

New Mexico Academy for the Media Arts  
Governing Council Virtual Meeting Minutes  
March 12, 2024 @ 10am

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, Janie Woodard and Eddie Tafoya, Business Manager Mike Vigil II, Principal John Rodarte, Intern Coordinator Tom Richardson and Media Coordinator Anthony Conforti.
2. Approval of Agenda – Approval of the agenda as amended was made by Malinda. Channing second. Motion passed unanimously with roll call vote, and Eddie Tafoya and Janie Woodard abstaining. Items deferred were: approval of the Open Meetings Act Resolution, election of officers and approval of Dispensing of Damaged/Broken Inventory.
3. Approval of Minutes March 12, 2024 – Approval of the minutes was made by Channing. Malinda second. Motion passed unanimously with roll call vote, and new board members abstaining.
4. Public Input – Bryn McCabe Kelly, a parent, was observing the meeting.
5. Reports
  - A. Intern Coordinator Report – Tom Richardson said that opportunities that we have for internships continue to increase. The school has above a 50% mark currently. He would like the board to make having an internship a requirement for graduation. He said there was an opportunity for the documentary to extend into the summer. Another opportunity is the Mayor’s Creative Youth corps. There are also some opportunities at Goodwill and other places.
  - B. Media Coordinator Report - Anthony Conforti reported on attending the CNM Film Advisory Board meeting. He said there are new people in the IATSE union. He reported that there is a problem with our dual credits not being accepted at CNM, UNM and other colleges. He said that the students continue to work on the Pamelya Herndon documentary.
  - C. Principal Report – Principal John Rodarte sent his written report. During the meeting he reported that there were 138 students with one student leaving due to long term suspension and another left to take care of themselves. We missed the deadline over the summer to apply for the federal reimbursement, and the school could see a \$35,000 to \$45,000 bill for the lunches. Progress is being made on the Wellness Room. A middle school humanites teacher was hired. A social media manager was offered a contract. A new air conditioning unit for main building will be installed. Landscaping in the green space is being completed.

D. Business Manager Report - Mike Vigil II reported that while the school was in a good position now, an increase in enrollment is necessary. There is a healthy balance projected for cash going into next year. There is \$187,000 in deposits, and withdrawals, totaling about \$230,000, but not enough of a discrepancy to become a cash flow issue. The cash reconciled at the bank is a little bit over \$1.1 million.

E. Legislature Lobbyists Report – Richard Romero, Sue Griffith and Keith Romero reported. Richard Romero said this was a difficult session for them, as just before the session started, Michael Chavez passed away unexpectedly. He reported that Democrats don't seem to be as friendly to charter schools as the Republicans. He said it is tough for charter schools. R. Romero and Griffith suggested we begin to meet in October before the session to get on board with our requests.

6. Action Items

Approval of Bars FY24#00190I 11000; FY24#0015-IB 27583; FY24#0016-I24189; FY24#0017-I 24330 and FY24#0018-I31703- Malinda made the motion, second by Channing. Motion passed unanimously with roll call vote, and new board members who have not completed their training abstaining.

Approval of a second March meeting workshop – Channing made the motion, second by Malinda. Motion passed unanimously with roll call vote, and new board members who have not completed their training abstaining.

7. New Business – none

8. Old Business - Items discussed: council training opportunities.

9. Executive Session was not needed.

10. Adjourned at 11:49am.

\_\_\_ Carolyn Carlson  
\_\_\_ Malinda Menke  
\_\_\_ Channing Concho  
\_\_\_ Janie Woodard  
\_\_\_ Kendra Toth  
\_\_\_ Eddie Tayofa