



## New Mexico Public Education Commission (PEC)

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**Governing Body Member(s) Resigning or Removed:** Wilhelmina Yazzie

**New Governing Body Member(s) and Position(s):** Jennifer Russell, Member

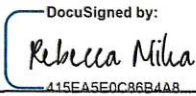
**Contact information for New Governing Body Member(s) (phone, email):** (505) 236-6006 jayall1jr13@gmail.com

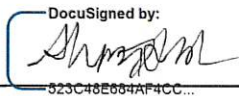
**Is the school requesting an extension to fill a vacancy:**  yes     no  
If so, provide date of vacancy:

**Number of personnel changes (Head Administrator/Business Manager/Procurement Officer, Governing Board Member), including this change, submitted to PEC in the last 12 months:** 5

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2024

**The school's notification is hereby submitted by:**

**Signature of School Representative:**  \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** 7/22/2024

**Signature of Governing Board Chair:**  \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** 7/22/2024

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**PEC Meeting Date:**

**Agenda:**  Consent (typical)       Regular (unusual circumstance)

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**Electronic signature of CSD Director:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_



# SIX DIRECTIONS INDIGENOUS SCHOOL

2055 NM-602

Gallup, NM 87301

Phone: 505-863-1900 Fax: 505-863-8826

## SDIS Special Governing Council Meeting

Tuesday, June 18, 2024

Hybrid: Zoom & SDIS Commons

5:30 PM

Join Zoom Meeting

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### MISSION STATEMENT

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- I. Call to Order - Dr. Henderson, Chairperson
- II. Roll Call - Dr. Henderson, Chairperson
- III. Approval of Agenda
- IV. Approval of Meeting Minutes
- VIII. Discussion and Action Items
  - A. School Finance Approval Items
    - a. Budget Adjustment Reports
      - i. 568-000-2324-0042-T
      - ii. 568-000-2324-0043-I
      - iii. 568-000-2324-0040-T
      - iv. 568-000-2324-0041-M
    - B. Approval of new Governing Council Member - Jennifer Russell
- IX. Discussion and Action Items: (Pursuant to Section 10-15-1(H)(2) and (H)(8) NMSA 1978, the Board will meet in closed session to discuss personnel matters.
  - Head Administrator Evaluation
- XII. Next Scheduled Board Meeting, **June 25, 2024**
- XIII. Adjourn





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- I. Call to Order - Dr. Henderson, Chairperson @ 6:09 PM on June 18, 2024
- II. Roll Call - Dr. Henderson, Chairperson
  - a) Wilhelminia Yazzie – not present; Zowie Banteah, present; Karen Malone – not present; Georgianna Desiderio; present; and Chair Dr. Henderson, present
  - b) Others Present: Aaron Savoia, School Business Manager; Becca Niiha, Head Administrator; Jennifer Russell
- III. Approval of Agenda –
  - a) Georgianna Desiderio made a motion to approve the agenda minus item IX to be addressed at the next scheduled board meeting June 25<sup>th</sup>, 2024; Zowie Banteah second the motion
  - b) Roll call vote: Zowie Banteah – yes, Georgianna Desiderio-yes, Zowie Banteah-yes, Dr. Henderson – yes (3 yes, 0 opposed and 0 abstained).
- IV. Approval of Meeting Minutes – Chair suggests we table till next board meeting;
  - a) Georgianna Desiderio made a motion to table the May 2024 meeting minutes to be addressed at the next scheduled board meeting June 25<sup>th</sup>, 2024; Zowie Banteah second the motion
  - b) Roll call vote: Zowie Banteah – yes, Georgianna Desiderio-yes, Zowie Banteah-yes, Dr. Henderson – yes (3 yes, 0 opposed and 0 abstained).
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- v. Zowie Banteah made a motion to accept Bars 0040-T, 0041-M, 0042-T, and 0043-I to clean up negative balances
- vi. Roll call vote: Zowie Banteah – yes, Georgianna Desiderio-yes, Zowie Banteah-yes, Dr. Henderson – yes (3 yes, 0 opposed and 0 abstained).

B. Approval of new Governing Council Member - Jennifer Russell

- a. Georgianna Desiderio made a motion for the approval of new Governing Council Member; Zowie Banteah second the motion
- b. Roll call vote: Zowie Banteah – yes, Georgianna Desiderio-yes, Zowie Banteah-yes, Dr. Henderson – yes (3 yes, 0 opposed and 0 abstained).

IX. Discussion and Action Items: (Pursuant to Section 10-15-1(H)(2) and (H)(8) NMSA 1978, the Board will meet in closed session to discuss personnel matters.

