

Governing Body Member Change Notification Form

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The Charter Contract was entered into by and between the New Mexico Public Education Commission (PEC) and New America School-Las Cruces, hereafter "the school," effective on 7/1/2022.

Current Governing Body Members and Positions: Susie Kimble, President; Roberta Stathis, Vice President; Jessica Castro-Buelna, Secretary; Oscar Juarez

Governing Body Member(s) Resigning or Removed: Jesus Lozoya

New Governing Body Member(s) and Position(s): Dae Romero, member; Cecilia Hernandez, member

Contact information for New Governing Body Member(s) (phone, email):

Dae Romero, 1100 N. Miranda St. Las Cruces, NM 88005

Dr. Cecilia Hernandez, 3916 Morning Dove. Pl Las Cruces, NM 8001

Is the school requesting an extension to fill a vacancy: yes no

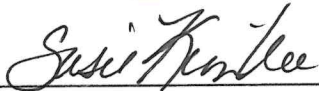
If so, provide date of vacancy: [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

Number of personnel changes (Head Administrator/Business Manager/Procurement Officer, Governing Board Member), including this change, submitted to PEC in the last 12 months: ONE: Resignation of Jesus Lozoya, Addition of Mx. Romero and Dr. Cecilia

Effective Date: 7/11/2024

The school's notification is hereby submitted by: July 16, 2024

Signature of School Representative:  **Date:** 7/15/24

Signature of Governing Board Chair:  **Date:** 7/16/24

For PEC/CSD use only

PEC Meeting Date:

Agenda: Consent (typical) Regular (unusual circumstance)

The school's notification was: Accepted Rejected (provide reason)

Electronic signature of CSD Director: _____ **Date:** _____

Margarita Porter

From: J Lozoya <jlozoya096@icloud.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 28, 2024 10:09 AM
To: Susie Kimble; Margarita Porter
Subject: Resignation

Good morning Susie and Margie

It's been a pleasure serving on the board for New America school. Unfortunately due to the demands of my new position am unable to give the needed time and effort that the school needs and deserves. Please accept this email as my resignation effective May 31, 2024. I wish continue success to the entire board but more importantly to the students being served.

Thank you,
Jesus Lozoya

STATEMENT OF GOVERNING BODY TO CONSULT WITH PED

We, the undersigned, make up the governing body of the Ne America School-Las Cruces located in Las Cruces New Mexico.


In accordance with 6.80.4.16 NMAC, we agree to consult with the New Mexico Public Education Department on any matter not covered by the manual of accounting and budgeting before taking any action related to funds held as a board of finance.

We make this statement as part of New America School-Las Cruces' application to the Public Education Commission for status as a board of finance under 6.80.4.16 NMAC.

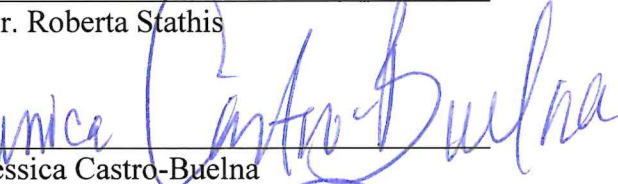
We understand that we must retain or hire a Licensed School Business Manager as soon as financial feasible and, thereafter, notify the New Mexico Public Education Commission within 30 days of hiring and/or changing in a Licensed School Business Manager for the school, and a new, signed "Affidavit of Financial Custodian" must be submitted.

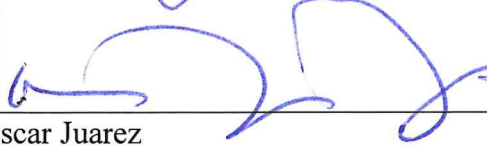
We understand that we must submit an Affidavit of Governing Body Member to the Public Education Commission within 60 days of a change in membership of our governing body.


THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS OF THE NEW AMERICA SCHOOL-LAS CRUCES GIVE THE FOREGOING STATEMENT THIS 11 DAY OF JULY, 2024.

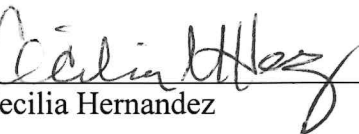
1. 
Susie Kimble

2. 
Dr. Roberta Stathis

3. 
Jessica Castro-Buelna

4. 
Oscar Juarez

5. 
Dae Romero

6. 
Cecilia Hernandez

AFFIDAVIT OF GOVERNING BODY MEMBER

STATE OF NEW MEXICO)
)
COUNTY OF)

I, Dae Romero, after being duly sworn, state:

1. My name is Dae Romero and I reside in Las Cruces, New Mexico.

2. I am a member of the governing body of the New America School-Las Cruces in Las Cruces, New Mexico.

3. I attest that I am currently not a current governing body member of any other charter school authorized in the state of New Mexico.

4. I have never been a governing body member of a charter school that was suspended or failed to receive or maintain their board of finance designation.

