

**Draft MINUTES OF
THE MONTESSORI ACADEMY
GOVERNING COUNCIL
April 28th, 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, Kristin Ray

Absent:

Administration: Piper Curry, Stan Albrycht

Note taker: Alan Li

Alan called the Regular Meeting of the Governing Council to order at 4:30 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

None.

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

Mary S's motion to approve the minutes for the Regular Meeting, held on March 24th, 2026, was seconded by Mary C. and passed unanimously.

Review and approve the Special Meeting minutes for March 28th, 2026

Alan's motion to approve the minutes for the Regular Meeting, held on March 24th, 2026, amended to correct a misspelling of Kristin and to remove Stan Albrycht as present, was seconded by Mary S. and passed unanimously.

Discussion/Action – Finance Committee

- I. BARS
 - A. 529-000-2526-0035-I
 - 1. Mary S's motion to approve the BAR was seconded by Mary C and passed unanimously.
 - B. 529-000-2526-0028-I
 - 1. Mary S's motion to approve the BAR was seconded by Alan and passed unanimously.

- C. 529-000-2526-0027-I
 - 1. Mary S's motion to approve the BAR was seconded by Javier and passed unanimously.
- D. 529-000-2526-0030-I
 - 1. Mary S's motion to approve the BAR was seconded by Kristin and passed unanimously.
- E. 529-000-2526-0031-I
 - 1. Mary S's motion to approve the BAR was seconded by Mary C and passed unanimously.
- F. 529-000-2526-0032-IB
 - 1. Mary S's motion to approve the BAR was seconded by Alan and passed unanimously.
- G. 529-000-2526-0037-D
 - 1. Mary S's motion to approve the BAR was seconded by Kristin and passed unanimously.
- H. 529-000-2526-0036-D
 - 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 March Expense Report and was seconded by Kristin and passed unanimously.
- III. Chair Update – The GC reviewed the Activities Fund, the Scholarship Report and was reminded that the Audit Report will be presented at the next meeting.

Discussion/Action – Updated/New Policies

Piper presented to the board a notice of intent to bring a Scholarship Policy by the end of June. The GC discussed the need for one and asked to be kept apprised if the draft was not ready by the next meeting.

Discussion/Action – Director's Report

Current student count is 487. See attached report.

Discussion/Action – Title I, II, IV Application

Alan's motion to approve the Title I, II, IV Application and subsequent appropriation of funds was seconded by Mary C. and passed unanimously.

Discussion/Action – IDEA Application

Alan's motion to approve the IDEA Application and subsequent appropriation of funds was seconded by Mary S. and passed unanimously.

Discussion/Action – Director’s Professional Development Plan (EOY)

Alan’s motion to approve the EOY Director’s PDP was seconded by Kristin and passed unanimously.

CLOSED SESSION – Limited Personnel matters

Alan’s motion to move into Closed Session was seconded by Mary C. The motion passed 4-0 with a roll call vote. The Governing Council closed the meeting at 5:37 pm.

Stan Albryct was invited into the Closed Session at 5:57 pm.

Piper Curry was invited into the Closed Session at 6:06 pm.

Discussion/Action – Matters Discussed in Closed Session

Alan’s motion to reconvene in Open Session and to reaffirm that only matters related to Limited Personnel matters were discussed and no votes were taken, was seconded by Mary C. The motion passed 4-0 by a roll call vote at 7:17 pm.

Alan’s motion to approve the Executive Director’s contract, beginning July 1, 2026 through to June 30, 2028, was seconded by Mary C and passed 4-0 with a roll call vote.

Discussion – Indicators of Success Program

The GC discussed the new program from PEC that Alan and Mary C learned about at a recent event that is to be implemented statewide regarding Board Self Evaluations. This was to notify the rest of the Board regarding the program and that more information would be sent out from the State in June.

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 May 26th at the Montano campus.

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

Adjournment

Mary S's motion to adjourn the meeting was seconded by Kristin and passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:25 pm.

Signed:

Governing Council of The Montessori Academy

By: _____

Alan Li, TMA President