

**MINUTES OF
THE MONTESSORI ACADEMY
GOVERNING COUNCIL
July 28th, 2026
THE MONTESSORI ACADEMY
1730 Montano Road, NE
ALBUQUERQUE, NM 87107**

Present: Alan Li, Mary Chappell (virtual), Mary Salazar, Kristin Ray

Absent: Javier Benavidez

Administration: Piper Curry, Stan Albrycht

Note taker: Alan Li

Alan called the Regular Meeting of the Governing Council to order at 4:43 pm and confirmed a quorum was present with a roll call vote. Javier was absent.

Approval of meeting agenda

Mary S's motion to approve the agenda, was seconded by Mary C and passed unanimously.

Public Comment

None.

Review and approve the Regular Meeting minutes for June 9th, 2026

Mary S's motion to approve the minutes for the Regular Meeting, held on June 9th, 2026, was seconded by Kristin and passed unanimously.

Discussion/Action – Finance Committee

- I. BARS
 - A. 529-000-2627-0003-IB
 - 1. Mary S's motion to approve the BAR was seconded by Kristin and passed unanimously.
 - B. 529-000-2627-0002-IB
 - 1. Alan's motion to approve the BAR was seconded by Kristin and passed unanimously.
 - C. 529-000-2627-0001-IB
 - 1. Mary S's motion to approve the BAR was seconded by Kristin and passed unanimously.
- II. Expense Reports – Mary S. moved to approve the June Expense Report and was seconded by Kristin and passed unanimously.

- III. Chair Update – Fiscal Year 2027 audit processes are starting up starting Friday. Kristin had some questions of what the audit entails which Mary answered with her experience as Treasurer.

Discussion/Action – Election of Officers

- President: Alan's motion to nominate and elect Mary C as President was seconded by Mary S. The motion passed 3-0-1 by a roll call vote with Mary C abstaining.
- Vice President: Mary S's motion to nominate and elect Alan as Vice President was seconded by Mary C. The motion passed 3-0-1 by a roll call vote with Alan abstaining.
- Treasurer: Alan's motion to nominate and elect Mary S. as Treasurer was seconded by Mary C. The motion passed 3-0-1 by a roll call vote with Mary S abstaining.
- Secretary: Mary C's motion to nominate and elect Kristin as Secretary was seconded by Mary S. The motion passed 3-0-1 with Kristin abstaining.

Discussion/Action – Annual Resolution

Kristin's motion to approve the Annual Resolution for Year 2026-2027 was seconded by Mary S and passed 4-0 by a roll call vote.

Discussion/Action – Conflict of Interest Policy

Alan's motion to approve the Conflict of Interest Policy as presented was seconded by Kristin and passed 4-0 by a roll call vote.

Discussion/Action – Code of Ethics

Mary C's motion to approve the Code of Ethics, amended to update 'Head Administrator' to 'Executive Director' title, was seconded by Alan and passed 4-0 by a roll call vote.

Discussion/Action – Review Annual Compliance requirements and assurances

Alan's motion to accept the Annual Compliance requirements and assurances was seconded by Mary S and passed 4-0 by a roll call vote.

Discussion/Action – Director's Report

Current student count is 528. See attached report.

Discussion/Action – Updated/New Policies

Kristin moved to approve Policy 124: Open Meetings Act Annual resolution with updated dates/officers/members, with Mary C. seconding. The motion passed 4-0 by a roll call vote.

Mary S. moved to approve the updates to Policy 403: Use of Restraint with updated sections regarding staff training and appropriate use for students with disabilities in emergency situations, with Kristin seconding.

Discussion/Action – Student Handbook Updates

Mary C's motion to approve the updates to the 26-27 Student Handbook was seconded by Mary S and passed unanimously. The motion passed 4-0 by a roll call vote.

Discussion/Action – Board Training

The GC discussed the upcoming year for required training as well as some suggestions for a quick completion this year.

New Business – Next Meeting

The GC was reminded that the August Regular Meeting would take place on August 18th at the Montano campus.

Adjournment

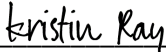
Alan's motion to adjourn the meeting was seconded by Mary S. and passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 6:07 pm.

Signed:

Governing Council of The Montessori Academy

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Kristin Ray, TMA Secretary