

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 **SPECIAL Meeting**

Held on-July 26, 2024; 9:00 am

Location- REMOTE

Minutes Approved: August 21, 2024

Minutes of the Anansi Governance Council Special Meeting
Held on Friday, July 26, 2024
9:00 – 9:30am

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

Called to order at 9:06am

In Attendance:

Officers:

X President: Valerie Higgins [2022]

X Vice President: Leslie Mondragon Romero [2021]

X Secretary: Hannah Garcia [2023]

 Treasurer: Eitan Lewin [2022]- Not Present

Members:

X Eileen Horn [2023]- Left Early

 Sophia Seim [2021]- Not Present

Director: X Michele Hunt

Business Manager: Seth Mender, The Vigil Group

Public Attendance: None

Student Representatives: None

Leadership Team Member: None

Facilities Committee Chair: Iris Thornton

II. Approvals

A. Agenda July 26, 2024 Regular Meeting

***MOTION:** I, Valerie Higgins, move that the Anansi Charter School Governing Council approve the Agenda for the July 26,, 2024 Special Meeting. Seconded by Leslie Mondragon. GC Approval:*

Valerie Higgins: Yes No
Hannah Garcia: Yes No
Eileen Horn: Yes No
Leslie M. Romero: Yes No
Sophia Seim: Yes No- Not Present
Eitan Lewin Yes No- Not Present

III. Public Recognition and Comment(s)

No public recognition or comments.

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

A. Misc. Council Committee Reports

1. Facilities Committee Update, Including Update on Remediation Project

Iris reported provided an update on the mold remediation project:

Paul Davis will work as the lead contractor on the project with Anissa Construction working as a subcontractor. Based on this arrangement, Paul Davis will submit a new scope of work.

Under a worst-case scenario, the third, fourth, fifth, and sixth grades will not be able to use the classrooms in the affected building at the beginning of the school year. However, it is predicted that the third grade and possible the fourth grade classes will be in their regular classrooms at the beginning of the school year. Staff have volunteered to move classrooms out of the building and set them up in alternate spaces.

The remediation and water diversion projects are complicated due to the presence of gas, electric, and water lines. However, the team is working closely with architects and engineers to identify solutions.

Paul Davis will also address the water leaks recently discovered in the front building.

V. New Business

A. Review and Consider Proposed Revised Calendar for 24-25 School Year

MOTION: I, Valerie Higgins, move that the Anansi Charter School Governing Council approve the proposed revised calendar for the 24-25 School Year, which incorporates

the revisions necessary to accommodate the remediation project. Seconded by Leslie Mondragon. GC Approval:

Valerie Higgins: Yes No
Hannah Garcia: Yes No
Eileen Horn: Yes No
Leslie M. Romero: Yes No
Sophia Seim: Yes No- Not Present
Eitan Lewin Yes No- Not Present

B. Contracts

1. HMH Into Reading K-5 Curriculum 4 year License

Initially, the Governance Council voted unanimously to approve this 4-year license with HMH Into Reading. However, later in the meeting, the Council discussed that the agenda posted on the website did not identify this contract as an “action” item. The board will hold another meeting early next week to vote on this contract.

2. Facility Management Contract (Tabled)

3. Lunch Contract

The Council discussed the fact that the contract drafted by Inspire included rates that were higher than the published reimbursement rates. Because the contract provides that “Rates will be adjusted dependent on the reimbursement rate for SY2024/25,” Michele will work with Taos Charter to negotiate this change. Valerie will draft a letter to Inspire.

Because of the need to move forward with the contract so that lunches can be provided at the start of the school year, the Council moved forward with approval of the contract with the expectation that the rates would be negotiated.

MOTION: I, Leslie Mondragon, move that the Anansi Charter School Governing Council approve the lunch contract with Inspire, with the understanding that Anansi will continue to negotiate with Inspire to apply the published reimbursement rates for the 2024/2025 school year. Agenda for the July 26,, 2024 Special Meeting. Seconded by Valerie Higgins. GC Approval:

Valerie Higgins: Yes No
Hannah Garcia: Yes No
Eileen Horn: Yes No
Leslie M. Romero: Yes No
Sophia Seim: Yes No- Not Present
Eitan Lewin Yes No- Not Present

4. Paul Davis Revised Scope of Work and Contract (Tabled)
5. Anissa Construction Contract. (Tabled)
6. SHI Technology Quote for purchase of staff laptops and classroom Promethean Boards.

Because this item was not listed as an action item on the posted agenda, the Council will consider and vote on these quotes at another special meeting next week.

VI. Consent Agenda (NONE)

VII. Old Business (NONE)

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

A. Personnel Matters

MOTION: I, Valerie Higgins, move that the Anansi Charter School Governing Council enter Executive Session to discuss personal matters. Seconded by Eileen Horn. GC Approval:

Valerie Higgins: Yes No
 Hannah Garcia: Yes No
 Eileen Horn: Yes No
 Leslie M. Romero: Yes No
 Sophia Seim: Yes No- Not Present
 Eitan Lewin Yes No- Not Present

In Executive Session, the Council discussed personnel matters. No action was taken.

MOTION: I, Valerie Higgins, move that the Anansi Charter School Governing Council leave Executive Session. Seconded by Leslie Mondragon. GC Approval:

Valerie Higgins: Yes No
 Hannah Garcia: Yes No
 Eileen Horn: Yes No
 Leslie M. Romero: Yes No
 Sophia Seim: Yes No- Not Present
 Eitan Lewin Yes No- Not Present

IX. Items for August 2024 agenda

- A. Review and evaluate the accomplishments and activities of the GC and discuss 2024-2025 goals [Board Self Evaluation Form](#) , [Board Training Report Shared with TMS](#)

Superintendent

- B. Continued Discussion re 2024 EOY Assessment Data and Analysis of Same.
- C. Continued Discussion re GC Members Serving on Committees and as Committee Chairs
- D. Review Budget

X. Roles and Responsibilities

XI. Final Comments and Announcements

MOTION: I, Valerie Higgins, move that the Anansi Charter School Governing Council adjourn the July 26, 2024. Seconded by Leslie Mondragon. GC Approval:

Valerie Higgins: Yes No
Hannah Garcia: Yes No
Eileen Horn: Yes No
Leslie M. Romero: Yes No
Sophia Seim: Yes No- Not Present
Eitan Lewin Yes No- Not Present

XII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:38a.m.

President: _____ Date: _____