

## 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 Minutes-November 15, 2023; 5:30 pm

**Location- Anansi Charter School--In Person**

Governance Council Meeting  
Wednesday, November 15, 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];  
     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 November 15, 2023 Regular Meeting (Action)

B. Minutes October 18, 2023 Regular Meeting (Action)

*MOTION:* I, Eileen Horn, move that the Anansi Charter School Governing Council approve the November 15th Agenda and minutes for the October 18, 2023 regular meeting. Seconded by Eitan Lewin. 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 - *Overall healthy budget, and will need to look ahead for the expiration of ESSR funding.*

2. BARs: Budget Adjustment Requests (action)

*MOTION: I, Iris Thornton, move that the Anansi Charter School Governance Council approve BARs 9-M & 10-T, as presented by the Vigil Group. Valerie Higgins seconded. X All Approved {X indicates All Approved}*

3. Bank transition update- *The Vigil group hopes to finalize the transition by February, making sure all the payroll information is transferred is the highest priority.*

4. Transition to Seth Mender of The Vigil Group

B. Council Committee Reports

1. Council Development - (December Conference)- *Leilani, Michele & Eileen are registered to attend December Conference. Will Plan to report back to board at Decembers meeting.*

2. Friends Report (Leilani)-*Next Friends meeting will be 11/29. Friends are writing letters of gratitude to all teachers. They are also working to reinstate the newsletter to better inform families about fundraising efforts and needs.*

C. Director's Report

1. Debrief Community Event– Conferences
2. Implementation on MLSS Plans

V. New Business

A. Follow Up After Strategic Planning Session and Discussion re Standard Additions to Board Member Reports to Governance Council -*Michele & Valerie reviewed work from strategic planning session. Will work to determine committees and will delegate the needed work.*

B. New Board Members and Acceptance of Positions By New Member (Hannah Garcia) *Hannah Garcia, officially accepts position and is welcomed by the board.*

C. Review and Discuss 2023-2024 Topics for Discussion at GC Meetings

D. Move December meeting to December 13, 2023- *announcement will be updated on the website*

- E. Leadership Academy (Leilani)- *Leilani along with other community leaders (which also includes ACS staff and teachers) as part of the Community School model is attending the Leadership Academy, led by George Ortero from the Relational Learning Institute for professional development.*
- F. *Review GC conflict of interest policy (Michele)- GC members sent a copy to re-familiarize prior to December's meeting. This document needs to be reviewed yearly and signed.*
- G. *Demonstration re use of Google Drive (Michele)- Make an appointment with Eileen or Michele as needed.*

## VI. Consent Agenda

- A. Contracts: None

## VII. Old Business (NONE)

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

## IX. Items for December 20, 2023 agenda

- A. Summary of Charter Conference By Board Members (Eileen and Leilani)
- B. Outside overview of Indian Education Act and Yazzi Martinez Lawsuit
- C. Legislative Update
- D. *Review GC Bylaws regarding standing committees to determine whether all necessary as standing committees; consider separating Program and Facilities committees*

## X. Roles and Responsibilities

1. Iris Thornton
2. Leilani Dean
3. Valerie Higgins
4. Sophia Seim

5. Leslie Mondragon Romero

6. Michele Hunt

7. Eitan Lewin

8. Valerie Higgins

9. Eileen Horn

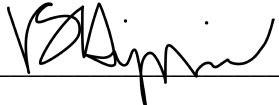
10. Hannah Garcia

XI. Final Comments and Announcements

XII. Adjournment

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

*Adjourned at 8: 03p.m.*

President:  Date: 12/13/23