Albuquerque Talent Development Academy (ATDA)

Governing Council (GC) Special Meeting Minutes

7/21/25

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| GC Members  Jose Scott, President (**Not** **Present**)  Jimmy Gonzalez, Member (**Present**)  Esteban Cole, Member (**Present)**  Debbie Baca, Member (**Not** **Present)**  Delma Aguilar, Member (**Present**) | |
| Others Present | |
| Corinne Teller, Business Manager  David Bryant, ATDA Principal  Melanie Chavez, Member |  |

Introduction of Board Members @5:32pm Esteban Cole

**[Open Session]**

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| **Approval of Agenda** | |
| Motion to Approve  Jimmy Gonzalez | Motion Seconded  Delma Aguilar |
| Jimmy Gonzalez ~ Approved Delma Aguilar ~ Approved  Esteban Cole ~Approved | |

**Public Input**

None

**Summary and Discussion**

* The Special Meeting GC on July 21, 2025, began with the approval of the agenda and the introduction of new board member Melanie Chavez, an experienced educator. Esteban Cole was elected as the new board president, Melanie Chavez as vice president, and Jimmy Gonzalez as treasurer. The board discussed and approved a cash balance resolution to protect school funds from potential state sweeps, emphasizing the need for funds for essential positions and potential building purchases. David Bryant provided an update on the new building, noting the last moving truck had arrived, and the health inspection and Comcast switchover were pending. The meeting concluded with the adjournment at 5:49 PM.

Introduction of New Member

* David Bryant invites Melanie Chavez to share her background and reasons for joining the board.
* Melanie Chavez introduces herself as an educator with 20 years of experience and expresses her interest in learning new things.
* Esteban Cole and David Bryant express their support for Melanie Chavez's addition to the board.

Voting for Melanie Chavez as a Board Member

* Esteban Cole asks if there are any questions or concerns before voting for Melanie Chavez.
* Jimmy makes a motion to vote Melanie Chavez onto the board, and Delma seconds it.

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| Vote to Approve Ms Chavez as a Board Member | |
| Motion to Approve  Jimmy Gonzalez | Motion Seconded  Delma Aguilar |
| Delma Aguilar ~Approved Jimmy Gonzalez ~ Approved  Esteban Cole ~Approved | |

Election of New Officers

* Esteban Cole discusses the need to elect new officers for the Governing Council.
* David Bryant opens the floor for nominations for the positions of President, Vice President, and Treasurer.
* Delma nominates Esteban Cole for President, and he accepts the nomination.

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| Vote to Approve Esteban Cole as President of the Board | |
| Motion to Approve  Jimmy Gonzalez | Motion Seconded  Delma Aguilar |
| Delma Aguilar ~Approved Jimmy Gonzalez ~ Approved  Esteban Cole ~Approved. Melanie Chávez~Approved | |

Vice President and Treasurer Nominations (10:29)

* Melanie Chavez inquires about the job duties of the Vice President and Treasurer positions.
* David Bryant explains the roles and responsibilities of each position..
* Roll call is conducted, and Melanie Chavez is elected as the new Vice President.
* Jimmy is nominated and elected as the new  
  Treasurer and no other nominations are made.

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| Vote to Approve Ms Chavez as Vice President and Mr. Gonzalez as Treasurer | |
| Motion to Approve  Esteban Cole | Motion Seconded  Delma Aguilar |
| Jimmy Gonzalez ~ Approved Delma Aguilar ~ Approved    Esteban Cole ~Approved. Melanie Chavez ~ Approved | |

**Finance Committee Discussion**

Cash Balance Resolution

* Corinne Teller Barraza explains the importance of the cash balance resolution to protect the school's funds.
* She details the risks of state legislation sweeping cash to cover other expenses.
* The resolution outlines the intended use of the cash for essential school operations and potential building purchase.
* Esteban Cole asks for questions, and none are raised.

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| Vote to accept the Cash Balance Resolution to Protect School Funds | |
| Vote | |
| Motion to Approve  Esteban Cole | Motion Seconded  Jimmy Gonzalez |
| Jimmy Gonzalez ~ Approved Delma Aguilar ~ Approved  Esteban Cole ~Approved. Melanie Chavez ~ Approved | |

**Executive Session**

None

**Executive Closed Session**

None

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| **Next Month’s GC Meeting Date (8/19/25 at 5:30PM)** |

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| **Motion to Adjourn @ 5:49PM** | |
| Motion to Approve  Delma Aguilar | Motion Seconded  Esteban Cole |
| Vote  Jimmy Gonzalez ~ Approved Delma Aguilar ~ Approved    Melanie Chavez~Appoved Esteban Cole ~Approved | |

**Directives from Closed Executive Session\***

* Action rising out of Closed Executive Session, If applicable

None