



EL CAMINO REAL ACADEMY
GOVERNING COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, AUGUST 17, 2026 AT 7:00 A.M.



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MINUTES

1. Preliminary Business
 - A. Call to Order
7:09 a.m.
 - B. Roll Call
Governing Council Present: Desne Salazar (Google Meet), Jim Nettle (Google Meet), Marsha Majors (Google Meet)
Governing Council Absent: Vianey Valeta-Arambula, Gretchen Long
Staff Present: Christopher Villarreal (Google Meet), Ian Johnson-Escudero (Google Meet), Denise Brown (Google Meet)
 - C. Approval of Agenda
Desne Salazar motioned to approve the August 17, 2026 agenda as presented. Jim Nettle seconded the motion. Council members unanimously approved.
 - D. Approval of Minutes
Desne Salazar motioned to approve table item D. Jim Nettle seconded the motion. Council members unanimously approved.
2. Public Comment
None
3. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS
 - A. Executive Director's Report (Discussion)
Christopher Villarreal update the council on: professional development for staff, math curriculum, math lab almost complete, Structured Literacy Coach, Special Education Director from JMP Academy, restructuring of Special Education systems, safety drills, student orientation assemblies, assessment conferences, Fall NWEA testing coming up soon, NWEA Assembly, EL and Dyslexia screeners, and hiring update.
 - B. Financial Statements and Cash Disbursements for June 30, 2026 and July 31, 2026 (Action)
Desne Salazar motioned to approve the Financial Statements and Cash Disbursements for June and July 2026. Jim Nettle seconded the motion. Council members unanimously approved.



C. BARS (Action)

Desne Salazar motioned to approve the FY27-02 BAR for code 4100. Jim Nessel seconded the motion. Council members unanimously approved.

D. Temporary Loans to Other Funds (Action)

Desne Salazar motioned to approve the June 30, 2026 Temporary Loans to Other Funds. Marsha Majors seconded the motion. Council members unanimously approved.

E. Recommendation to Approve Purchases and Give Director Permission to Sign Contracts Over \$15,000. (Action)

Desne Salazar motioned to approve the \$25,000 increase for CES totaling \$40,000 for FY27 and give the Executive Director permission to sign. Jim Nessel seconded the motion. Council members unanimously approved.

F. Approval of Updated SY 26-27 School Calendar (Action)

Desne Salazar motioned to approve the updated SY 26-27 School Calendar. Marsha Majors seconded the motion. Council members unanimously approved.

G. NMPSIA Insurance Liability Coverage/NM Tort Act Covering GC Members (Discussion)

The document was provided. Ian Johnson-Escudero answered questions.

H. Policy and Bylaw Review (Discussion/Action)

Deferred to next month

H. Board Development (Discussion)

The Governing Council discussed training completed and training still needed.

4. Closed Session (closed to the public)

A. Limited personnel matters pursuant to NMSA 1975 10-15-1h2

Desne Salazar motioned to go into closed session at 7:59 a.m. Jim Nessel seconded the motion. Council members unanimously approved. Christopher Villarreal was invited to join the closed session.

Marsha Majors re-convened the meeting at 8:14 a.m. and polled the council on matters discussed during closed session. The council members individually agreed that the only item discussed was related to: Limited personnel matters pursuant to NMSA 1975 10-15-1h2.



5. Concluding Business

I. Discussion of other business and issues
None

II. Announcements
None

III. Next Meeting Date
Thursday, Sept 17, 2026 at 4:30 p.m.

IV. Adjournment
Desne Salazar motioned to adjourn at 8:17 a.m. Jim Nettle seconded the motion. Council members unanimously approved.

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