

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 School of Dreams Academy ., hereafter "the school," effective on August 5, 2024..

Current Governing Body Members and Positions:

David Watling - President

Yolanda McKinley - Vice President

Summer Ludwig - Secretary

Pam Skinner - Member

Lacey Cheney - Member

Kerra Howe - Member

Governing Body Member(s) Resigning or Removed: Summer Ludwig - Resigned .

New Governing Body Member(s) and Position(s): n/a

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

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: (4) September 25, 2023 Resignation of Catherine Smith

September 25, 2023 Induction of Kerra Howe and Lacey Cheney

August 12, 2024 Resignation of Summer Ludwig

Effective Date: August 12, 2024

The school's notification is hereby submitted by:

Signature of School Representative: Michael S. Gonzalez Date: 8/15/24

Signature of Governing Board Chair: [Signature] Date: 9/5/24

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:** _____

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July 22, 2024

Governing Council
School of Dreams Academy
906 Juan Perea Rd
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Dear Governing Council Members, School Leadership, and NM Public Education Department's Charter Schools Division,

It is with a heavy heart that I submit my resignation from my position as the Governing Council Secretary of the School of Dreams Academy, effective immediately. My decision comes after much reflection and consideration, driven by my deep love for the school and a commitment to its mission and success.

During my tenure, I have had the privilege of witnessing the incredible potential of our students and the dedication of our staff. However, I must express my growing concerns regarding the Governing Council's oversight of the Superintendent and the overall governance of the school.

The appointments of Governing Council members with close familial ties to each other and to the school have raised significant issues regarding our ability to provide the necessary safeguards and objective oversight. Such appointments hinder our capacity to ensure the school is meeting its goals in a transparent and accountable manner. It is vital for the families who entrust us with their children's education to have confidence in the integrity and operations of the school.

I urge the current Governing Council members and school leadership to actively collaborate with the Charter Schools Division to adhere to best practices in governance. The ultimate responsibility

School of Dreams Academy
Governing Council Meeting Minutes
July 17, 2024

CALL TO ORDER

President David Watling called the meeting to order at 6:01pm and welcomed all in attendance.

Council Members in Attendance:

- Lacey Cheney
- Summer Ludwig
- Yolanda McKinley
- Pam Skinner
- David Watling

Members Excused:

- Kerra Howe

Others Present:

- Mr. Ogas
- Ms. Swanson
- Donna Thomas
- Justin Salada
- Lolita (Zoom user)
- Paula Jean Walker
- LeeAnne (Zoom user)

Total in Attendance: 12

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Watling.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF MEETING

Mr. Ogas stated the meeting had been announced in accordance with the Open Meetings Act {Pursuant to 10-15-1 H NMSA 1978 Annotated} and was a legally constituted meeting of The School of Dreams Academy Governing Council.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA – July 17, 2024, Agenda

Mr. Ogas asked to postpone Action Items a – c as our Business Manager was not available this evening.

Motion to approve the July 17, 2024, Agenda as amended:

Summer Ludwig moved to approve the agenda as amended seconded by Pam Skinner. There being no discussion; President David Watling called for a vote; motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES– June 10, 2024, Regular Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve the June 10, 2024, Regular Meeting Minutes as presented:

Pam Skinner moved to approve the minutes as presented seconded by Lacey Cheney. There being no discussion; President David Watling called for a vote; motion passed unanimously.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Mr. Ogas – Gearing up for the upcoming school year, all our budgets have been approved and the sub-budgets are in the process of being approved.

Back to school meeting with teachers on Monday, July 29th. This will be at the Henry Perea building on Morris Rd. We’ll have breakfast at 8am and invite the Governing Council and the Foundation along with community leaders.

Inservice Training the 29th – 31st.

Students K – 12 start August 1st.

The Village Council met past Thursday and voted to award the Southern 10 acres to the Foundation. We will have a meeting on Monday with them to figure out how to amend the Lease Purchase Agreement. We will then be able to submit an updated Master Plan to the Public-School Facilities Authority. We are ranked #1 to get a new facility.

We will submit a letter of intent to submit an application. This should be sent in the next week to 10 days. Next the PSFA will start internal reviews and then come to do a site visit and give us the go-ahead to submit a full application. The Capital outlay committee will meet in December to make new awards.

