



**EL CAMINO REAL ACADEMY**  
**GOVERNING COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING**  
**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2024 AT 4:30 P.M.**



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**MINUTES**

1. Preliminary Business
  - A. Call to Order  
4:30 p.m.
  - B. Roll Call  
Governing Council present: Marsha Majors (Google Meet), Gretchen Long (Google Meet), Vianey Veleta-Arambula (Google Meet), Jim Nettle (Google Meet at 4:37)  
Staff Present: Jennifer Mercer (Google Meet), Ian Johnson-Escudero (Google Meet at 7:06), Denise Brown (Google Meet), Carrie McNeil (Google Meet)
  - C. Approval of Agenda  
Vianey Veleta-Arambula motioned to approve the September 26, 2024 agenda.  
Gretchen Long seconded the motion. Council members unanimously approved.
  - D. Approval of Minutes  
Vianey Veleta-Arambula motioned to approve the August 19, 2024 agenda as presented. Gretchen Long seconded the motion. Council members unanimously approved
2. Public Comment  
None
3. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS
  - A. Financial Statements and Cash Disbursements (Action)  
Vianey Veleta-Arambula motioned to approve the August 31, 2024 Financial Statements and Cash Disbursements as presented. Gretchen Long seconded the motion. Council members unanimously approved.
  - B. BARS (Action)  
Jim Nettle motioned to approve BAR FY25-01 as presented. Vianey Veleta-Arambula seconded the motion. Council members unanimously approved.



C. Recommendation to approve purchases and give Director permission to sign contracts over \$15,000. (Action)  
Jim Nettle motioned to table item C. Marsha Majors seconded the motion. Council members unanimously approved. Council members unanimously approved.

D. Whistle Blower Policy Legal Citation Correction (Action)  
Vianey Veleta-Arambula motioned to approve the Whistle Blower Policy Legal Citation Correction per auditors. Jim Nettle seconded the motion.

E. Policy and Bylaw Review (Discussion)  
Possible bylaw adjustments discussed: changing Principal to Executive Director and board member resignations

F. Board Development (Discussion)  
GC training options were discussed

G. Executive Director's Report (Discussion)  
Jennifer Mercer updated the council on: the 90-day Plan, PNM Day, enrollment, and staffing. A detailed written report was also provided.

4. Closed Session (closed to the public)

A. Limited personnel matters and Executive Director Evaluation pursuant to NMSA 10-15-1  
Vianey Veleta-Arambula motioned to go into closed session at 5:13 p.m. Gretchen Long seconded the motion. Council members unanimously approved. Jennifer Mercer was invited to join part of the closed session.  
Jim Nettle re-convened the meeting at 5:30 p.m. and polled the council on matters discussed during closed session. The council members individually agreed that the only item discussed was related to: Limited personnel matters and Executive Director Evaluation pursuant to NMSA 10-15-1

5. Concluding Business

I. Discussion of other business and issues  
None

II. Announcements  
None

III. Next Meeting Date  
October 21, 2024 at 7:00 a.m.



IV. Adjournment

Marsha Majors motioned to adjourn at 5:32 p.m. Vianey Veleta-Arambula seconded the motion. Council members unanimously approved.

Mission Statement:

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