

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

APPROVED-October 18, 2023; 5:30 pm

Location- Anansi Charter School--virtual meeting

Governance Council Meeting

Wednesday, October 18, 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 5:35pm

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

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

Director: X Michele Hunt

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

Public Attendance: Eileen Horn

Student representatives: none

Leadership Team Member:

II. Approvals

A. Agenda October 18, 2023 Regular Meeting (Action)

MOTION: I, Valerie Higgins move that the Anansi Charter School Governing Council approve the agenda for the October 18, 2023 regular meeting with the additional discussion added to Section 8 of Executive Session to include discussing student discipline and Governing Council responses to these matters. Seconded by Leslie Mondragon Romero. X All Approved {X indicates All Approved}

B. Minutes September 20, 2023 Regular Meeting (Action)

MOTION: I, Sophia Seim move that the Anansi Charter School Governing Council approve the minutes for the September 20, 2023 regular meeting. Seconded by Valerie Higgins. 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 -Presented by Micheal Vigil with Seth Mender present for observation for the transition. ACS reported to have a healthy budget. Micheal noted as a goal that our school budget needs to prepare for the ending of pandemic specific monies.

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 1-IB, 2-M, 3-I, 4-T, 5-M, 7-I & 9-IB, as presented by the Vigil Group. Sophia Seim seconded. X All Approved {X indicates All Approved}

3. Bank transition update - Ashley was not able to complete before moving, Micheal hopes to help the school complete by the end of calendar year.
4. Transition to Seth Mender of The Vigil Group

B. Council Committee Reports

1. Council Development - (none)

C. Director's Report

1. Review BOY Interim Assessment Data
2. Other Items to Report

V. New Business

A. Discussion Regarding Strategic Planning Session and Report By Ad Hoc Planning Committee; Review Topics Submitted for Session. - *an overview of the planning process presented by ad hoc members Valerie and Leslie.*

B. New Board Members and Acceptance of Positions By New Members(Eileen Horn and Hannah Garcia)

MOTION: I, Leilani M Dean, move that the Anansi Charter School Governing Council both accept and formally welcome Eileen Horn as a Anansi Charter School Governing Council Member. Valerie Higgins, seconded X All Approved {X indicates All Approved}

- *Hannah Garcia, not present to formally accept position*

C. Review and Discuss 2023-2024 Topics for Discussion at GC Meetings-*tabled to be discussed at next regular meeting.*

VI. Consent Agenda

A. Contracts: None

VII. Old Business (NONE)

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

The Anansi Charter School Governing Council went into Executive Session at 7:15 to discuss topic A. listed below, and the additional topic of student discipline which was added to the Executive Session during the start of the meeting with an approval and amendment to the October 18,2023 agenda.

A. Board Member participation in community school site based leadership team & receipt of stipend for committee participation

B. Discussion of student discipline and Governing responses to these matters.

The Anansi Charter School Governing Council came out of Executive Session at 7:50. The governing Council discussed only the topics listed above. And no decisions were made. For topic A. listed above, the discussion clarified that The Leadership Academy group is a professional development group and learning opportunity and is different from the community school site based team or committee.

IX. Items for November 15, 2023 agenda -*note that next meeting will be held in person, with online option for attendance.*

X. Roles and Responsibilities

1.Iris Thornton- *Update state with Eileen as new board member.*

2. Leilani Dean -look into registering for conference, board mins completion, strategic planning preparation,

3. Valerie Higgins

4. Sophia Seim -assist with strategic session planning

5. Leslie Mondragon Romero -Follow up w/ Valerie re: strategic planning session, look into conference details,

6. Michele Hunt-I can send the details to board members regarding the conference. I will also work on the strategic planning session for the GC. I will update valerie if I have anything else

7. Eitan Lewin

8. Valerie Higgins -Continue to work on ad hoc committee in prep for strategic planning meeting

9. Eileen Horn


10. Hannah Garcia

XI. Final Comments and Announcements

XII. Adjournment

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

Adjourned at 7: 57p.m.

President:  Date: 11/15/23

