

**Public Academy for Performing Arts
Governing Council Minutes
Minutes of June 20, 2011**

Voting Members Present: Randy Costales, Amy Anderson, Renee Nieto. Steven Quezada, Daniel Solis and Jennifer Montoya

Quorum Achieved: Yes. There are 6 voting members present.

Non-Voting Members Present: Dan Humphreys

Members Absent: Christopher Koller and Ed Torrez

Guests: Valerie Scott, Doreen Winn, and Rhonda Cordova

Agenda Item 1 – Convene Meeting Roll Call for Quorum

Six voting members present. Quorum achieved.

Meeting convened at 5:30 pm

Agenda Item 2 – Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve Agenda: Amy Anderson
Unanimously passed

Agenda Item 3 – Approval of Minutes for the May 16, 2011, June 6, 2011 and June 14, 2011 GC Meeting

Motion to Approve GC Minutes: Amy Anderson
Unanimously passed

Agenda Item 4 – Budget and Finance Report – BARS

Rhonda Cordova presented the Budget Report as of 6/20/11

Agenda Item 5 – Audit Committee Update

PAPA will need an Audit Committee Policy and a Journal Entry Policy
Rhonda will ask the Charter School Coalition for a sample form

Agenda Item 6 – Principal Report

APS has begun to move 1 portable onto the PAPA property.
This space will be used for a Café/PE area.
PAPA has requested a 2nd portable for a Tech Lab/Library/Piano Lab

Portable P7 will be the counseling, social work, special ed and nurse space.
Admin Portable will be the admin, business, teacher work space, teacher's lounge,
adult area.

Facility Search

Option 1:

Plaza Maya – 62,000 sq ft – Cost is \$2.1 million – Needs \$3 million in renovations - Bottom floor could accommodate all performances except for Spring Dance Performance.

Option 2:

State Fair Building – The State Fair has great space but we don't want to be at the mercy of the next administration. We would be putting ourselves at risk because of the politics involved with the State Fair space.

Danny Solis – Is there room for dance studios in the Plaza Maya building? How long would we envision being in this building? Will the building appreciate or depreciate?

Doreen – The building has been on the market since 2002. We need a building that would adequately support our growth. We are thinking long term with this building. The only downfall with purchasing our own building without APS is that we don't know how or if we can get access to \$2.5 million from APS. The Realtor said that APS was looking at this building to purchase. The appraisal came in under asking price. The Realtor is looking into the details.

Danny – How many students would this building house?

Doreen Winn – We could house 1000 students in the space available.

Doreen Winn – We met with financial people to see if it is possible to financially break away from APS. We were informed that it is doable. We will need to find the right place and get our money from APS.

Randy Costales – We talked about the action committee last month. What are our options? How can we access APS dollars? I like your vision of being visible and vocal to APS and the committee – can we tie in the finance piece? The potential for PAPA is amazing with the right facility. How can we get the PAPA community and finance people together?

Doreen Winn – We are having a hard time finding the right person to run the PAPA committee.

Randy Costales will contact John Grisham, a previous board member, who might be willing to help and would be a great asset.

Agenda Item 8 – APS Business

Randy Costales – The GC met with an attorney regarding the MOU. We asked her to revise the APS MOU on our behalf. The GC is trying to do due diligence and look out for PAPA’s assets. I would entertain a motion to approve the MOU as revised by the attorney.

Motion to approve the MOU between PAPA and APS as amended by our attorney. The GC board members also give our President, Randy Costales, the authority to negotiate any changes and modifications with APS on our behalf: Amy Anderson
Unanimously passed

Agenda Item 7 – PAPA Policy – Section H Discussion

PAPA Policy Section H was posted on the PAPA website and received another parent comment. She would like to see a behavior intervention plan in Section H.

Doreen Winn – The law is that you provide student services not keep them in an environment that is not working. When we have a child who is constantly in the office, we will put that student on a contract. We are always going to work with students and parents when there is a discipline problem. I would like for the process to flow naturally with communication. I don’t want go give up PAPA’s rights with a behavior intervention plan.

Steven Quezada – Kid needs to find a place to meet these needs.

Doreen Winn – We now have a full time counselor on board. We will do group work with students that have emotional issues. The system that we have in place will separate serious behavior needs and minor infractions. In the past, we have helped students find a school that would meet their needs and we will continue to do so. We need the flexibility to work with kids and their parents. Each situation is different. We can’t write every situation into policy because new situations arise all the time. I would like to keep it simple and to the point.

Amy Anderson – In my experience as a PAPA parent, I have seen PAPA go above and beyond to help these kids.

Doreen Winn – Section H has been put out for public comment for 2 months.

Steven Quezada – I would like Randall VanVleck to look at Section H.

Amy Anderson – We can vote on this tonight and make an amendments at a later date.

Motion to approve PAPA Policy Section H: Amy Anderson
Unanimously approved

Agenda Item 9 - GC Board Member Agreement

GC Board Member Agreement was presented to the PAPA GC.

Randy Costales – I need clarification on two information pages. Shouldn't we sign the Code of Conduct? We should only have 1 signature page.

Amy Anderson – Code of Conduct #5 – Replace “fulfill” with “will comply with”

Danny Solis – There is normally signature line on the code of conduct.

Rhonda Cordova – I will date the code of conduct and only have 1 signature page.

Motion to table the GC Board Member Agreement until next meeting: Amy Anderson
Unanimously passed

Agenda Item 10 – Open Meetings Act Resolution

Motion to approve original Open Meetings Act Resolution with the addition of “Unless otherwise specified, regular meetings shall be held each month, on the 3rd Monday of each month for 2011-2012 fiscal year unless it falls on a holiday.” – Steven Quezada
Unanimously passed

Agenda Item 11 – GC Training Discussion

Jennifer Montoya and Randall Van Vleck attended the 32nd Annual School Law Conference

Jennifer Montoya – There was a great turnout. In the general session they discussed the open meetings act. There was some good information presented at the conference.

PAPA will be a member of NM Charter School Coalition and the NM School Boards Association for the 2011-2012 school year. We will be able to send our new board members to either conference for GC credit.

Amy Anderson - Can we have them come in for In-Service?

Randy Costales – Yes, for a fee.

Agenda Item 12 – Employees Out of State Travel Request

Juliette Beck – Up to \$1,000 for an out of state theatre conference

Motion to approve \$1,000 for September theatre conference: Amy Anderson
Unanimously approved

**Agenda Item 13 – Closed Session under NMSA 1978 10-15-1(H) – Personnel Issues
and Present Principal Evaluation Report to Principal**

Motion to go into Closed Session: Amy Anderson
Unanimously passed

No votes or actions were taken during closed session, and the only item stated on the agenda was discussed.

Agenda Item 14 - Adjourn

Meeting was adjourned by Randy Costales

Minutes respectfully submitted by Jackie Danfelser