Draft Meeting Minutes
The Montessori Academy
Governing Council

Tuesday, October 27, 2026 At 4:30 P.M.
The Montessori Academy
1730 Montano Blvd NW
Albuquerque, New Mexico 87107

4:46 pm Welcome, Quorum, and Call to Order

- Meeting called to order by Mary Chappell at 4:46 pm
- A quorum was present

Attendance

- Governing Council:
    - In person: Mary Chappell
    - On Zoom: Alan Li, Javier Benevidez, Kristin Ray
    - Absent: Mary Salazar
- School Administrators:
    - Piper Curry, Stan Albrycht

1. Approval of the Agenda
    a. 1st motion Kristin
    b. 2nd motion Alan
    c. Motion approved with a unanimous oral vote
2. Public Comment
    a. No public comment
3. Review and approve meeting minutes for the Regular Meeting on September 22, 2026
    a. No revisions
    b. Approval
        i. 1st motion: Javier
        ii. 2nd motion: Kristin
        iii. Motion approved with a unanimous oral vote
4. Discussion/ Action – Finance Committee
    a. BARS
        i. No BARS
    b. Expense Reports
        i. The council reviewed and discussed the expense reports
        ii. Approval
            1. 1st motion: Kristin
            2. 2nd motion: Alan
            3. Motion approved with a unanimous roll call vote
    c. Chair – Update

        i. Finance committee members Mary Chappell, Stan Albrycht, and Piper Curry met on October 27, 2026, at 4:20 p.m. to review random internal controls and found no concerns.
5. Discussion/Action – Director's Report presented by Piper Curry
    a. Enrollment
        i. 517 K-9
        ii. 528 pre-K
    b. School Activities/Operation Updates
6. Discussion/Action – Updated Appendix of Parent/Student Handbook
    a. Piper presented the newly developed Transportation form that the school would like to be added to the Appendix of the Parent/Student Handbook
    b. The council reviewed the form
    c. Approval
        i. 1st motion: Alan
        ii. 2nd motion: Kristin
        iii. Motion approved with a unanimous roll call vote
7. Discussion/Action – Updated/New Policies
    a. No new policies for October
8. Discussion/Action – Governing Body Resolution Required for HB47
    a. Stan presented the Governing Body Resolution Required for HB47
    b. The council reviewed the resolution
    c. Approval
        i. 1st motion: Javier
        ii. 2nd motion: Alan
        iii. Motion approved with a unanimous roll call vote
9. Discussion/Action – Safe School Plan Assurances (part of the process of the development and acknowledgment of policies)
    a. Piper presented the Safe School Plans for all three campuses
    b. Discussion included questions from Mary Chappell about where the final documents are kept, how frequently they are updated, and with whom they are shared
    c. Approval
        i. 1st motion: Kristin
        ii. 2nd motion: Alan
        iii. Motion approved with a unanimous roll call vote
10. Discussion/Action – Board Training
    a. Mary Chappell and Alan Li plan to attend the December conference
    b. Javier has finished board training for the year
    c. Kristin will do the trainings online
11. New Business -- Next meeting: TBA
    a. The tentatively scheduled 4th Thursday November and December meetings fall during Thanksgiving and Christmas weeks.
    b. Scheduled meetings
        i. Tuesday, November 17 at 4:30 at the Montano Campus

ii. Tuesday, December 15 at 4:30 at the Montano Campus

12. Adjournment
    a. Approval
        i. 1st motion: Alan
        ii. 2nd motion: Javier
        iii. Motion approved with a unanimous oral vote
    b. Meeting adjourned at 5:25 pm