

**Draft MINUTES OF
THE MONTESSORI ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL
Tuesday, August 8, 2023
New Mexico State Bar
5121 Masthead
Albuquerque, NM 87109**

Present: Alan Li, Mary Salazar, Jeffrey Li, Charlie Kraft, Gregory Marez

Absent: None

Note taker: Alan Li

Call to Order:

Alan called the Special Meeting of the Governing Council to order at 8:39 am and confirmed a quorum was present with a roll call vote, with all members present.

Approval of the Agenda

Mary's motion to approve the agenda was seconded by Jeff. The motion to approve the agenda passed unanimously.

Review and approve regular meeting minutes for July 25th, 2023

Mary's motion to approve the minutes for the Regular Meeting, held on July 25th, 2023 was seconded by Gregory and passed unanimously.

Closed Session – Limited Employee Matters relating to Employee Discharge Hearing

Alan's motion to move to a closed session, inviting Jason Burnette, Patricia Matthews, Stan Albrycht, Mary Jane Besante, Tibo Chavez Jr, Kevin Garcia, any witnesses called and Kim Shollenbarger (the court reporter) to join, was seconded by Charlie. The motion to move to a Closed Session passed 5-0 with a roll call vote. The Governing Council moved to a closed session at 8:49 am. The following is a list of witnesses that joined in person after the session was closed: Dana Sanders, Alissa Sanchez, Amanda Hagarty, Piper Curry. The following is a list of witnesses that attended the Closed Session via Google Meet: Melody Turner, MJ Sams, and Pablo Torres. Andie Saiz, a legal staffer, was allowed in after the Closed Session began.

A recess for the meeting was called by Alan at 4:59 pm on Tuesday, August 8th.

The meeting reconvened in Closed Session on Wednesday, August 9th, at 8:13 am.

Everyone other than GC members and Jason Burnette, as GC counsel, were excused for the Council to deliberate at 4:03 pm.

Discussion/Action – Matters discussed in Closed Session

Jeff’s motion to reconvene in Open Session, and to reaffirm that only matters related to an Employee Discharge Hearing were discussed and no votes were taken, was seconded by Charlie. The motion passed unanimously 5-0 by a roll call vote.

Charlie’s motion to uphold the Governing Council decision to discharge Mary Jane Besante, finding that just cause has been found by the preponderance of the evidence presented in support of the discharge was seconded by Gregory. The motion passed unanimously 5-0 by a roll call vote.

Charlie’s motion to delegate the approval and signature of a letter advising the petitioner of the GC’s decision to the President of the TMEMS GC, Alan Li, was seconded by Gregory. The motion passed unanimously 5-0 by a roll call vote.

Adjournment

Charlie’s motion to adjourn the meeting was seconded by Mary. The motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 5:02 pm, Wednesday August 9th.

Signed:

Governing Council of The Montessori Elementary School

By: _____

Alan Li, President