

**NEW MEXICO SCHOOL FOR THE ARTS**  
Governing Council Special Meeting  
**Thursday, August 23, 2018, from 9:30 – 10:00 am**  
New Mexico School for the Arts—High School  
**275 E. Alameda**  
Santa Fe, NM 87501

Meeting Minutes - Approved

*NMSA provides access to a rigorous mastery arts and academic high school education for youth with passion and aptitude in the arts, leading to post-secondary learning, careers in the arts, and lives that contribute to society.*

- I. Call to Order Dr. Kaplan

Dr. Kaplan called the meeting to order at 9:33 am.

- II. Reading of Mission Statement Dr. Kaplan

The Mission Statement was read by Dr. Kaplan

- III. Governing Council Attendance as Indicated on Sign-In Sheet Dr. Kaplan

**NMSA Council Members Present:**

Bill Beacham, Chair - Excused  
Dr. Michael Kaplan, Vice Chair  
Paula Tackett, Secretary  
Greg Hunt, Treasurer - Excused  
Cynthia Nava  
Neil Heighberger

**NMSA High School Staff Present:**

Eric Crites, Head of School  
Gayle McGuiness, Assistant Business Manager

**NMSA Art Institute Staff Present:**

Cindy Montoya, President

**Public Present:**

Ned Bennett

- IV. Approval of Agenda Dr. Kaplan

**Paula Tackett made a motion to approve the Agenda as corrected. Neil Heighberger seconded the motion. Dr. Kaplan asked if there was any further discussion needed on the motion. The motion carried.**

- V. Public Forum Dr. Kaplan

Ned Bennett was in attendance representing the Art Institute.

**VI. Executive Session**  
**a. Facilities**

**Dr. Kaplan**

**Paula Tackett made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss Facilities. Cynthia Nava seconded the motion. The Council unanimously approved the motion.**

A roll call was taken by Gayle McGuiness:

Dr. Michael Kaplan	<u>  X  </u> Yes	<u>      </u> No
Cynthia Nava	<u>  X  </u> Yes	<u>      </u> No
Paula Tackett	<u>  X  </u> Yes	<u>      </u> No
Neil Heighberger	<u>  X  </u> Yes	<u>      </u> No

The Governing Council moved into Executive Session at 9:36 am in order to discuss Facilities.

**Paula Tackett made a motion to exit Executive Session with no action taken on Facilities. Cynthia Nava seconded the motion.**

A roll call was taken by Gayle McGuiness:

Dr. Michael Kaplan	<u>  X  </u> Yes	<u>      </u> No
Cynthia Nava	<u>  X  </u> Yes	<u>      </u> No
Paula Tackett	<u>  X  </u> Yes	<u>      </u> No
Neil Heighberger	<u>  X  </u> Yes	<u>      </u> No

Discussion in Executive Session concluded at 10:23 am with only Facilities being discussed.

**VII. Approval of Legislative Plan**

**Dr. Kaplan**

**Neil Heighberger made a motion to approve the Legislative Plan as amended. Cynthia Nava seconded the motion. Dr. Kaplan asked if there was any further discussion needed on the motion. The motion carried.**

**VIII. Adjournment**

**Dr. Kaplan**

**Paula Tackett made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Cynthia Nava seconded the motion. Dr. Kaplan asked if there was any further discussion needed on the motion. No further discussion was necessary. The Council unanimously approved the motion.**

Dr. Kaplan declared the meeting adjourned at 10:41 am.

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Gayle McGuiness, Assistant Business Manager/Date Paula Tackett, Governing Council, Secretary/Date