

NEW MEXICO SCHOOL FOR THE ARTS
Governing Council Special Meeting
Monday, June 29, 2020 from 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm Meeting
New Mexico School for the Arts—High School

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Special 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 Bill Beacham

Bill Beacham called the meeting to order at 3:05 pm

II. Reading of Mission Statement Bill Beacham

Bill Beacham read the Mission Statement to the Council.

III. Governing Council Attendance as Indicated on Sign-In Sheet & Roll Call Bill Beacham

NMSA Council Members Present via Google Hangouts:

Bill Beacham, Chair
Dr. Michael Kaplan, Vice Chair
Paula Tackett, Secretary
Cynthia Nava - Excused
Trina Raper

NMSA High School Staff Present via Google Hangouts:

Eric Crites, Head of School
Liza Romero, Business Manager
Gayle McGuinness, Asst. Business Manager

Art Institute Staff Present via Google Hangouts:

Cindy Montoya, President

IV. Approval of Agenda Bill Beacham

Trina Raper made a motion to approve the Agenda. Dr. Kaplan seconded the motion. Bill Beacham asked if there was any further discussion needed on the motion.

Roll call was taken by Gayle McGuinness:

Bill Beacham – Yes
Dr. Kaplan - Yes
Paula Tackett – Yes
Trina Raper – Yes

The motion carried.

V. Public Forum Bill Beacham

Bill Beacham asked if there were any members of the public present. No members of the public were present.

VI. Update on 2020-2021 School Year Plan Eric Crites

Eric reported that the process for opening schools in the Fall continues to evolve. The Public Education Department (PED) has assured everyone that there will be more clarification within the week regarding: 1. To give more clarity regarding hi-risk staff and 2. What is the direction on surveillance testing and tracing and what should occur if someone has a fever.

Eric stated that he has held a number of input sessions with Faculty/Staff, Students and several with Parents. The question of tracking attendance was raised, and we wait for further guidance from the Public Education Department (PED). He also said that a 3-layer cloth mask will be mandatory for everyone.

Due to COVID-19 there will need to be a review of current Policies.

VII. Action Item: Approval of Charter Amendment Request to the Public Education Commission (PEC) to Suspend the Residential Program for 2020-21 and for As Long as Required by Health Guidelines Eric Crites

Paula Tackett made a motion to approve the Charter Amendment Request to the Public Education Commission (PEC) to suspend the Residential Program for 2020-21 and for as long as required by Health Guidelines. Dr. Kaplan seconded the motion. Bill Beacham asked if there was any further discussion needed on the motion. A brief discussion followed.

Roll call was taken by Gayle McGuiness:

Bill Beacham – Yes
Dr. Kaplan - Yes
Paula Tackett – Yes
Trina Raper – Yes

The motion carried.

VIII. Action Item: Approval of Memo of Understanding (MOU) Between New Mexico School for the Arts – Art Institute (NMSA-AI) and New Mexico School for the Arts – Charter School Eric Crites

Dr. Kaplan made a motion to approve the Memo of Understanding (MOU) Between New Mexico School for the Arts – Art Institute (NMSA-AI) and New Mexico School for the Arts – Charter School. Paula Tackett seconded the motion. Bill Beacham asked if there was any further discussion needed on the motion. A discussion followed.

Roll call was taken by Gayle McGuiness:

Bill Beacham – Yes
Dr. Kaplan - Yes

Paula Tackett – Yes
Trina Raper – Yes

The motion carried.

- IX. Action Item: Approval of Lease Agreement between New Mexico School for the Arts – Art Institute (NMSA-AI) and New Mexico School for the Arts – Charter School

Eric Crites

Paula Tackett made a motion to approve the Lease Agreement between New Mexico School for the Arts – Art Institute (NMSA-AI) and New Mexico School for the Arts – Charter School. Dr. Kaplan seconded the motion. Bill Beacham asked if there was any further discussion needed on the motion. A brief discussion followed.

Roll call was taken by Gayle McGuinness:

Bill Beacham – Yes
Dr. Kaplan - Yes
Paula Tackett – Yes
Trina Raper – Yes

The motion carried.

- X. Action Item: Approval of Carryover Leave for 12-Month Employees

Eric Crites

Trina Raper made a motion to approve the carryover leave for 12-month employees. Paula Tackett seconded the motion. Bill Beacham asked if there was any further discussion needed on the motion. A brief discussion followed.

Trina Raper made an amended motion to approve the carryover leave for 12-month employees for the ability to use their carryover by December, 2020. Paula Tackett seconded the motion.

Roll call was taken by Gayle McGuinness:

Bill Beacham – Yes
Dr. Kaplan - Yes
Paula Tackett – Yes
Trina Raper – Yes

The motion carried.

- XI. Discussion and Possible Action Item: New Mexico Legislative Special Session

Eric Crites

A final Budget regarding the Education funding from the Special Session has not been signed by the Governor. There is no action to this item at this time.

- XII. Adjournment

Bill Beacham

Paula Tackett made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Dr. Kaplan seconded the motion.

Bill Beacham asked if there was any further discussion needed on the motion. No further Discussion was necessary.

Roll call was taken by Gayle McGuinness:

Bill Beacham – Yes
Dr. Kaplan - Yes
Paula Tackett – Yes
Trina Raper – Yes

The motion carried.

Bill Beacham declared the meeting adjourned at 4:27 pm.

XIII. Closed Session to Discuss Pending or Threatened Litigation and Limited Personnel Matters Pursuant to NMSA 1978, Section 10-15-1(H)(2)(7) Bill Beacham

Trina Raper made a motion to Close the Session Discuss Pending or Threatened Litigation and Limited Personnel Matters Pursuant to NMSA 1978, Section 10-15-1(H)(2)(7). Paula Tackett seconded the motion.

A roll call was taken by Eric Crites:

Paula Tackett	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Bill Beacham	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Dr. Kaplan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Trina Raper	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No

The Governing Council moved into Closed Session at 4:28 pm order to discuss Personnel and Facilities.

Paula Tackett made a motion to go out of Closed Session with no action on limited Personnel matters.

Discussion in Closed Session concluded at 5:14 pm with limited Personnel being discussed.


Gayle McGuinness, Assistant Business Manager/Date

8/19/20 
Paula Tackett, Governing Council, Secretary/Date