



EL CAMINO REAL ACADEMY
GOVERNING COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2025 AT 7:00 A.M.



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MINUTES

1. Preliminary Business
 - A. Call to Order
7:02 a.m.
 - B. Roll Call
Governing Council Present: Marsha Majors (Google Meet), Vianey Valeta-Arambula (Google Meet), Gretchen Long (Google meet/out at 7:30), Jim Nessel (Google Meet)
Governing Council Present: Brian Carter
Staff Present: Johnson-Escudero (Google Meet), Christopher Villarreal (Google Meet), Denise Brown (Google Meet)
Guest: Mary Scofield (Google Meet)
 - C. Approval of Agenda
Marsha Majors motioned to table items B, C, D, and E. Vianey Valeta-Arambula seconded the motion. Council members unanimously approved.
Marsha Majors motioned to approve the October 20, 2025 as amended. Vianey Valeta-Arambula seconded the motion. Council members unanimously approved.
 - D. Approval of Minutes
Vianey Valeta-Arambula motioned to approve the September 29, 2025 minutes as presented. Marsha Majors seconded the motion. Council members unanimously approved.
2. Public Comment
None
3. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS
 - A. Executive Director's Report (Discussion)
Christopher Villarreal updated the council on: Gardens and Grounds Coordinator, the Semilla Project, upcoming Fall Festival, Data Stories, food and birthday policies, Promethium boards from APS surplus, regular Executive Director meetings with individual GC members, SEL professional development from Social Worker, Curriculum Specialist accomplishments, ElevateNM training, STEAAM and community building, HOWL bucks, HOWL Store, vape awareness program and detectors, facilities, and Amira testing.
 - B. Financial Statements and Cash Disbursements for September 30, 2025 (Action)
Tabled



C. BARS (Action)
Tabled

D. Temporary Loans to Other Funds (Action)
Tabled

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

F. Discussion on Possible Changes to Meeting Times (Discussion)
The GC had a discussion on possible time changes.

G. Policy and Bylaw Review (Discussion/Action)
Jim Nettle motioned to table item G. Marsha Majors seconded the motion. Council members unanimously approved.

H. Board Development (Discussion)
Training

4. Concluding Business

I. Discussion of other business and issues
Christopher Villarreal gave an update on APS board meetings. The GC would like a comparison on the differences between charter school authorizers.

II. Announcements
None

III. Next Meeting Date
Thursday, November 20, 2025 at 7:00 a.m.

IV. Adjournment
Vianey Valeta-Arambula motioned to adjourn at 7:50 a.m. Marsha Majors seconded the motion. Council members unanimously approved