Alongside this, the Foundation is working with lenders and financial institutions to make the match money.

The Hispano Chamber Gala will be Saturday night.

In the first part of June the state advised schools there was an opportunity to become a Community School. We accepted that award and we had to hire a Community Schools Coordinator, we hired PJ Walker.

SCHOOL OF DREAMS EDUCATION FOUNDATION REPORT

Mr. Ogas – This is new to our Agenda. This is due to a request from the Charter School Division to have the Foundation report throughout the year and culminate in a yearly report. Mr. Jennings made a report to the Finance Committee this evening to go over the finances. **Pam Skinner and Summer Ludwig** agreed with Mr. Ogas that what Mr. Jennings was in order and **Pam Skinner** advised that she was looking forward to the ongoing reporting.

COMMUNITY REPORT

PJ Walker – PTC Report – Our first fundraiser will start in September and be ongoing throughout the year. You put in the school code when you go shopping at thousands of locations and a portion comes back to the PT.

Community School Report – We will have an open house on August 13th 4:30pm – 6:30pm. The County will provide juices and snacks, Heart and Soul NM will be a sponsor along with the CWC, and Attendance for Success NM.

PJ Walker, Mr. Ogas, and Miguel Ogas will do a presentation on August 6th to the CWC about the Community School.

GC PRESIDENT'S REPORT – No report

PUBLIC COMMENT – Justin Salada – There were some new requirements presented and we must have recordings of the meetings on our website, and we must allow written or verbal public comment at our GC meetings. We will limit verbal comments to 2 minutes.

ACTION ITEMS

~~a. Approval of the July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024, Check Listing/Budget Report (\$743,430.43)~~

~~b. Approval of the July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024, Revenue Listing \$1,1016,251.82~~

~~c. Approval of Budget Adjustment Request (as needed)~~

~~1. 505-000-2324-0014-IB Initial Budget \$180,000.00~~

~~2. 505-000-2324-0056 IB Initial Budget \$35,424.00~~

~~3. 505-000-2324-0057 M Maintenance \$0.00~~

~~4. 505-000-2324-0058 T Transfer \$0.00~~

~~5. 505-000-2324-0059 T Transfer \$0.00~~

d. Approval of the Statewide Dual Credit Master Agreement between UNM-Valencia and the School of Dreams Academy.

Mr. Ogas – This is a requirement that needs to be approved each year. It's a verification that the agreement does have the required components contained within.

Pam Skinner moved to approve the Statewide Dual Credit Master Agreement between UNM-Valencia and the School of Dreams Academy as presented, seconded by Yolanda McKinley. There being no further discussion, President Watling called for a vote.

A Roll Call vote was taken:

- Lacey Cheney
- Summer Ludwig
- Yolanda McKinley
- Pam Skinner
- David Watling

e. Approval of a contract with Meadow Speech Therapy and the School of Dreams Academy.

Mr. Ogas – This is a continuation of the contract we used last year. It is an online lab and has worked well. They are also going to try and bring on another Speech Therapist.

Lacey Cheney moved to approve the contract with Meadow Speech Therapy and the School of Dreams Academy as presented, seconded by Pamela Skinner. There being no further discussion, President Watling called for a vote.

A Roll Call vote was taken:

- Lacey Cheney
- Summer Ludwig
- Yolanda McKinley

- Pam Skinner
- David Watling

f. Consideration with possible action to waive the nepotism rule for the Superintendent per NM Statutes Chapter 22 – Public Schools Article 8B – Charter Schools Section 22 – 8B (2021) - Mrs. Swanson

Ms. Swanson – We need an Administrative Assistant. We opened the position, we had two applicants, one of them is working now but is leaving next Tuesday. We had Mr. Ogas’ daughter in law interview very well and I would like to recommend her to be hired which requires the waiving of the nepotism rule. She will be directly supervised by myself.

Pamela Skinner moved to waive the nepotism rule for the Superintendent per NM Statutes Chapter 22 – Public Schools Article 8B – Charter Schools Section 22 – 8B (2021), seconded by Lacey Cheney. There being no further discussion, President Watling called for a vote.

