



J. PAUL TAYLOR ACADEMY

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**J. Paul Taylor Academy Charter School
Governance Council Special Meeting
Wednesday, March 7, 2018 6:30 PM (MST)
402 W. Court Building 2 Las Cruces New Mexico 88005
JPTA Media Room**

I. Opening Items

- A. The J. Paul Taylor Academy Governance Council met in open session on March 7, 2018. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. to conduct a Special Meeting.
1. **Roll was called** by Suzan Martinez de Gonzales: Governance Council members Ric Hernandez, Stephanie Haan-Amato, Suzan Martinez de Gonzales, Martin Lopez, Arthur Berkson, Janet Acosta, Sherry Booth, Carrie Hamblen (arrived at 6:32 p.m.), Robyn Rehbein were present, there were no absences. A quorum was confirmed. Eric Ahner, Executive Director, Gina Trujillo, Assistant Business Manager, and Sarah Dozier, teacher, were also present.
- B. Chairman Ric Hernandez did not call for a conflict of interest.
- C. Martin Lopez read the Mission Statement: *J. Paul Taylor Academy, in alliance with families at the school and community, will offer a rigorous, well-rounded Spanish acquisition, project based instructional program in a smaller school to promote excellence for the diverse students of the Las Cruces area.*
- D. Ric Hernandez asked that item VIII A. be moved to VII. B. Sherry Booth moved to approve the agenda for March 7, 2018 Special Meeting with Ric Hernandez's requested change. Robyn Rehbein seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.

II. Public Input

- A. Chairman Ric Hernandez called for any public input.
1. There was no public input.
 2. Sara Dozier thanked all the GC members who helped with the Talent Show, especially Ric Hernandez for setting up the sound system.

III. Governance

- A. Governance Council Member, Yvette Turrieta's resignation was read and accepted.
- B. Ric Hernandez made a call for nominations for Treasurer. Robyn Rehbein nominated Martin Lopez to serve as Treasurer. A motion was made by Arthur Berkson and seconded by Stephanie Haan-Amato to elect Martin Lopez for the position of Treasurer. The vote was unanimously approved.

C. Performance Framework

1. Final 2017-18 Internal Performance Framework Review - Ric Hernandez asked that this item be Tabled for a later meeting.
2. Initial 2018-19 Internal Performance Framework Review - Ric Hernandez asked that this item be Tabled for a later meeting.

D. 2018-19 Budget

1. 2018-19 Budget Process

A discussion regarding the Budget Process ensued it was decided we should follow last years process to assure transparency and be mindful that we ask for input in a timely manner.

2. Explore Cost and Possible Duties of a .5 FTE Assistant Admin

Gina Trujillo was asked to conduct a search of like Charter Schools in New Mexico who employ Assistant Administrators to ascertain a salary range for the position.

E. Further discussion of proposed changes to by-laws. Ric Hernandez asked those who have changes to the by-laws to submit them before Friday March 9, 2018 to him before he sends the by-laws to our attorney.

IV. Policy

A. McKinney-Vento Dispute Resolution Policy, the Policy Will be posted for one week to allow input and we will vote at the March 14th, 2018 Special Meeting.

V. Executive Director Support and Evaluation will be Tabled until the March 14th, 2018 Special Meeting.

VI. Other Business

Ric Hernandez called for Open Discussion: Stephanie Haan-Amato informed the GC of the John Paul Taylor Social Justice Symposium at NMSU next Thursday, March 15th, 2018 and invited GC members to attend. There was no further input.

VII. Closed Session

A. Stephanie Haan-Amato moved at 7:17 p.m. to go into Closed Session to discuss Collective Bargaining Strategies; closed Pursuant to Section 10-15-1-H (5). NMSA 1978; and closed Pursuant to Section 10-15-1-H(2). NMSA 1978. with an Invitation to Eric Ahner, Executive director to stay for the first half of the session Closed Session. