

**MINUTES OF
THE MONTESSORI ACADEMY
GOVERNING COUNCIL
May 26th, 2026
THE MONTESSORI ACADEMY
1730 Montano Road, NE
ALBUQUERQUE, NM 87107
Meeting took place at 200 El Pueblo, Los Ranchos, NM 87114**

Present: Alan Li, Mary Chappell, Mary Salazar, Javier Benavidez

Absent: Kristin Ray

Administration: Piper Curry, Stan Albrycht

Note taker: Alan Li

Alan called the Regular Meeting of the Governing Council to order at 4:50 pm and confirmed a quorum was present with a roll call vote.

Approval of meeting agenda

Javier'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 April 28th, 2026

Mary C's motion to approve the minutes for the Regular Meeting, held on April 28th, 2026, was seconded by Mary S. and passed unanimously.

Discussion/Action – Finance Committee

- I. BARS
 - A. 529-000-2526-0039-I
 - 1. Mary S's motion to approve the BAR was seconded by Mary C and passed unanimously.
- II. Expense Reports – Mary S. moved to approve the April Expense Report and was seconded by Mary C. and passed unanimously.
- III. Chair Update – The GC reviewed the Audit and financial statements. Finance Committee presented what findings were discovered and the adjustments to the processes to prevent findings in these areas in future.

Discussion/Action – 26-27 Capital Outlay Request for FY28

Javier moved to approve the 26-27 Capital Outlay Request for FY28 and was seconded by Mary C and passed unanimously.

Discussion/Action – Updated/New Policies

Piper let the GC know that the Scholarship Policy was not ready for this meeting and that it will be ready for review at the June Meeting

Discussion/Action – Legal Services Agreement

Alan's motion to approve the Legal Service Agreement for 2026-2027, starting July 1 and subsequent appropriation of funds was seconded by Mary C. A roll call vote was taken with the following votes:

Alan – Aye
Mary C. – Aye
Mary S. – Aye
Javier – Nay

With a vote of 3-1, the motion regarding the Legal Service Agreement passed.

Discussion/Action – Director's Report

Current student count is 487. See attached report.

Discussion/Action – Board Training

The GC discussed remaining training and individual member's plans to complete by the June 30th deadline.

New Business – Next Meeting

The GC was reminded about the scheduled June Regular Meeting to take place on June 9th at the Montano campus.

The GC also scheduled the July Annual Meeting to take place on July 28th at the Montano campus.

Adjournment

Mary S's motion to adjourn the meeting was seconded by Mary C. and passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 5:26 pm.

Signed:

Governing Council of The Montessori Academy

By: _____

Alan Li, TMA President