

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 Turquoise Trail Charter School, hereafter "the school," effective on 6/1/2024.

Current Governing Body Members and Positions: Sammi Triolo – Board President, Victoria Schweizer – Board Vice President, Alejandra Rodriguez – Board Treasurer, Miranda Mascarenas – Board Member, Ruth Center – Board Member, Matt Pahl – Board Member, Amber Maes – Board Secretary

Governing Body Member(s) Resigning or Removed: Amber Maes

New Governing Body Member(s) and Position(s): Click or tap here to enter text.

Contact information for New Governing Body Member(s) (phone, email): Click or tap here to enter text.

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

If so, provide date of vacancy: 09/24/2024

Number of personnel changes (Head Administrator/Business Manager/Procurement Officer, Governing Board Member), including this change, submitted to PEC in the last 12 months: 1

Effective Date: 09/24/2024

The school's notification is hereby submitted by: Stephanie Behning, Head Administrator, Turquoise Trail Charter School

Signature of School Representative:  Stephanie Behning (Oct 23, 2024 15:42 MDT) **Date:** 10/23/2024

Signature of Governing Board Chair: *Sammi Triolo* Sammi Triolo (Oct 23, 2024 15:23 MDT) **Date:** 10/23/2024

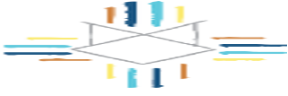
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PEC Meeting Date:

Agenda: Consent (typical) Regular (unusual circumstance)

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

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



Francesca Margaritondo <fmargaritondo@ttschool.org>

Fwd: Acknowledgement of Resignation

Sammi Triolo <striolo@ttschool.org>
To: Francesca Margaritondo <fmargaritondo@ttschool.org>

Wed, Oct 16, 2024 at 4:57 PM

Hi Francesca...

I am forwarding the thread that includes Amber's resignation and my acknowledgement. I've not received additional communication.

Thank you,
Sammi

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Sammi Triolo** <striolo@ttschool.org>
Date: Wed, Sep 25, 2024 at 5:41 PM
Subject: Acknowledgement of Resignation
To: Amber Maes <amaes@ttschool.org>
Cc: Alejandra Rodriguez <arodriguez@ttschool.org>

Dear Amber:

I was saddened to receive your resignation letter, and I welcome the opportunity to discuss any of the concerns you raised if you'd like to have a conversation.

I respect your decision to focus on your family and appreciate the time you've dedicated to both the School and the Governance Council. We will miss having you as part of the team.

Our by-laws request a 30-day notice for resignations from Council members. Could you please confirm if I may consider this letter as your 30-day notice, or are you intending for this to take effect immediately? If I do not hear from you, we will proceed with accepting this as your 30-day notice.

Wishing you all the best moving forward.

My sincere regards,
Sammi

On Tue, Sep 24, 2024 at 5:26 PM Amber Maes <amaes@ttschool.org> wrote:

Good Afternoon Sammi,

Thank you for taking the time to extend your support via email. My original response was to request the dates in which the item's I've provided were late, that's however not a constructive use of any of our time. Outsourcing the responsibility of meeting minutes is an awesome idea. I strongly encourage that it be done by a 3rd party outside of TTCS.

Throughout the summer, I've struggled with what decisions would be best for both my family and myself. The last month has been especially difficult and I've tried my best to be present in my many obligations and responsibilities. Sammi, I've reached out to you on a number of occasions for not only support and to gather advice or feedback, but also to notify you that a meeting or workshop would be beneficial for the retention of our GC members. Not only do I not feel supported, I'm concerned about the continued lack of transparency that's taken place and the role our council plays in excusing it.

My intentions when accepting my role as GC Secretary, with your support and guidance at the time, were to follow the succession plan that we had in place. My intentions in volunteering my time and attention in scheduling the meetings and completing the meeting minutes were in an effort to alleviate the concerns and accusations that were made regarding the lack of transparency. After the allegations that were made regarding my visit to the school to watch my children's Demonstration of Mastery presentations, I felt it would be best to continue my role as GC Secretary on the Council. However, that decision was made out of pride as I wanted to clear my name and reputation.

I've taken quite a bit of time to ponder if that was the wisest decision I could make and decided that it wasn't, as the people that are closest to me know what I stand for, what I believe in and who I am. That being said, please accept this as my formal resignation from the TTCS Governance Council. Lately, the additional stress, negative impact on the well being of myself and family as a result of my dedication to GC have proven overwhelming. I can now re-dedicate my free time to my children. I was hoping to wait in submitting my resignation until we were able to have a formal meeting, and succession plan in place as well as more parents on board.

Please note, that a redirect to the school's website takes place whenever I attempt to change my password. The resolution for this is no longer necessary but maybe I'm not the only person encountering this issue. You are the owner for all future meetings. I wish you the best of luck, good wishes and success to TTCS.

Sincerely,

Amber Maes

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Amber Maes
Turquoise Trail Charter School
Governance Board member
amaes@TTSchool.org



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"Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot, Nothing is going to get better. It's not."- Dr. Seuss

STATEMENT OF GOVERNING BODY TO CONSULT WITH PED

We, the undersigned, make up the governing body of the Turquoise Trail Charter School located in Santa Fe, 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 [insert name of 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 TURQUOISE TRAIL CHARTER SCHOOL GIVE THE FOREGOING STATEMENT THIS 16 DAY OF October, 20 4

1. *Sammie Triolo*
[signature]

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2. *[Signature]*
[signature]

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3. *[Signature]*
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4. *Lelle*
[signature]

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5. _____
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Attach additional pages if membership exceeds five.

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1. 

[signature]
Matthew Pahl

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2. _____
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3. _____
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4. _____
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