

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-March 20, 2024; 5:30 pm

Location- Anansi Charter School--Hybrid (In-Person & Google Meet)

Governance Council Meeting
Wednesday, March 20, 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]; 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: Betsy Cognilio

Student representatives: Anastacia Santistevan

Leadership Team Member: none

II. Approvals (5min)

A. Agenda March 20, 2024 Regular Meeting (Action)

B. Minutes February 21, 2024 Regular Meeting (Action)

MOTION: I, Eileen Horn, move that the Anansi Charter School Governing Council approve the March 20, 2024 Agenda and minutes for the February 21, 2024 regular meeting. Seconded by Sophia Seim. X All Approved {X indicates All Approved}

III. Public Recognition and Comment(s) (5min)

A. Student Leadership Presentation- Anastacia Santistevan from the 8th grade leadership council shared activities students are engaging with such as trash clean up for campus beautification and organizing a school dance. She voiced students' concern for better

quality food. Relayed that many kids don't like the food, with examples of old tomatoes and 'white stuff' on carrots. Students request more protein options for morning snacks stating they "need more fuel for brains". Anastacia also brought forth concerns from classmates about the school's dress code. Students feel ACS dress code is 'unfair & strict' and differs from Taos Charters' newly revamped code.

V. Reports [Highlights, Questions, Comments]

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

1. Budget Overview Summary Report - *Budget Deadline for ACS is April 18 (this is earlier than usual, and we have many unknowns from PED needed to complete the budget process). ACS GC needs to approve the budget by 4/11, and our district needs to approve prior to the April 18th deadline.*

*** (G.C. will tentatively announce a special meeting on April, 11, 2024 at 5:30 pm).*

Other items of note- ACS started receiving Community schools grant funds, Ed-Tech funds incomplete, and ESSR funds are coming to an end.

2. BARs: Budget Adjustment Requests (Action)

MOTION: I, Leilani M. Dean, move that the Anansi Charter School Governing Council approve BAR(s) 22-I, 23-I, 24-I, 26-I, 27-I, 28- D, 30-D & 31-I as presented by the Vigil Group. Seconded by Valerie Higgins. X All Approved {X indicates All Approved}

3. Bank transition update -*no information needed from Vigil Group, will be discussed later in meeting under V. New Business.*

B. Council Committee Reports (5min)

1. Friends of Anansi Report (Leilani) *none*

C. Director's Report (See Written Report) (10min) - *Michele also reported the idea to hold a schoolwide 'Town Hall' to address the need to grow trust and partnership with families and school.*

1. Update re Pre-K Program and Charter amendment.

2. Update re status of building renovation project

3. Current Vacancies for 24-25 School Year

4. Calendar Requirements for 24-25 School Year

V. New Business

- A. Identify GC member vacancies for 24-25 school year and officer openings and other duties that may be impacted (onboarding of new members); and discuss recruitment (10 min) *Eitan & Valerie will fulfill their two year terms as officers. Leslie plans to stay and is willing to remain in the position of Vice President. Leilani will remain through December, and the GC will be needing a new Secretary. Iris will be leaving this summer, and Hannah will step into onboarding and SPED training liaison.*
- B. Continued discussion re Bank transition (Leslie M. Romero excluded from discussion) (Discussion and Possible Action Taken) (5min) *Leslie left the meeting at 7:15, there is no new information regarding the bank transition, and more research is needed. Provided a quick overview of why the school is looking to transition to a different bank. Leslie rejoined the meeting at 7:21.*
- C. Update [Resolution Doc](#) confirming council membership and approved signers (Discussion & Possible Action Needed) (5min) *-tabled until the next meeting.*
- D. Update regarding 24-25 School Year Budget (Michele) (5min) *-discussed in finance section with the Vigil Group.*
- E. Update regarding ACS/Taos Municipal Schools Audit Report (Michele) (5min) *-tabled until the next meeting.*
- F. Status update regarding GC Training hours and support available to complete requirements (Iris) (5 min)
- G. Review [Bylaws](#) regarding standing committees (5min) *-GC members reminded that per bylaws each member is required to participate in standing committees.*
- H. Review [GC Calendar](#) and monthly priorities (5min) *-in June will confirm and review roles/responsibilities as well as update the calendar.*

VI. Consent Agenda (5min)

- A. Daniel Escalante Contract: contractor for SEL Mini Grant
- B. OG Built Construction LLC: quote for plaster repairs on the facilities

MOTION: I, Leilani M. Dean, move that the Anansi Charter School Governing Council approve the Consent Agenda. Seconded by Eitan Lewin. X All Approved {X indicates All Approved}

VII. Old Business (5min)

- A. Legislative Update (Eileen)
- B. Update regarding 24-25 Lottery Process (Michele) *-lottery will be held in late April.*

VIII. Executive Session- [Limited to Personnel matters, Student discipline-
Director] A. None.

IX. Items for April 2024 agenda

- A. Budget Conference
- B. Lottery Update
- C. Outcomes of Legislative Session
- D. Michele's Goals
- E. Assign Signors

X. Roles and Responsibilities


- 1. Iris Thornton
- 2. Leilani Dean- *minutes, and review bylaws for committee work,*
- 3. Valerie Higgins *-I will meet with the budget committee, prepare agenda, and continue reviewing proposed, policy updates.*
- 4. Sophia Seim *-attend special meeting session for budget, review bylaws for committee work, complete board trainings.*
- 5. Leslie Mondragon Romero *- complete trainings, work on calendar committee, work on Director Eval w Exec Comm*
- 6. Michele Hunt- *Check out the bank and make a recommendation in April, prepare the budget with the budget committee, set dates for the calendar committee,*
- 7. Eitan Lewin *-I will meet with the budget committee*
- 9. Eileen Horn *-michele and I will meet about policy. Review bylaws and pick a committee.*
- 10. Hannah Garcia *-Meet with calendar committee, meet with Iris and complete on boarding.*

XI. Final Comments and Announcements

XII. Adjournment

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

Adjourned at 7: 47p.m.

President:  Date: 4/17/24