



**EL CAMINO REAL ACADEMY**  
**GOVERNING COUNCIL MEETING**  
**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2026 AT 7:00 A.M.**



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**MINUTES**

1. Preliminary Business
  - A. Call to Order  
7:04 a.m.
  - B. Roll Call  
Governing Council Present: Marsha Majors (Google Meet), Gretchen Long (Google Meet/out at 7:52), Vianey Valeta-Arambula (phone), Jim Nettle (Google Meet)  
Staff Present: Mary Scofield (Google Meet/out 7:42), Ian Johnson-Escudero (Google Meet), Denise Brown (Google Meet), Christopher Villarreal (Google Meet), Jennifer Mercer (Google Meet/closed session only)  
Guest: Cat Klein (Google Meet in at 7:20/out at 7:41)
  - C. Approval of Agenda  
Marsha Majors motioned to approve the February 17, 2026 agenda as presented. Gretchen Long seconded the motion. Council members unanimously approved.
  - D. Approval of Minutes  
Marsha Majors motioned to approve the January 22, 2025 minutes as presented. Jim Nettle seconded the motion. Council members approved.  
Vianey Valeta-Arambula abstained.
2. Public Comment  
None
3. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS
  - A. Executive Director's Report (Discussion)  
Christopher Villarreal updated the council on: formalization of departments mission statements, modernization of student disciplinary protocols, ensuring school wide systems are current and manageable, 120-day reporting compliance, charter team, Gifted Teacher, PLCs, NWEA data stories, PBIS tracking system, facilities, volleyball court, NAEP testing, fundraisers, Science Fair, enrollment, and applicants.
  - B. Financial Statements and Cash Disbursements for January 31, 2026 (Action)  
Vianey Valeta-Arambula motioned to approve the Financial Statements and Cash Disbursements for January 31, 2026. Marsha Majors seconded the motion. Council members unanimously approved.



- C. BARS (Action)  
Marsha Majors motioned to table item C. Vianey Valeta-Arambula seconded the motion. Council members unanimously approved.
- D. Recommendation to Approve Purchases and Give Director Permission to Sign Contracts Over \$15,000. (Action)  
Marsha Majors motioned to table item D. Vianey Valeta-Arambula seconded the motion. Council members unanimously approved.
- E. Approval of Open Meetings Act Resolution (Action)  
Marsha Majors motioned to approve the Open Meetings Act as presented. Vianey Valeta-Arambula seconded the motion. Council members unanimously approved.
- F. Approval of Updated Student Discipline Matrix and Definitions (Action)  
Vianey Valeta-Arambula motioned to approve the Updated Student Discipline Matrix and Definitions. Gretchen Long seconded the motion. Council members unanimously approved.
- G. Board Elections (Action)  
Jim Nettle nominated Marsha Majors for President. Vianey Valeta-Arambula seconded the motion. Council members unanimously approved.  
Marsha Majors nominated Vianey Valeta-Arambula as Vice President. Jim Nettle seconded the motion. Council members unanimously approved.  
Marsha Majors nominated Jim Nettle as Secretary/Treasurer. Gretchen Long seconded the motion. Council members unanimously approved.
- H. Committee Assignments (Action)  
Vianey Valeta-Arambula motioned to approve Jim Nettle and Marsha Majors as Audit Committee members. Jim Nettle seconded the motion. Council members unanimously approved.  
Marsha Majors motioned to approve Jim Nettle and Vianey Valeta-Arambula as Finance Committee members. Gretchen Long seconded the motion. Council members unanimously approved.
- I. Policy and Bylaw Review (Discussion/Action)  
The council suggested updates for the current bylaws.
- J. Board Development (Discussion)  
The council discussed training needs.



4. Closed Session (closed to the public)
  - A. Limited personnel matters and Executive Director Evaluation pursuant to NMSA 10-15-1

Marsha Majors motioned to go into closed session at 8:12 a.m. Vianey Valeta-Arambula seconded the motion. Council members unanimously approved.

Jennifer Mercer was invited to join part of the closed session.

Jim Nessel re-convened the meeting at 8:46 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 and Executive Director Evaluation pursuant to NMSA 10-15-1

5. Concluding Business

- I. Discussion of other business and issues  
Previous board member passed away. The council made suggestions to honor him.

- II. Announcements  
None

- III. Next Meeting Date  
Monday, March 16, 2026 at 7:00 a.m.

- IV. Adjournment  
Marsha Majors motioned to adjourn at 8:54 a.m. Vianey Valeta-Arambula seconded the motion. Council members unanimously approved