

## 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** Mins-December 13, 2023; 5:30 pm

**Location- Anansi Charter School--Remote**

Governance Council Meeting  
Wednesday, December 13, 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 5:40pm

*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 Eileen Horn [2023]; X Hannah Garcia [202];  
X Sophia Seim [2021];

*Director:* X Michele Hunt

Business Manager: Micheal Vigil & Seth Mender, The Vigil Group

Public Attendance: none

Student representatives: none

Leadership Team Member: none

### II. Approvals

A. Agenda December 13, 2023 Regular Meeting (Action)

B. Minutes November 15, 2023 Regular Meeting (Action)

*MOTION:* I, Leilani M. Dean, move that the Anansi Charter School Governing Council approve the December 13th Agenda, and minutes for the November 15, 2023 regular meeting. Seconded by Eileen Horn. X All Approved {X indicates All Approved}

### III. Public Recognition and Comment(s) (None)

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

##### A. [Financial Report](#): The Vigil Group

1. Budget Overview Summary Report
2. BARs: Budget Adjustment Requests (action)

*MOTION: I, Leilani M. Dean, move that the Anansi Charter School Governance Council approve BARs 10-T, 11-IB, 12-I, 13-I, 14-I, 15-I, 16-I, 18-T & 19-IB, as presented by the Vigil Group. Eitan Lewin seconded. X All Approved {X indicates All Approved}*

3. Bank transition update - *working towards this process, will incrementally transfer funds to the new bank account to build it, and prepare for full transition.*

##### B. Council Committee Reports

1. Summary of Charter Conference By Board Members (Eileen and Leilani)
2. Friends Report (Leilani)

##### C. Director's Report

1. Student Leadership

#### V. New Business

A. Continued Discussion re Committees, Liaison Roles, and Board Member Reports to Governance Council - *Eitan met with Karina & group regarding Pre-K program. Michele, Iris & Valerie met to work on school policies.*

B. Review and Discuss 2023-2024 Topics for Discussion at GC Meetings-*Tabled for January*

C. Legislative Update (Michele) *Michele will keep GC informed regarding potential rule Changes that are concerning for Charter schools. Paying most attention to rules that affect autonomy of Calendar, budget, transportation & Charter Accreditation.*

D. Review GC Bylaws with focus on standing committees to determine whether all necessary as standing committees; consider separating Program and Facilities committees --Tabled for January

E. Introduction to the Governance Council Guiding Documents Folder

VI. Consent Agenda

A. Contracts: None

VII. Old Business (NONE)

VIII. Executive Session- [Limited to Personnel matters, Student discipline-Director]\*  
Student Discipline, Student Records

*MOTION: I, Valerie Higgins, move that Anansi Charter School Governing Council begin Executive session at 7:23 P.M during the December 13th regular meeting. To only discuss Student discipline and student records. Seconded by Leilani M. Dean. X All Approved {X indicates All Approved}*

*MOTION: I, Leilani M. Dean, move that Anansi Charter School Governing Council concludes Executive session at 8:02 P.M during the December 13th regular meeting. The Council only discussed matters involving student discipline and records. No decisions made. Seconded by Eitan Lewin. X All Approved {X indicates All Approved}*

IX. Items for January 2024 agenda

A. Outside overview of Indian Education Act and Yazzi Martinez Lawsuit: guest presentation, Pat Kessler

X. Roles and Responsibilities - GC Members urged to call representatives to talk about the importance of Universal Lunches and need for timely funding.

1.Iris Thornton- Reach out to Robert Padilla and Senator Gonzales re lunch program funding shortfall; review Eileen's edits/suggestions to strategic planning doc; review other strategic planning docs for committees I joined; confirm that my communication with NMPED re board membership and training is current; meet with pre-k committee and...review policy docs and folders for work with Valerie and Michele on Gov Council folder and policy organization/update.

*Prep for bylaws discussion*

2. Leilani Dean- *I will type & submit minutes, review G.C. Policy, look and GC Guiding Document folder, call representatives to discuss Universal Lunch Program.*

3. Sophia Seim -*Review bylaws for next meeting, contact reps regarding universal lunch program deficits, review GC folder docs*

4. Leslie Mondragon Romero- *Reach out to legislators re: school lunch, follow up re: prek/community schools committee, work on board training*

5. Michele Hunt- *Review the bylaws, meet with Pre-k Committee, provide questions for the pre-k visit, review strategic plan notes for committees, reach out to senator Gonzales regarding capital outlay, contact the school attorneys, meet with architect, work on board resource folder and onboarding training slide deck. I am sure there is more.*

6. Eitan Lewin- *I will continue my board training and meet with the pre-k committee.*

7. Valerie Higgins -*Schedule and tour Red River Charter School; attend Dec. meeting re 3/4 year old program; review bylaws; review draft policies for discussion with Michele and Iris, contact Senator Gonzalez; prep agenda and include hyperlinks!*

8. Eileen Horn- *I will email Michele, Hannah, and Iris to convene the Facilities Committee. Michele will let us know if we can join the meeting with the architect scheduled for the week of 12/18. If any of us are available at that time, we will attend.*

9. Hannah Garcia -*Review Eileen's edits suggestion on strategic planning doc, meeting 3/4*

## XI. Final Comments and Announcements

## XII. Adjournment

*MOTION: I, Eileen Horn move that the Anansi Charter School Governing Council adjourn the regular meeting. Sophia Seim, seconded X All Approved {X indicates All Approved}*

*Adjourned at 8: 09p.m.*

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

