

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-April 17, 2024; 5:30 pm

Location- Remote (Google Meet)

Governance Council Meeting
Wednesday, April 17, 2024 · 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 5:38pm

Officers: X President: X Valerie Higgins[2022]; 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]; Hannah Garcia [202];
X Sophia Seim [2021];
Director: X Michele Hunt
Business Manager: Micheal Vigil & Seth Mender, The Vigil Group
Public Attendance:
Student representatives: Gus Wood & Hawk Dean (5th grade)
Leadership Team Member: none

II. Approvals (**Action**) (5 min)

- A. Agenda April 17, 2024 Regular Meeting
- B. Minutes March 20, 2024 Regular Meeting
- C. Minutes April 11, 2024 Special Meeting

MOTION: I, Eileen Horn, move that the Anansi Charter School Governing Council approve the April 17, 2024 Agenda, minutes for the March 20,2024 regular meeting, and Special meeting minutes April 11, 2024. Seconded by Valerie Higgins. X All Approved {X indicates All Approved}

III. Public Recognition and Comment(s) *Hawk Dean & Gus Wood representing the 5th grade class spoke of their plans for EARTH DAY & the Fifth Grade Dance. Students requested that adults bring shovels, rakes, and native plants for Earth day. The students are planning a 5th grade only dance, as a request from the fifth grade to honor their transition into middle school. Students are hoping to have a disco themed party after school.*

IV. Reports (presentation, discussion, and potential action)

A. Financial Report: The Vigil Group (10 min)

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

MOTION: I, Valerie Higgins, move that the Anansi Charter School Governing Council approve BAR(s) 32-IB, 33-I, 34-I, & 35-I as presented by the Vigil Group. Seconded by Eitan Lewin. X All Approved {X indicates All Approved}

B. Budget and Calendar Related Reports (20 min)

1. Report re Budget Conference and Outcomes of Legislative Session, including calendar requirements for 24-25 School Year (Michele) *Michele explained the processes & new requirements needed.*
2. Continued Discussion regarding proposed 24-25 School Calendar and remote learning days; action re approval (Action)

MOTION: I, Eileen Horn, move that the Anansi Charter School Governing Council approve calendar option #4 as presented by Michele. Seconded by Valerie Higgins. X All Approved {X indicates All Approved}

3. Presentation of 24-25 proposed Budget for approval (Action)

MOTION: I, Valerie Higgins, move that the Anansi Charter School Governing Council approve the 24-25 proposed budget, as presented by the Vigil Group. Seconded by Eitan Lewin. X All Approved {X indicates All Approved}

4. Presentation of DASH Plan for NMPED Budget Submission -*tabled for next meeting. Anansi was given an extension.*

C. Director's Report (20min) -*tabled for next meeting*

1. Update re Pre-K Program and Charter amendment.
2. Update re status of building renovation project
3. Update regarding 24-25 Lottery
4. Update re Progress toward Filling Vacant Positions for 24-25 School Year.

C. Misc. Council Committee Reports (5min) -tabled for next meeting

1. Friends of Anansi Report (Leilani)
2. Policies Committee Update (Valerie)

V. New Business -tabled for next meeting

- A. Presentation of Proposed Anansi Community School Resolution(s) for Discussion and Approval (Michele) (Action) (5 min)
- B. Status update regarding GC Training hours and support available to complete requirements (Iris) (5 min)
- C. Update regarding ACS/Taos Municipal Schools Audit Report (5min)

VI. Consent Agenda

VII. Old Business

- A. Continued discussion re Bank transition (Leslie M. Romero excluded from discussion) (Discussion and Possible Action Taken) (5min) -Update from Michele that Guadalupe bank is not able to meet banking needs of the school. Leaving Nusenda as the best option for ACS in Taos.

MOTION: I, Leilani M. Dean, move that the Anansi Charter School Governing Council approve the bank transition to Nusenda Credit Union located at 640 Paseo Del Pueblo Sur, Taos, NM. Seconded by Sophia Seim. X All Approved {X indicates All Approved}

- B. Update [Resolution Doc](#) confirming council membership and approved signers (Discussion & Possible Action Needed) (5min) -tabled for next meeting

VIII. Executive Session- [Limited to Personnel matters, Student

discipline-Director]-NONE

A. Personnel matters (5min)

IX. Items for May 2024 agenda

- A. Continued discussion re remote learning days and family preparation
- B. Introductory Discussion re Student Dress Code

X. Roles and Responsibilities

1. Iris Thornton *-complete trainings; work on policies as appropriate; join any hiring committees; equity council meeting. And participate in earth day cleanup/planting!*
2. Leilani Dean *-offer help to Michele for hiring, complete mins, & help with Earth Day*
3. Valerie Higgins *-Participate on executive committee in connection with Michele's evaluation; continue to review policies;*
4. Sophia Seim *-re-read resolutions with new perspectives from Michele and Iris, complete board training hours*
5. Leslie Mondragon Romero
6. Michele Hunt *-I will finish the Dash PPlan, we were given an extension, I will present at the next board meeting. WE will present the bank docs, add the resolution for community schools to the drive, and meet with the executive committee. I think this is it. i might have more.*
7. Eitan Lewin *-I will continue to review financials documents and give feedback. I will help in any committees that need. help with earth day if I can!*
8. Eileen Horn *-Eileen is going to ask her husband to bring a rake on 4/26. Sorry, that's all I've got.*
9. Hannah Garcia

XI. Final Comments and Announcements

XII. Adjournment

MOTION: I, Leilani M. Dean, move that the Anansi Charter School Governing Council adjourn the regular meeting. Valerie Higgins, seconded X All Approved {X indicates All Approved}

Adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

President: _____ Date: _____