to the requirements of the Open Meetings Act for attorney-client privileged communication pertaining to threatened or pending litigation. The motion was approved unanimously. The council moved into executive session at 11:16 am. The council came out of executive session at 11:30 am. Council President said nothing was discussed other than pending litigation.

## 9. New Business

None

## 10. Old Business

Council Training – Reminders were given to council members.

Adjourned at 11:40 am.

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