A Roll Call vote was taken:

- Lacey Cheney
- Summer Ludwig (abstained)
- Yolanda McKinley
- Pam Skinner
- David Watling

g. Committee update regarding adding 7th Council member

We will table this item and take it from future agendas until advised the committee is ready.

h. Executive Session – Finalization of Superintendents contract

Summer Ludwig moved to enter Executive Session for the Finalization of Superintendents contract, seconded by Pamela Skinner. There being no further discussion, President Watling called for a vote.

A Roll Call vote was taken:

- Lacey Cheney
- Summer Ludwig

Yolanda McKinley

Pam Skinner

David Watling

i. Leave Executive Session Resume Regular Meeting

Summer Ludwig moved to leave Executive Session and resume the regular meeting, seconded by Lacey Cheney. There being no further discussion, President Watling called for a vote.

A Roll Call vote was taken:

Lacey Cheney

Summer Ludwig

Yolanda McKinley

Pam Skinner

David Watling

ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING

The next Governing Council meeting will be August 12, 2024, Regular meeting @ 6:00 Finance meeting @ 5:00. All future meetings will be held IN PERSON and by Zoom Video Communication until further notice.

ADJOURNMENT

President David Watling requested a motion to adjourn:

Pam Skinner moved to adjourn at 6:36pm, seconded by Yolanda McKinley. There being no discussion, President David Watling called for a vote; motion passed unanimously.

for the charter and the school lies with the Governing Council, and it is imperative that this responsibility is met with diligence and transparency.

Regrettably, I cannot, in good conscience, continue to serve as a member of a Governing Council that I believe is not fulfilling this critical responsibility. The current dynamic, where the Superintendent's decisions are largely rubber-stamped by the Governing Council, undermines the checks and balances necessary for effective school governance. Additionally, concerns from staff members are not being adequately addressed, and many staff members have expressed feeling unsafe in their positions when raising issues. This environment is detrimental to attracting and retaining the qualified, dedicated staff essential for the school's growth and success.

It is my sincere hope that my resignation will prompt a thorough reevaluation of the Governing Council's practices and lead to the implementation of necessary changes to ensure that the School of Dreams Academy can truly thrive and provide the best possible education for its students.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve the School of Dreams Academy. I remain passionate about the school's mission and will continue to support its success in any way I can from outside the Governing Council.

Sincerely,

Summer Ludwig

Summer Ludwig

SCHOOL OF DREAMS ACADEMY

GOVERNING COUNCIL

August 12, 2024 - MEETING MINUTES

Meeting held IN PERSON

and remotely via Zoom Video Communication (and is Recorded)

CALL TO ORDER

President David Watling called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm; and welcomed all in attendance.

Council Members in Attendance (roll call was taken):

Lacey Cheney
Yolanda McKinley
Pam Skinner
David Watling

Members Excused:

Summer Ludwig – Resigned
Kerra Howe

Others in Attendance:

Mike Ogas	Total of (13) Participants	
Felina Martinez	Donna Thomas	LeeAnne Becker
Cynthia Swanson	PJ Walker	Miguel Ogas
Ashley Wolfel	Justin Salada	

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Donna Thomas

ANNOUNCEMENT OF MEETING

Mr. Ogas stated the meeting had been announced in accordance with the Open Meetings Act {Pursuant to 10-15-1 H NMSA 1978 Annotated} and was a legal constituted meeting of The School of Dreams Academy Governing Council.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA –Mr. Ogas recommended to approve the agenda for August 12, 2024 as presented. With no changes

President, David Watling requested a motion:

Pam Skinner moved to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Yolanda McKinley. There being no discussion, Mr. Watling called for a vote. Motion passed.

A Roll Call vote was taken: Lacey Cheney - Yes Yolanda McKinley - Yes
Pam Skinner – Yes David Watling

APPROVAL of the July 17, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes as presented.

President, David Watling requested a motion:

Lacey Cheney moved to approve the July 17, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes as presented, seconded by Pam Skinner. There being no discussion, Mr. Watling called for a vote. Motion passed.

A Roll Call vote was taken: Lacey Cheney - Yes Yolanda McKinley - Yes
 Pam Skinner – Yes David Watling

Superintendent and Founders Report -

Mr. Ogas –

This year is off to a good start. We are having some issues with transportation. We are still requesting two additional buses. This is causing a wait list for our K-12 students. We are brain storming some alternative ideas to help us. Hopefully we can resolve this issue soon.

