

**Draft MINUTES OF
THE MONTESSORI ACADEMY
GOVERNING COUNCIL
March 24th, 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:

Administration: Piper Curry, Stan Albrycht

Note taker: Alan Li

Alan called the Regular Meeting of the Governing Council to order at 4:41 pm and confirmed a quorum was present with a roll call vote.

Approval of meeting agenda

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

Public Comment

One written comment was submitted to the board and received as a public record.

Review and approve the Regular Meeting minutes for February 24th, 2026

Mary C's motion to approve the minutes for the Regular Meeting, held on February 24th, 2026, amended to update the signature line from Denise Rumley to Alan Li, was seconded by Mary S. and passed unanimously.

Discussion/Action – Finance Committee

- I. BARS
 - A. None.
- II. Expense Reports – Mary S moved to approve the February Expense Report and was seconded by Mary C. and passed unanimously.
- III. Chair Update – Admin would be able to pull final figures for El Pueblo starting next week.

Discussion/Action – Fiscal year 26-27 Budget Approval

Mary S's motion to approve the Fiscal Year 26-27 Budget was seconded by Javier. The motion passed 4-0 by a roll call vote.

During this item, Alan moved to recess for 5 minutes starting at 5:20 pm. Mary C. seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

The GC reconvened at 5:25 pm.

Discussion/Action – Updated/New Policies

Mary C. moved to approve Policy 129: Discretionary Waviers with Mary S seconding. The motion passed 4-0 by a roll call vote.

Mary C. moved to approve Policy 352: Foster Care Transportation and School Stability with Mary S seconding. The motion passed 4-0 by a roll call vote.

Discussion/Action – Promethean Board Disposal

Administration asked the Board to dispose of 3 boards, one of which was stolen. The GC opted to approve disposal of the 2 boards on hand, omitting the stolen Promethean Board.

Mary S's motion to dispose of the 2 presented Promethean Boards was seconded by Alan and passed 4-0.

Discussion/Action – Director's Report

Current student count is 486. See attached report.

Discussion/Action – Election of Officers

- Secretary: Mary C. motion to nominate and elect Alan as Secretary, to fill the vacancy, was seconded by Mary S. The motion passed 3-0-1 with Alan abstaining.

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 scheduled the next Regular Meeting for April 28th at the El Pueblo campus.

The GC also scheduled a special meeting for March 28th at 11 am to fill the vacancy on the board. The meeting is planned to be virtual.

Adjournment

Mary C's motion to adjourn the meeting was seconded by Javier and passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 6:01 pm.

Signed:

Governing Council of The Montessori Academy

By: _____

Alan Li, TMA President