- Head Administrator Evaluation

XII. Next Scheduled Board Meeting, **June 25, 2024**

XIII. Adjourn @ 6:20 P.M.

**Notice**

1 message

**Wilhelmina Yazzie** <Wilhelmina@rf-lawfirm.com>

Wed, Mar 6, 2024 at 1:33 PM

To: Chair SDIS Governing Council <chair@sixdirectionsschool.org>, "Dr. Sharon Henderson" <dr.sharonhenderson@gmail.com>, Karen Malone <kj\_malone5@yahoo.com>, Zowie Banteah-Yuselew <coachzowie@gmail.com>, Rebecca Niiha <rebecca@sixdirectionsschool.org>

Ya'at'eeh shi'kei,

Good afternoon. After great thought and consideration, I have decided to resign as a Governing Board Member of SDIS. I will be able to continue serving until the end of our fiscal year, which would be to the end of June. I will continue my search for possible new board members and will provide them an invitation to our monthly meetings. My professional and personal commitments have become increasingly time-consuming.

I greatly appreciate the opportunity to be part of such a strong and dedicated team and serving on the board for the past 6 years. Thank you for the great leadership and I look forward to hearing of the continued success of SDIS.

(I was going to mention my intent at our last meeting, but we had some important issues to discuss)

Ahe'hee'.

Blessings,

Wilhelmina



Rosebrough, Fowles  
& Foutz, P.C.

**Wilhelmina Yazzie** (*She/Her/Asdzáán*)

Tribal Court Advocate/Paralegal

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Thank you.

**STATEMENT OF GOVERNING BODY TO CONSULT WITH PED**

We, the undersigned, make up the governing body of the Six Directions Indigenous School, located in Gallup, 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 Six Directions Indigenous School’s 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.

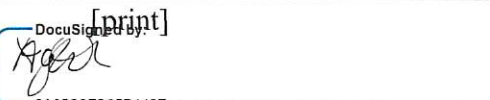
THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS OF THE SIX DIRECTIONS INDIGENOUS SCHOOL GIVE THE FOREGOING STATEMENT THIS 26 DAY OF June, 2024.

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Wilhelmina Yazzie

3.   
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Karen Malone

4.   
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Zowie Santeague

5.   
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[signature]  
Georgianna Desiderio

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Attach additional pages if membership exceeds five.



6.

Signed by:  


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Jennifer Russell

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Governing Council President  
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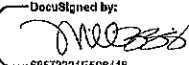
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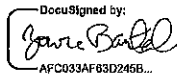
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**AFFIDAVIT OF GOVERNING BODY MEMBER**

STATE OF NEW MEXICO )  
 )  
COUNTY OF MCKINLEY )

I, Jennifer Russell, after being duly sworn, state:

1. My name is Jennifer Russell and I reside in Gallup, New Mexico.
2. I am a member of the governing body of the Six Directions Indigenous School in Gallup, 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 [insert name of school]'s 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.

[Signature] 

Date 6/25/2024

[Print] Jennifer Russell

**VERIFICATION**

The forgoing Affidavit of Governing Body Member was subscribed and sworn to before me, this 25<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2024.

[Notary Seal:]

  
NOTARY PUBLIC

My commission expires: April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO  
NOTARY PUBLIC  
OPHELIA MANNING-LARGO  
Commission #: 1117387  
Expiration Date: 04/27/2025**



## ASSURANCES

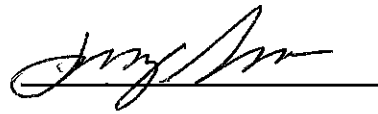
My name is Jennifer Russell and I reside in Gallup, New Mexico. I am a member of the governing body for Six Directions Indigenous School a charter school which is located at Gallup, New Mexico. I assure that in my capacity as a member of the governing body, the CHARTER SCHOOL complies with all applicable 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.

Jennifer Russell

Printed Name



Signature

6/25/2024

Date



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**New Governing Body Member(s) and Position(s):** vacant

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

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

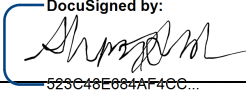
**If so, provide date of vacancy:** August 27, 2024

**Number of personnel changes (Head Administrator/Business Manager/Procurement Officer, Governing Board Member), including this change, submitted to PEC in the last 12 months:** 4

**Effective Date:** August 27, 2024

**The school's notification is hereby submitted by:**

**Signature of School Representative:**  415EA5E0C86B4A8... **Date:** 8/28/2024

**Signature of Governing Board Chair:**  523C48E084AF4CC... **Date:** 8/28/2024

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**Electronic signature of CSD Director:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_





Rebecca Niiha <rebecca@sixdirectionsschool.org>

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## DRAFT Agenda, HA report, Budget Reports

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**Karen Malone** <kj\_malone5@yahoo.com>

Tue, Aug 27, 2024 at 5:42 PM

To: Rebecca Niiha <rebecca@sixdirectionsschool.org>

Cc: Zowie Banteah-Yuselew <coachzowie@gmail.com>, jayall1jr13@gmail.com, "Dr. Sharon Henderson" <dr.sharonlhenderson@gmail.com>, An n <teddybearmat1105@gmail.com>

Good evening Board,

This will serve as a notice of resignation. I will no longer be affiliated with the school after this evenings meeting. Thank you for the opportunity past six years.

Karen Malone

On Aug 23, 2024, at 6:46 PM, Rebecca Niiha <rebecca@sixdirectionsschool.org> wrote:

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