Mr. Davis, Mr. Martinez and myself have been working on a letter to the Public Schools Facilities Authority for the Standard Base Award. We are probably 98% done with that letter. When it is submitted it should kick off this chain of events leading to a full application for full funding for a new school at the December Capital Outlay meeting. It is a solid letter and we are looking forward to submitting it in the next couple of days. In conjunction with that the Foundation has been working with funding sources to work on the match requirement needed. We are going to ask for a 100% waiver of the match because we are a charter school. But we are proactively working on getting funding just in case.

Last week Miguel Ogas, Paula Jean Walker, and Myself gave a presentation to the Wellness Council on our Community Schools Initiative. It was very well received. We asked for volunteers and we got like twenty responses. We moving forward in creating relationships and pulling our aspect of our Community School together. I am excited about the work that they are doing there. We will keep you update on those things as they transpire.

We're finalizing all the different budget that come along with our school. The most recent one is the Fine Arts Grant which will fund our Elementary music program.

Cynthia Swanson –

August 1, 2024 was the first day of school. We had a really good start to the school year. The Secondary open house was on Wednesday August 7, 2024 we had a really great turn out at the Daniel Fernandez Gym. I feel safe saying we had a couple 100 families there. We did provide Dion's Pizza and salad. Mr. Ogas told them about our Individualized Learning Plan and things we will be doing this school year. The open house for Elementary is August 13, 2024 from 4:30 to 6:30 here on campus. We have assessments starting August 13, 2024 for the third through twelfth grade. We are going to try and get it all done in one day. Starting with those scores we can track their growth throughout the school year. We are fully staffed for this school year compared to last school year. We have picked up several quality educators over the Summer. We are quite please with the staff and the work they have done so far. The only other thing is the FFA Dairy Team under the leadership of Mrs. Watling is preparing to go to the National Finals. They are putting in long days practicing.

Mr. Ogas

Over all is been a good start and looking forward to a great year. Hopefully a lot of really good news come mid-year on the facilities.

David Watling - I believe the first count of students is in October?

Mr. Ogas - Yes, the 40-day count.

David Watling - Will we meet or exceed last years count? Last year were we at our cap?

Mr. Ogas - No, we were not at our cap we will probably be similar to like we were last year. Honestly, I think somethings that are hindering our enrollment is our facility. We are starting to see the effects of that but I think were going to be okay.

School of Dreams Education Foundation Report

Mr. Ogas – this is new. Mr. John Jennings was not able to be here this evening but he did report to the Budget and Finance Committee earlier this evening about the Foundations fiscal year. Things looked like what was expected. Strong. Nothing of major issue. The report is actually in your packet toward the first two pages. It is showing the balance and activity in the Foundation.

Pam Skinner – Everything is pretty normal and running along smoothly. The only thing is the actual letters between the School and the Foundation and the Foundation and the School that appeared on the audit. Once that is done everything will be comfortable.

Mr. Ogas – those are being addressed. Remember the Foundation main roll is to carry debit for the school and to pay the different people that we owe money to for the build out.

Community Report

Paula Jean Walker –

Good evening, everybody. As Ms. Swanson stated we have our Elementary Open House tomorrow August 13, 2024. We have approximately 15 vendors. Community agencies coming to give resources to our families. We will also have the Village of Los Lunas rock wall. Snacks were provided by the Valencia County Grant Program and our counselor Mr. Jacob Omlor with be there with his attendance for success banner to pledge for students to come to school every day.

PTC will kick off with our school wide store where family will be able to purchase things from Walmart and Amazon and other places like that. It will be through a newsletter that goes directly to the families. In the future we are looking forward to some other events. I will keep you posted on the up-and-coming events. Do you have any questions for me? Thank you!

Governing President's Report

David Watling –

The only thing I had is on the Action Items. My four-year-old is not attending school here if you didn't already know.

Public Comments – No comments

ACTION ITEMS

Budget and Finance committee met at 5:00 PM this evening to review the Budget and everything looks in order.

