

Educating Hearts and Minds

The mission of Anansi Charter School is to develop the academic potential and emotional intelligence of each learner. We strive to promote the love of learning through student engagement, innovative educational practices and family and community partnerships.

Anansi Charter School Governing Council Regular Meeting

DRAFT MINUTES- September 21, 5:30 pm

Location- Anansi Charter School virtual meeting

Governance Council Meeting

Wednesday, September 21 · 5:30 – 7:00pm

Google Meet joining info

Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/bdj-shbj-mib>

Or dial: (US) +1 505-738-1846 PIN: 920 593 594#

More phone numbers: <https://tel.meet/bdj-shbj-mib?pin=8727840393587>

I. CALL TO ORDER of the Regular Open Governing Council Meeting (**START RECORDING**)

Officers: X President: Sophia [2021]; X Vice President: Leslie Mondragon Romero [2021];
X Secretary: Leilani M. Dean [2021] ; Treasurer: Amy Trevino [2019]

Members; X Jake Caldwell [2018]; X Iris Thornton [2020];

Director: X Michele Hunt

Business Manager: Ashley Woodard-Storey, The Vigil Group

Public Attendance: Eitan Lewin & Valerie Higgins

Student representatives: none

Leadership Team Member: none

CALL TO ORDER of the Regular Open Governing Council Meeting 5:35 p.m

II. Approvals

A. Agenda September 21, 2022 Regular Meeting

MOTION: I, Iris Thornton move that the Anansi Charter School Governing Council approve the consent agenda for September 21, 2022. Seconded by Jake Caldwell. X All Approved {X indicates All Approved}

B. Minutes August 17, 2022 Regular Meeting

MOTION: I, Leslie Romero move that the Anansi Charter School Governing Council approve the August 17, 2022 regular meeting minutes. Seconded by Iris Thornton. X

All Approved {X indicates All Approved}

III. Public Recognition and Comment(s) -*Eitan Lewis & Valerie Higgins are attending the meeting as ACS parents learning about the Governance Council.*

IV. REPORTS [Highlights, Questions, Comments]

A. [Financial Report](#): Ashley Woodard-Storey, The Vigil Group

1. Budget Overview Summary Report -*Overall a healthy budget and ACS is doing better than last year at this time. Audit is planned to begin in October.*
2. BARs: Budget Adjustment Requests (action)

MOTION: I, Jake Caldwell, move that the Anansi Charter School Governance Council approve and accept Budget Adjustment Requests BARS 2-IB & 4-IB, as presented by Ashley Woodard-Storey, Leilani M. Dean, seconded. X All Approved {X indicates All Approved}

B. Council Committee Reports

1. Bylaw Committee Report- Iris/Sophia -*Iris reports that the Bylaw committee is making progress on bylaws and is not yet ready to present formally to the board. The Committee is currently working on reviewing ACS bylaws as well as other charter school's bylaws to create more comprehensive and to fill any gaps as needed.*
2. Council Development (Jake Report on Training)- *Jake reviewed the training requirements and offerings from PED.*

C. [Director's Report](#)

1. Teacher Evaluation Waiver -*Michele presents the reason for waiver and why ACS is removing the barrier of grading teachers as professional development models, and choosing to have a conversation instead to build a meaningful professional development dialogue.*
2. Reopening Plan required by NMPED -*Michele briefly discussed how our school is responding as necessary to covid within the school community. Michele also introduced a new sanitizing system "Breezy Blue" ACS is using this year.*

V. New Business

A. Additional Training opportunities

1. Charter School State Conference - Dec 8-9 8-10 hrs of training -*Will be held in Bernalillo.*
2. Discuss possibility of resuming /hosting regional board training -*Jake will check with PED.*

B. Plan Oct 6 or 7 Retreat -*discussed that 3 hours would be best, conversation ongoing.*

C. Director Stipend

1. Leilani to present :Proposed stipend for Director in regard to new assumed role and job responsibility of training new administrator in addition to her current job description.

GOAL: Add job description to next year contract and add subsequent increase to base salary. (action)

MOTION: I, Jake Caldwell, move that the Anansi Charter School Governance Council move into Executive Session at 7:17pm (according to 10-15-1 H2 Open Meeting Act, to discuss Director Stipend. Iris Thornton, seconded. X All Approved {X indicates All Approved}

MOTION: I, Jake Caldwell, move that the Anansi Charter School Governance Council move out Executive Session at 7:22pm (according to 10-15-1 H2 Open Meeting Act, to discuss Director Stipend. Leilani M. Dean, seconded. X All Approved {X indicates All Approved}

MOTION: I, Sophia Seim, move that the Anansi Charter School Governance Council during Executive Session only discussed item V-C-1 "Director Stipend" and no action was made, as presented by Jake Caldwell, Leilani M. Dean, seconded. X All Approved {X indicates All Approved}

D. New Board Members (Emily, Eitan) (action)

MOTION: I, Leslie Mondragon Romero, move that the Anansi Charter School Governance Council vote to approve and welcome Eitan Lewin & Valerie Higgins as Governance council members. Iris Thornton, seconded. X All Approved {X indicates All Approved}

E. October meeting considerations/planning- longer meeting with Community School plan, School performance review/summative data, Literacy program, and Alex Henry Capital Project presentations.

1. to discuss: in person meeting, earlier start, food and childcare options - Board will plan to meet on October 26, 2022 in person at 4:30.

F. Outgoing ACS Board President Recognition - *Ideas- Jake requested a quiet exit.*

VI. Consent Agenda

A. Contracts

1. none needed at this time

B. Discuss Consent Agenda items/process for future meetings.

VII. Old Business

A. [FY 2023 Governance Council Calendar](#) (action) -*no action needed. This document serves to guide ACS GC in duties, responsibilities and monthly priorities.*

B. Governance Council Member Recruitment/Terms

VIII. Executive Session- [Limited to Personnel matters, Student discipline-Director]* (none)

IX. Items for October 19, 2022 agenda -*meeting will take place Oct 26, 2022*

X. Roles and Responsibilities

1. Jake Caldwell - *Reach out to Missy Brown from PED to assess feasibility of a regional charter school governance council training in fall or Spring*

2. Iris Thornton -*Work on bylaws with potential committee meeting to prepare a proposal to bring to the board at October meeting. and...participate in community schools event(s)*

3. Amy Trevino

4. Leilani Dean -*will complete meeting minutes, continue research with director stipend for next meeting, and work towards training. Will attend community school meeting TOMORROW am*

5. Sophia Seim

6. Leslie Mondragon Romero --*Participate in Community Schools discussions/engagement -Work with Michele, Sophia to plan strategic retreat*

7. Michele Hunt - *change the calendar item for the next board meeting, ask Matt about facilitation, take care of the bank account change, work with Sophia and Leslie to prepare the retreat, we will select the location of the retreat as well. I will read the bylaws and will work with the presenters for the next board meeting.*

XI. Final Comments and Announcements

XII. Adjournment

MOTION: I, Jake Caldwell, move that the Anansi Charter School Governing Council adjourn the regular meeting. X All Approved {X indicates All Approved}

Adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

President: _____ Date: _____