

**MINUTES OF  
THE MONTESSORI ELEMENTARY & MIDDLE SCHOOL  
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL**

**Monday, April 10, 2023  
1730 Montano Road, NE  
ALBUQUERQUE, NM 87107**

**Present:** Alan Li (president), Ed Gonzales (vice president), Jordan Reed (secretary), Pablo Torres, Mary Salazar

**Absent:**

**Administration:** None

**Other:** Patty Matthews

**Note taker:** Jordan Reed

**Call to Order**

Alan called the Regular Meeting of the Governing Council to order at 4:32 pm and confirmed a quorum was present with a roll call vote.

**Approval of the Agenda**

Mary's motion to approve the agenda was seconded by Ed. The motion to approve the agenda passed unanimously.

**Review and approve meeting minutes for Tuesday, March 28, 2023**

Ed's motion to approve the minutes from the regular governing council meeting held on Tuesday, March 28, 2023 was seconded by Pablo. The motion to approve passed unanimously with Mary abstaining as she was not present at the last meeting.

**Discussion/Action – Closed Session: Limited Personnel Matters**

Ed's motion to move to a closed session inviting Patty Matthews to join the closed session was seconded by Pablo. The motion to move to a closed session passed 5-0 with a roll call vote. The Governing Council moved to a closed session at 4:38 pm. Ed's motion to leave a closed session was seconded by Jordan at 7:13 pm, the motion passed unanimously. Only personnel issues were discussed, and no votes were taken.

**Discussion/Action – Formalize decision to place Mary Jane Besante on Paid Administrative Leaving**

Ed's motion to formalize the decision to place Mary Jane Besante on paid administrative leaving until further notice, retroactive to Wednesday, April 5, 2023 was seconded by Mary. There was no discussion in public section. The motion to approve passed 4-0 with Pablo abstaining.

**Discussion/Action – Appointing Piper Curry as the Acting Executive Director**

Jordan's motion to approve Piper Curry as the acting Executive Director effective Wednesday, April 12th was seconded by Ed. There was no discussion in public section. The motion to approve passed 5-0 with a roll call vote.

**Discussion/Action – Approval of Third-Party Investigation**

Pablo’s motion to approve the hiring of a third-party investigator through Matthews Fox PC was seconded by Mary. There was no discussion in public section. The motion to approve passed 5-0 with a roll call vote/was rejected.

**New Business – Next Meeting**

Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 25, 2023 at 4:30 pm.

**Adjournment**

Jordan’s motion to adjourn the meeting was seconded by Ed. The motion to adjourn passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:26 pm.

Signed:

Governing Council of The Montessori Elementary & Middle School

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Jordan M. Reed, Secretary