



EL CAMINO REAL ACADEMY
GOVERNING COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, JUNE 15, 2026 AT 7:00 A.M.



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GC MINUTES

1. Preliminary Business
 - A. Call to Order
7:01 a.m.
 - B. Roll Call
Governing Council Present: Vianey Valeta-Arambula (Google Meet), Desne Salazar (Google Meet), Jim Nettle (Google Meet), Marsha Majors (Google Meet)
Governing Council Absent: Gretchen Long
Staff Present: Christopher Villarreal (Google Meet), Ian Johnson-Escudero (Google Meet), Denise Brown (Google Meet), Mary Scofield (Google Meet)
Guests: Joe Papa, Bradley Wood from Energy X Global (Google Meet 7:30-8:43)
 - C. Approval of Agenda
Jim Nettle motioned to approve the June 15, 2026 agenda as presented. Vianey Valeta-Arambula seconded the motion. Council members unanimously approved.
 - D. Approval of Minutes
Vianey Valeta-Arambula motioned to approve the May 18, 2026 minutes as presented. Marsha Majors seconded the motion. Council members approved.
Desne Salazar abstained.
Desne Salazar motioned to approve the June 10, 2026 minutes as presented. Vianey Valeta-Arambula seconded the motion. Council members unanimously approved.
2. Public Comment
None
3. Closed Session (closed to the public)
 - A. Limited personnel matters and Executive Director Evaluation/Contract pursuant to NMSA 10-15-1

Jim Nettle motioned to go into closed session at 7:06 a.m. Desne Salazar seconded the motion. Council members unanimously approved. Mary Scofield was invited to join part of the closed session.
Marsha Majors re-convened the meeting at 7:20 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/Contract pursuant to NMSA 10-15-1.



4. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

- A. Executive Director’s Report (Discussion)
Christopher Villarreal: graduation/promotion ceremonies, final exams, exhibitions, NWEA completed, Next Step Plans, media outreach for enrolment, annual teacher evaluations, Yucca Group device return, year-end checklists, field day, sports banquet, math lab, and campus renovation plans.
- B. Approval of the SY27 Contract for the Executive Director (Action)
Vianey Valeta-Arambula motioned to approve the SY27 contract of the Executive Director. Jim Nettle seconded the motion. Council members unanimously approved.
- C. Financial Statements and Cash Disbursements for April 30, 2026 and May 31, 2026 (Action)
Vianey Valeta-Arambula motioned to approve the Financial Statements and Cash Disbursements for April 30, 2026 and May 31, 2026 as presented. Desne Salazar seconded the motion. Council members unanimously approved.
- D. BARS (Action)
Jim Nettle motioned to approve BARS FY26-34, FY26-35, FY26-36, FY26-337, and FY26-38 as presented. Marsha Majors seconded the motion. Council members unanimously approved
- E. Recommendation to Approve Purchases and Give Director Permission to Sign Contracts Over \$15,000. (Action)
Ian Johnson-Escudero provided an informational update.
- F. Recommendation to Approve Annual Purchase Orders and Give Director Permission to Sign FY27 Contracts Over \$15,000 (Action)
Jim Nettle motioned to approve the FY27annual purchase orders over \$15,000 and permit the Administrator, Christopher Villarreal, to sign on the school’s behalf. Desne Salazar seconded the motion. Council members unanimously approved.

FY27 "Annual" Purchase Orders (for approval 6/15/26)		
Vendor:	PO Amount:	Purpose:
Harris	\$ 16,500.00	AptaFund (accounting software)
Universal Waste	\$ 17,400.00	Garbage collection
Infinite Campus	\$ 17,500.00	Student Information System
ADP	\$ 18,000.00	Bi-weekly/tax + W-2s, recruitment, time & attendance
New Mexico Gas Company	\$ 20,000.00	Gas utilities
De Lage Landen	\$ 20,700.00	Copier Lease
DMH Law, LLC	\$ 22,000.00	Charter Renewal support
Albuquerque Water	\$ 25,000.00	Water utilities
CliftonLarsonAllen	\$ 28,875.00	FY25 audit
Taylor Wiz Marketing	\$ 30,000.00	Enrollment support/marketing
Clearly Clean	\$ 50,000.00	Contracted custodial services
PNM	\$ 62,000.00	Electric utilities
Yucca Group LLC	\$ 85,707.00	Onsite tech (70707), IT Consulting (15000)
NMPSIA	\$ 151,658.00	Risk insurance
NM ACES	\$ 338,000.00	Diag (\$ 83,000.00), SLP (\$ 85,000.00), OT (\$ 31,000.00), PT (\$ 12,000.00), Psych (\$ 5,000.00), BM Consult (\$ 20,000.00), B&D (HVAC maintenance) (\$ 22,000.00), Curriculum/Administrative Advisement (\$80,000)
Southwest Foodservice Excellence	\$ 270,000.00	Food service management
Rick Saylor	\$ 702,648.00	Lease purchase



- G. Approval of Legal Contract with Charter Law Office, P.C. for FY27(Action)
Vianey Valeta-Arambula motioned to approve the Legal Contract with Charter Law Office, P.C. for FY27 as presented. Desne Salazar seconded the motion. Council members unanimously approved.
- H. Proposal for Solar Installation at School - Energy X Global (Discussion/Action)
Desne Salazar motioned to approve the proposal for solar installation as presented and give Christopher Villarreal permission to sign. Vianey Valeta-Arambula seconded the motion. Council members unanimously approved.
- I. Approval of Resolution for TIPS membership (cooperative purchasing agreement) (Action)
Vianey Valeta-Arambula motioned to approve the Resolution for TIPS membership. Desne Salazar seconded the motion. Council members unanimously approved.
- J. Acceptance of FY25 Annual Audit Report for June 30, 2025 as Presented (Action)
Desne Salazar motioned to accept the FY25 Annual Audit Report for June 30, 2025 as presented. Vianey Valeta-Arambula seconded the motion. Council members unanimously approved.
- K. Approval of Holiday Schedule for Year Round Employees (Action)
Vianey Valeta-Arambula motioned to approve the Holiday Schedule for Year Round Employees for FY27 as presented. Desne Salazar seconded the motion. Council members unanimously approved.
- L. NMPSIA Insurance Liability Coverage/NM Tort Act Covering GC Members (Discussion)
Deferred to next meeting.
- M. Policy and Bylaw Review (Discussion/Action)
The updated bylaw review was discussed.
- N. Board Development (Discussion)
The current year training hours were discussed.

5. Concluding Business

- I. Discussion of other business and issues
None
- II. Announcements
None
- III. Next Meeting Date
July 20, 2026 at 7:00 a.m.



IV. Adjournment

Jim Nettle motioned to adjourn at 8:42 a.m. Desne Salazar seconded the motion. Council members unanimously approved

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