5. I understand that as a member of the New America School-Las Cruces' governing body, I am entrusted with oversight of expenditure of public funds in accordance with all applicable laws, regulations and rules, including but without limitation any laws or rules pertaining to conflicts of interest, public school finance, and procurement.

[Handwritten Signature]

[Signature]

7/11/24

Date

Dae Romero

[Print]

VERIFICATION

The forgoing Affidavit of Governing Body Member was subscribed and sworn to before me, this 11th day of July, 2024.

[Notary Seal:]

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
NOTARY PUBLIC
HELEN L. ORTIZ
COMMISSION # 1001414
COMMISSION EXPIRES: 04-05-2025

[Handwritten Signature]
NOTARY PUBLIC

My commission expires: April 5, 2025.

ASSURANCES

My name is Dae Romero and I reside in Las Cruces NM. I am a member of the governing body for The New America School a charter school which is located at Las Cruces NM, I assure that in my capacity as a member of the governing body, the CHARTER SCHOOL complies with all applicable federal and state laws governing the organizational, programmatic, and financial requirements applicable to charter schools, including:

1. The CHARTER SCHOOL'S admission processes are in compliance with Sections 22-2-4(A)-(D) and 22-8B-4.1 NMSA 1978.
2. The CHARTER SCHOOL'S admission process do not discriminate against anyone regarding race, color, age, religion, national origin, ancestry, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, spousal affiliation, physical or mental disability, or serious medical condition.
3. The CHARTER SCHOOL is a nonsectarian and non-religious public school.
4. Except as otherwise provided in Section 22-12-5(C) NMSA 1978 the Public School Code, the CHARTER SCHOOL does not charge tuition or have admission requirements.
5. The CHARTER SCHOOL complies with all state and federal health and safety requirements applicable to public schools, complies with Sections 22-8B-4.2(A), (C), and (D) NMSA 1978, and must produce an E-Occupancy certificate for all school facilities.
6. The governing body does not and will not contract with a for-profit entity for the management of the CHARTER SCHOOL.
7. The CHARTER SCHOOL complies with all applicable state and federal laws and rules related to identifying and providing special education services.
8. The CHARTER SCHOOL complies with provisions regarding public property identified in the Public School Code, the New Mexico Procurement Code, and the New Mexico Prohibited Sales Act, the Internal Revenue Code, and other applicable federal and state regulations.
9. The CHARTER SCHOOL ensures that criminal background checks are conducted on all employees and applicable reporting is completed in accordance with Section 22-10A-5 NMSA 1978.
10. The CHARTER SCHOOL ensures that it complies with state regulations regarding the use of volunteers set out in Section 6. 50.18 NMAC.
11. The CHARTER SCHOOL complies with the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, Title VI and Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act.
12. The CHARTER SCHOOL provides equitable access to and participation in its federally assisted program for students, teachers, and other program beneficiaries with special needs.
13. Meetings of the CHARTER SCHOOL Governing Body comply with the New Mexico Open Meetings Act, Sections 10-15-1 et seq., NMSA 1978 and the Inspection of Public Records Act, Section 14-2-1 et seq., NMSA 1978.

14. The CHARTER SCHOOL complies with all requirements of The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) 20 U.S.C. § 1232g; 34 CFR Part 99.
15. The CHARTER SCHOOL has and will adopt all policies and procedures required by the Public School Code, the New Mexico Administrative Code, and the Public Education Commission.
16. The Governing Body or head administrator of the CHARTER SCHOOL recognizes and works with employee labor representatives, if any.
17. The CHARTER SCHOOL has and will develop personnel policies that comply with all applicable federal and state labor laws, regulations and rules implementing them.
18. The CHARTER SCHOOL had and will develop a curriculum that is aligned to the New Mexico State Standards found in Title 6 Chapter 29 of the New Mexico Administrative Code, as amended.

Dae Romero

Printed Name

Dae Romero

Signature

8/17/24

Date

ASSURANCES

My name is Cecilia M Hernandez and I reside in Las Cruces, NM. I am a member of the governing body for New America School-Las Cruces a charter school which is located at 207 S. Main Street, I assure that in my capacity as a member of the governing body, the CHARTER SCHOOL complies with all applicable federal and state laws governing the organizational, programmatic, and financial requirements applicable to charter schools, including:

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Cecilia M Hernandez
Printed Name

Cecilia M Hernandez
Signature

7/18/24
Date

AFFIDAVIT OF GOVERNING BODY MEMBER

STATE OF NEW MEXICO)

COUNTY OF)

I, Cecilia M Hernandez, after being duly sworn, state:

1. My name is Cecilia M Hernandez and I reside in Las Cruces, New Mexico.

2. I am a member of the governing body of the New America School-Las Cruces in Las Cruces, New Mexico.

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Cecilia M Hernandez
[Signature]

7/18/24
Date

Cecilia M Hernandez
[Print]

VERIFICATION

The forgoing Affidavit of Governing Body Member was subscribed and sworn to before me, this 18 day of July, 2024.

