



EL CAMINO REAL ACADEMY
GOVERNING COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING
MONDAY, APRIL 28, 2025 AT 7:00 A.M.



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MINUTES

1. Preliminary Business
 - A. Call to Order
7:03 a.m.
 - B. Roll Call
Governing Council Present: Gretchen Long (Google Meet, out at 7:32 a.m.), Vianey Valeta-Arambula (Google Meet), Marsha Majors (Google Meet), Brian Carter (Google Meet)
Governing Council Absent: Jim Nettle
Staff Present: Jennifer Mercer (Google Meet), Ian Johnson-Escudero (Google Meet), Denise Brown (Google Meet)
Guest: Mary Scofield (Google Meet, 7:14 a.m.-7:52 a.m.)
 - C. Approval of Agenda
Vianey Valeta-Arambula motioned to approve the April 28, 2025 agenda as presented. Gretchen Long seconded the motion. Council members unanimously approved.
 - D. Approval of Minutes
Vianey Valeta-Arambula motioned to approve the March 20, 2025 minutes as presented. Gretchen Long seconded the motion. Council members unanimously approved.
Vianey Valeta-Arambula motioned to approve the April 1, 2025 minutes as presented. Gretchen Long seconded the motion. Council members unanimously approved.
2. Public Comment
None
3. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS
 - A. Executive Director's Report (Discussion)
No questions were asked regarding the provided written report.
 - B. Financial Statements and Cash Disbursements for March 31, 2025 (Action)
Vianey Valeta-Arambula motioned to approve the March 31, 2025 Financial Statements and Cash Disbursements as presented. Gretchen Long seconded the motion. Council members unanimously approved.
 - C. BARS (Action)
Vianey Valeta-Arambula motioned to approve BAR FY25-21. Gretchen Long seconded the motion. Council members unanimously approved.



Vianey Valeta-Arambula motioned to approve BAR FY25-22. Gretchen Long seconded the motion. Council members unanimously approved.

Vianey Valeta-Arambula motioned to approve BAR FY25-23 as presented. Gretchen Long seconded the motion. Council members unanimously approved.

- D. Recommendation to Approve Purchases and Give Director Permission to Sign Contracts Over \$15,000. (Action)

Vianey Valeta-Arambula motioned to approve the purchase order increase of \$4,000 for ABCWUA with the final amount \$26,000. Gretchen Long seconded the motion. Council members unanimously approved.

- E. Temporary Loans to Other Funds (Action)

Vianey Valeta-Arambula motioned to approve the Temporary Loans to Other Funds as presented. Brian Carter seconded the motion. Council members unanimously approved.

- F. Approval of SY25-26 Budget (Action)

Vianey Valeta-Arambula motioned to approve the FY25 operating budget of 5.25 million as presented. Gretchen Long seconded the motion. Council members unanimously approved.

- G. Approval of SY25-26 School Calendar (Action)

Vianey Valeta-Arambula motioned to approve the SY as presented, GL, all

- H. Approval of SY25-26 Salary Schedules (Action)

Vianey Valeta-Arambula motioned to approve the SY25-26 Salary Schedules as presented, Brian Carter seconded the motion. Council members unanimously approved.

- I. Consideration of PED Letter to OCR and Request for LEA Response (Action)

Vianey Valeta-Arambula motioned to table item I. Brian Carter seconded the motion. Council members unanimously approved.

- J. Establishment of Ad Hoc Committees (Action)

Vianey Valeta-Arambula motioned to approve the establishment of the Ad Hoc Committee. Brian Carter seconded the motion. Council members unanimously approved.

- K. Policy and Bylaw Review (Discussion/Action)

Brian Carter motioned to table item K. Vianey Valeta-Arambula seconded the motion. Council members unanimously approved.



I. Board Development (Discussion)
Training hours were discussed.



4. Closed Session (closed to the public)

A. Limited personnel matters pursuant to NMSA 10-15-1H (2)

Vianey Valeta-Arambula motioned to go into closed session at 7:52 a.m. Brian Carter seconded the motion. Council members unanimously approved.

Jennifer Mercer was invited to join the closed session.

Marsha Majors re-convened the meeting at 8:05 a.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 pursuant to NMSA 10-15-1H (2)

5. Concluding Business

I. Discussion of other business and issues
None

II. Announcements
None

III. Next Meeting Date
Thursday, May15 at 7:00 a.m.

IV. Adjournment
Vianey Valeta-Arambula motioned to adjourn at 8:09 a.m. Brian Carter seconded the motion. Council members unanimously approved.

Mission Statement:

As a K-12 charter school, ECRA provides rich virtual and onsite project-based learning programs that focus on STEAAM (science, technology, engineering, art, agriculture and math), SEL (social-emotional learning) and Community Connections that facilitate student agency, and empower students' to thrive with a growth mindset and learning habits that build success in all areas of their lives.