Mr. Ogas asked for approval of the check listing, budget reports, and revenue report as presented. Combine Action Item (a) and (b) for approval per Mr. Ogas

- a. Approval of July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024 Check listing/budget reports (\$743,430.43)
- b. Approval of July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024 Revenue Reports \$1,016,251.82

Lacey Cheney moved to approve Action items (a and b) as presented, seconded by Yolanda McKinley. There being no discussion, Mr. Watling called for a vote. Motion passed.

A Roll Call vote was taken: Lacey Cheney - Yes Yolanda McKinley - Yes
Pam Skinner – Yes David Watling

- c. Approval of Budget Adjustment Request as needed.
Mr. Ogas asked for approval of the Budget Adjustment request as presented.

- 1. 505-000-2324-0014 Initial Budget \$180,000.00
- 2. 505-000-2324-0056 Initial Budget \$35,425.00
- 3. 505-000-2324-0057 Maintenance \$0.00
- 4. 505-000-2324-0058 Transfer \$0.00
- 5. 505-000-2324-0059 Transfer \$0.00

Pam Skinner moved to approve Action items (c 1 through 5) as presented, seconded by Lacey Chaney. There being no discussion, Mr. Watling called for a vote. Motion passed unanimously.

A Roll Call vote was taken: Lacey Cheney - Yes Yolanda McKinley - Yes
Kerra Howe – Yes Pam Skinner - Yes
David Watling

Mr. Ogas asked for approval of the check listing, budget reports, and revenue report as presented. Combine Action Item (d) and (e) for approval per Mr. Ogas

- d. Approval of July 1, 2024 – July 31, 2024 Check listing/budget reports (\$1,130,897.28)
- e. Approval of July 1, 2023 – July 31, 2024 Revenue Reports \$926,643.09

Lacey Cheney moved to approve Action items (d and e) as presented, seconded by Pam Skinner. There being no discussion, Mr. Watling called for a vote. Motion passed.

A Roll Call vote was taken: Lacey Cheney - Yes Yolanda McKinley - Yes
Pam Skinner – Yes David Watling

- f. Approval of Budget Adjustment Request as needed.
Mr. Ogas asked for approval of the Budget Adjustment request as presented.

1. 505-000-24-25-0001 Increase \$509.00

Pam Skinner moved to approve Action items (c 1) as presented, seconded by Lacey Chaney. There being no discussion, Mr. Watling called for a vote. Motion passed unanimously.

A Roll Call vote was taken: Lacey Cheney - Yes Yolanda McKinley - Yes
Pam Skinner – Yes David Watling

- g. Acceptance of Summer Ludwig’s resignation letter effective immediately. Resignation letter received August 5, 2024.

Mr. Ogas asked for approval of the new Professional Service Agreement between Matthew Fox, PC and the School of Dreams Academy.

Lacey Chaney moved to approve Action items (g) as presented, seconded by Pam Skinner. There being no discussion, Mr. Watling called for a vote. Motion passed.

A Roll Call vote was taken: Lacey Cheney - Yes Yolanda McKinley - Yes
Pam Skinner – Yes David Watling

- h. Consideration and possible approval on the Herrera Transportation contract for 2024-2025 SY (Bus Transportation) Total of three buses at this time.

Mr. Ogas asked for approval of the new contract between Herrera Transportation and the School of Dreams Academy.

Kerra Howe moved to approve Action items (f) as presented, seconded by Pam Skinner. There being no discussion, Mr. Watling called for a vote. Motion passed unanimously.

A Roll Call vote was taken: Lacey Cheney - Yes Yolanda McKinley - Yes
Kerra Howe – Yes Pam Skinner - Yes

David Watling

ANNOUNCEMENT OF MEETING

The next regular meeting will be September 9, 2024

Finance meeting to be held at 5:00 pm In Person and Via Zoom

Regular meeting to be held at 6:00 pm In Person and Via Zoom

ADJOURNMENT

President, David Watling requested a motion to adjourn:

Lacey Cheney moved to approve to adjourn at 6:24 pm, seconded by Pam Skinner. There being no discussion, Mr. Watling called for a vote. Motion passed.

A Roll Call vote was taken:	Lacey Cheney - Yes	Yolanda McKinley - Yes
	Pam Skinner – Yes	David Watling

Approved this September 9, 2024

David Watling, President

Attest: Donna Thomas dt