

## 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** -September 20, 2023; 5:30 pm

Location- Anansi Charter School--in person and virtual meeting

Governance Council Meeting

Wednesday, September 20, 2023 · 5:30 – 7:00pm

Time zone: America/Denver

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**)

Called to order at 5:41pm

*Officers:* X President: X Valerie Higgins[2022]; X Vice President: Leslie Mondragon Romero [2021]; X Secretary: Leilani M. Dean [2021] ; X Treasurer: Eitan Lewin [2022]

*Members:* X Iris Thornton [2020]; X Sophia Seim [2021];

*Director:* X Michele Hunt

Business Manager: Ashley Woodard-Storey, The Vigil Group

Public Attendance: none

Student representatives: none

Leadership Team Member: Karina Gersten

### II. Approvals

#### A. Agenda September 20, 2023 Regular Meeting (Action)

*MOTION: I, Leilani M Dean move that the Anansi Charter School Governing Council approve the agenda for the September 20,23 regular meeting. Seconded by Leslie Mondragon Romero. X All Approved {X indicates All Approved}*

*\*Additional motion needed after discovering an error during the meeting at 6:44 pm.*

*MOTION: I, Iris Thornton move that the Anansi Charter School Governing Council amend the agenda for the September 20,23 regular meeting to include the correct date of October 18, 2023 as the next scheduled regular meeting.. Seconded by Eitan Lewin. X All Approved {X indicates All Approved}*

#### B. Minutes August 16, 2023 Regular Meeting (Action), Minutes Special Meeting

September 15, 2023.

*MOTION: I, Eitan Lewin move that the Anansi Charter School Governing Council approve the minutes for the August 16, 2023 regular meeting. And the minutes for the September 15 2023 special meeting. Seconded by Sophia Seim. X All Approved {X indicates All Approved}*

### III. Public Recognition and Comment(s)

- A. Community School Implementation Plan Update: Karina Jernberg Gersten. *Karina provided an overview of community school activities. She highlighted collaboration with community partners such as Taos Behavioral Health, Community Against Violence, Youth Heartline, Field Institute of Taos & others. As well as upcoming after school opportunities as a direct result of responding to ACS families request for more after school support. There is also development of Leadership academy with George Ortero.*

### IV. REPORTS [Highlights, Questions, Comments]

A. [Financial Report](#): The Vigil Group - Reported by Ashley. *ACS overall has a healthy budget that is looking much stronger now that we have received the delayed reimbursements from SEG funding.*

1. Budget Overview Summary Report
2. BARs: Budget Adjustment Requests (action) -none needed
3. Bank transition update-
4. Audit Report (2021-22 Audit), Audit Committee- *ACS had two findings for this audit (of the lowest level of consequence). This primarily relates to how the ACS GC creates agenda and approves meeting minutes in a timely manner.*

#### B. Council Committee Reports

1. Council Development - (none) *Will be addressed in the new business section around strategic planning, etc.*
2. Parental Advisory Report- Leilani. *Friends met on August 30th. They*

*reviewed the fair and discussed how to improve for next year. Friends collected more than \$12,000 in student support fees. Friends are looking forward to supporting school learning walks in october.*

### C. Director's Report

1. Report re August Audit Presentation to District - *topic was addressed during financials with the Vigil Group.*

### V. New Business

- A. Discussion Regarding Governance Council Board Recruitment - *discussed during Special meeting on September 15, 2023.*
- B. Discussion Regarding New Dates for Strategic Planning Session and Formation of Ad Hoc Planning Committee; Review Topics Submitted for Session. *ACS GC is planning to meet for a Strategic Planning session on November 3, 2023 from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm. A collection of topics to cover will be sent with board minutes for review. The Ad Hoc planning committee will consist of Valerie, Leslie, Sophia & Leilani.*
- C. New Board Members (Candidates Eileen Horn and Hannah Garcia)- *both candidates were unable to attend this meeting and communicated with GC members their continued interest.*

*MOTION: I, Iris Thornton move that the Anansi Charter School Governing Council welcome Eileen Horn and Hannah Garcia as new governance council members, subject to acceptance of their positions at the next board meeting. Seconded by Eitan Lewin. X All Approved {X indicates All Approved}*

### VI. Consent Agenda

- A. Contracts?

### VII. Old Business (NONE)

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

### IX. Items for October 18, 2023, agenda - *see agenda approval vote on needed editing.*

### X. Roles and Responsibilities

1. Iris Thornton- *Work with Michele to update the onboarding materials; continue policy discussions in preparation for retreat if appropriate; send out training guidance email.*

2. Leilani Dean-*work with ad hoc Retreat committee, prepare mins, and meet with friends regarding their meeting*
3. Valerie Higgins-*Participate in ad hoc committees for strategic planning session and policy review; reach out to Hannah and Eileen re learning walks.*
4. Sophia Seim-*meet with board retreat committee*
5. Leslie Mondragon Romero- *Plan meeting with strategic planning committee to plan Nov. 3 retreat agenda. Discuss next steps with review of grievance policy with Valerie.*
6. Michele Hunt- *meet with the policy committee and the adhoc committee for planning the strategic planning meeting agenda, work on a potential facilitator for your strategic planning session*
7. Eitan Lewin-*I will continue to meet with the Audit Committee and the canvas coursework.*

## XI. Final Comments and Announcements

## XII. Adjournment

*MOTION: I, Leslie Mondragon Romero, move that the Anansi Charter School Governing Council adjourn the regular meeting. Valerie Higgins, seconded X All Approved {X indicates All Approved}*

*Adjourned at 6: 46p.m.*

President: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_