



**EL CAMINO REAL ACADEMY
GOVERNING COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, JULY 20, 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: Desne Salazar (Google Meet), Gretchen Long (Google Meet), Vianey Valeta-Arambula (Google Meet), Jim Nessel (Google Meet @ 7:31)
Governing Council Absent: Marsha Majors
Staff Present: Christopher Villarreal (Google Meet), Ian Johnson-Escudero (Google Meet), Denise Brown (Google Meet), Mary Scofield (Google Meet)
 - C. Approval of Agenda
Desne Salazar motioned to approve the July 20, 2026 agenda as presented. Gretchen Long seconded the motion. Council members unanimously approved.
 - D. Approval of Minutes
Desne Salazar motioned to approve the June 15, 2026 minutes as presented. Vianey Valeta-Arambula seconded the motion. Council members approved.
Gretchen Long abstained.
2. Public Comment
None
3. Closed Session (closed to the public)
 - A. Limited personnel matters pursuant to NMSA 1975 10-15-1h2

Desne Salazar motioned to go into closed session at 7:10 a.m. Gretchen Long seconded the motion. Council members unanimously approved. Christopher Villarreal was invited to join the closed session.

Vianey Valeta-Arambula re-convened the meeting at 7:17 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 1975 10-15-1h2

4. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

- A. Executive Director's Report (Discussion)



Christopher Villarreal updated the council on: campus improvement and readiness, carpet cleaning, floor waxing, furniture moving, renovation in bathrooms, operations, enrollment, schedules, handbook updates, assessment conferences, staff professional development, orientation for new staff, library organizing, leveled libraries in classrooms, JMP supporting Special Education, and new hires,

- B. Financial Statements and Cash Disbursements for June 30, 2026 (Action)
Desne Salazar motioned to table item 4.B until the next meeting. Gretchen Long seconded the motion. Council members unanimously approved.
- C. BARS (Action)
Desne Salazar motioned to approve BAR FY26-39 as presented. Gretchen Long seconded the motion. Council members unanimously approved.
Desne Salazar motioned to approve BAR FY27-01 as presented. Gretchen Long seconded the motion. Council members unanimously approved.
- D. Temporary Loans to Other Funds (Action)
Desne Salazar motioned to table item 4.D until the next meeting. Gretchen Long seconded the motion. Council members unanimously approved.
- E. Recommendation to Approve Purchases and Give Director Permission to Sign Contracts Over \$15,000. (Action)
Desne Salazar motioned to approve the purchase order and contract for Carnegie Learning for the 2027 curriculum of \$84,900.10 and give Christopher Villarreal authority to approve to sign. Gretchen Long seconded the motion. Council members unanimously approved.
Desne Salazar motioned to approve the purchase order and contract with ACES to contract JMP Academy for Special Education Coordinator and support for FY27 in the amount of \$106,187.50 and give Christopher Villarreal authority to approve. Gretchen Long seconded the motion. Council members unanimously approved.
- F. Policy and Bylaw Review (Discussion/Action)
Deferred
- G. Board Development (Discussion)
Training links sent to board members.

5. Concluding Business

- I. Discussion of other business and issues
None



II. Announcements
None

III. Next Meeting Date
Monday, August 17, 2026 at 7:00 a.m.

IV. Adjournment
Desne Salazar motioned to adjourn at 7:42 a.m. Gretchen Long seconded the motion. Council members unanimously approved

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