

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 May 2022-May 2027.

Current Governing Body Members and Positions: Click or tap here to enter text.

Governing Body Member(s) Resigning or Removed: Click or tap here to enter text.

New Governing Body Member(s) and Position(s): Fernando Macias, member

Contact information for New Governing Body Member(s) (phone, email): Fernando Macias, 575-202-5417, macias4da@gmail.com


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: resignation May 2024 and addition of two members, June and July 2024.

Effective Date: 8/8/2024

The school's notification is hereby submitted by: Margarita Porter, August 22, 2024

Signature of School Representative:  **Date:** 8/12/24

Signature of Governing Board Chair:  **Date:** 9/12/24

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:** _____



Our Mission:

To empower all students, especially the academically underserved with the educational support they need to reach their potential, succeed in life and realize the American Dream.

**New America School-Las Cruces
General GC Meeting
Thursday, August 8, 2024
207 S. Main St.
Las Cruces, NM 88001
5:00 PM
AGENDA**

Meeting may be accessed via zoom or in-person

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86892206511?pwd=zOIGDQLSRP8pnpQ4mVnJ0DCleTMSUx.1>

Meeting ID: 868 9220 6511

Passcode: ccB4bW

- a) Call to order
- b) Pledge of Allegiance
- c) Mission Statement
- d) Public Input

Action Items

1. Approval of the agenda
2. Approval of the minutes of July 11, 2024
3. Discussion and action regarding financial reports and BARs
4. Discussion and action on new governing council members
5. Discussion and action on Title IX Policy
6. Discussion and action on hotel rates for Innovative Conference in Chicago, Nov. 5-8

Information Items

1. Superintendent's report
2. Adjournment

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

New America School-Las Cruces
Governing Council
Thursday, August 8, 2024
5:00 PM

Board Members Present:

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

Regrets: Oscar Juarez,

Staff Present:

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

Public input: the new GC members expressed their impressions about the Student Recognition presentations.

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 July 11, 2024 be accepted as presented. Votes: unanimous.
6. Ashley presented the budget reports covering the school until July 31, 2024. The finance committee had already reviewed the reports prior to the general board meeting to identify any irregularities. Moved by Cecilia Hernandez and seconded by Jessica Castro-Buelna that the financial reports and BARs 0001-I, 0003-IB, 0004-IB, and 0055-T, be accepted as presented. Votes: Unanimous
7. Mr. Fernando Macias, re-introduced himself to the board. He expressed his enthusiasm for returning. Moved by Roberta Stathis and seconded by Dae Romero to accept Judge Macias as a returning board member. Votes: unanimous.
8. Moved by Jessica Castro-Buelna and seconded Fernando Macias to accept the new Title IX Policy as presented. Votes: unanimous.
9. Moved by Fernando Macias and seconded by Jessica Castro-Buelna to allow the school to pay the higher hotel rate during the Innovative Schools Conference in Chicago, Nov. 5-9.

Superintendent's Report

Dashboard

The form that is share is what will be submitted to PED for the use of the CSI money (\$100,000). This plan includes: extra time developing the Dash Plan, fund monthly Dash meetings, time to create credit recovery classes, fund Friday School at a higher rate, time to call parents each month, and two positions (50% of salaries). (Page 3 of the Excel sheets)

School

- Currently we have 229 students enrolled. There are 202 students under 21. Of these students, 31 are receiving special education services. NAS is serving 27 students over 22, which are funding under our Innovation Grant.
- Dash Plan/CSI: we are in the midst of creating a year-long plan on how to increase graduation rates. Part of this is the application is to create 5 separate goals-language arts, science, math, and English learner proficiency. Once it has been completed, it will be presented to the board. This plan is involving all of the teachers and support staff. We are also adding an extra hour/month of paid time out the CSI grant to each classroom teacher to make contact with their advisory students.
- No-cell phone policy. We are moving away from the red/green option. We are going to no phones or ear buds during instructional time.
- Advisory: Reading time school-wide. All advisory classes (20 minutes) are dedicated to reading, Solito by Javier Zamora.
- GRADS grants totaled \$22,000. This will be used to fund our assistant, the teacher stipend, and supplies.

Community

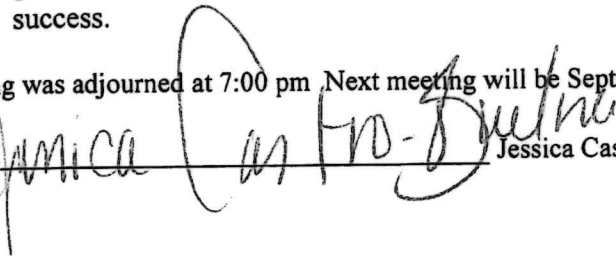
- Dual Credit with Olympia. We are still waiting for a call back.
- We have 20 sites where students can intern. Some of those include an auto mechanic shop, barber, Cat's Meow.

Professional

- One of my professional goals for this year, is to create a leadership team. This team has already formed with one math, one social studies, one English, one support staff, special education rep, the IC, electives teacher and the intern teacher are all part of this team. Our goal is to meet monthly or bimonthly to identify where we are on our systems toward success.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:00 pm Next meeting will be September 12, 2024.

Signed



Jessica Castro-Buelna, Secretary

AFFIDAVIT OF GOVERNING BODY MEMBER

STATE OF NEW MEXICO)
)
COUNTY OF)

I, Fernando MACÍAS, after being duly sworn, state:

1. My name is Fernando MACÍAS and I reside in Mesilla, New Mexico.

2. I am a member of the governing body of the [insert name of school] in New America High School, 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.

Fernando R. Macias
[Signature]

9/19/24
Date

Fernando R. Macias
[Print]

VERIFICATION

The forgoing Affidavit of Governing Body Member was subscribed and sworn to before me, this 19 day of September, 2024.

[Notary Seal:]

[Signature]
NOTARY PUBLIC

My commission expires: 05/23, 2026.

AMY J. PEREZ
NOTARY PUBLIC
STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COMMISSION # 1093211
COMMISSION EXPIRES: 05-23-2026

ASSURANCES

My name is Fernando Macías and I reside in Las Cruces, NM. I am a member of the governing body for New America School-LLC a charter school which is located at 2075 Main St. 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.

Fernando Arcia Fernando Arcia 8/8/24
Printed Name Signature Date

STATEMENT OF GOVERNING BODY TO CONSULT WITH PED

We, the undersigned, make up the governing body of the New 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'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 NEW AMERICA SCHOOL-LAS CRUCES GIVE THE FOREGOING STATEMENT THIS 8 day of August, 2024.

1. Susie Kimble
[signature]

Susie Kimble
[print]

2. Cecilia M Hernandez
[signature]

Cecilia M Hernandez
[print]

3. Roberta Stathis
[signature]

Roberta Stathis
[print]

4. [Signature]
[signature]

Oscar Juarez
[print]

5. [Signature]
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DAC Romero
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6.

Jessica Castro-Buelna
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Jessica Castro-Buelna
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7.

Fernando R. Macias
[signature]

Fernando Macias
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Attach additional pages if membership exceeds five.