[Notary Seal:]

Lisa M Porter
NOTARY PUBLIC

My commission expires: 04/25, 2027.





The New America School-Las Cruces
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Las Cruces, NM 88001
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Hon. Jared Polis, Founder
Susie Kimble, President
Margarita Porter, Superintendent

New America School-Las Cruces
Governing Council
Thursday, July 11, 2024
5:00 PM

Board Members Present:

- Susie Kimble (President)
- Roberta Stathis (VP)
- Jessica Castro-Buelna (Sec)
- Oscar Juarez,
- Dae Romero,
- Cecilia Hernandez, newly elected

Regrets:

Staff Present:

- Ashley Wolfel
- Jack Fitzpatrick
- Margarita Porter
- Christina Montoya

Public input: none

Minutes of the GC

1. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
2. The mission statement was read by Susie Kimble.
3. Quorum was reached at 5:00 pm.
4. Moved by Jessica Castro-Buelna and seconded by Roberta Stathis that the agenda be accepted as presented. Votes: Unanimous.
5. Moved by Roberta Stathis and seconded by Jessica Castro-Buelna that the minutes from the general meeting on June 20, 2024 be accepted as presented. Votes: unanimous.
6. Ashley presented the budget reports covering the school until June 30, 2024. The finance committee had already reviewed the reports prior to the general board meeting to identify any irregularities. Moved by Oscar Juarez and seconded by Dae Romero that the financial reports and BARs 0052-I, 0053-I, and 0055-T, be accepted as presented. Votes: Unanimous
7. Ms. Porter reviewed changes to both handbooks. Both have been vetted by SFox. Moved by Jessica Castro-Buelna and seconded by Dae Romero to approve both the Employee and the Student Handbooks as presented. Votes: Unanimous
8. Dr. Cecilia Hernandez introduced herself. Moved by Dae Romero and seconded by Oscar Juarez to accept Dr. Hernandez as a board member. Votes: unanimous.
9. Moved by Roberta Stathis and seconded by Jessica Castro-Buelna to move into Executive Session. Roll call: Susie Kimble: aye, Roberta Stathis: aye, Jessica Castro-Buelna: aye, Oscar Juarez: aye, Dae Romero: aye, Cecilia Hernandez: aye

GC returned to general session. Susie Kimble stated: I attest to the fact that the closed session only addressed limited personnel matters related to the Superintendent's evaluation.

Superintendent's Report

Dashboard

There are two mission specific goals. For this year,

Goal 1: To increase the language proficiency in our English Language Learners (ELL) by on level as measured by the Off2Class assessment. Of the students tested, 60% met the goal. We earned 75 points.

Goal 2: Seniors who are with NAS a full year, will pretest and posttest on the WorkKeys assessment. Students will increase in color level by the end of year. Of the students tested, 50% increased in levels. We earned 75 points.

School

- Follow up: We graduated 47 students.
- Registration: July 10th.
- We are pending the number of enrollments due to a glitch at the state with the new year rollover. We are sitting at about 175 currently.
- Jumpstart: July 11 for true freshmen. They rotated through their classes, understood the handbook and began building relationships.
- July 15: all other students will be on campus.

Community

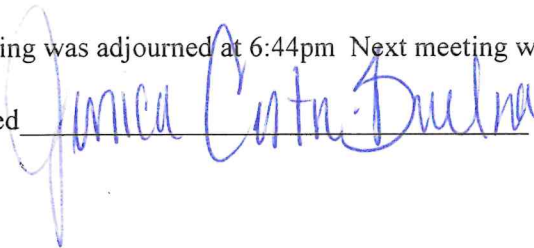
- Conversations with Olympian to create a dual credit program.
- The Plaza has been reserved for June 26, 2025 for graduation. Is 7pm a good time?

Professional

- July 19-20: Innovation in Education two-day event.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:44pm Next meeting will be August 8, 2024.

Signed



Jessica Castro-Buelna, Secretary

CERTIFICATE OF GOVERNING BODY VOTE

This document certifies that on June 20, 2024 at 5pm, a meeting of the Governing Body of New America School-Las Cruces, a New Mexico public charter school, was held at 207 S. Main Street Las Cruces, NM 88001.

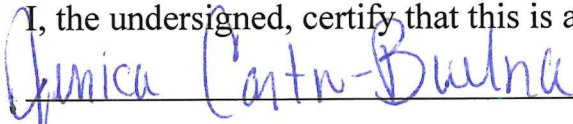
The meeting and all votes were conducted in compliance with the New Mexico Open Meetings Act.

A quorum of the Governing Body's members being present and voting, it was voted 3 in favor and 0 opposed to accepting Mx. Dae Romero as a member of the New America School-Las Cruces Governing Council.

The members voting in favor were: Susie Kimble, Dr. Roberta Stathis, and Jessica Castro-Buelna.

The members voting in opposition were: none

I, the undersigned, certify that this is a true copy.



Jessica Castro-Buelna, Secretary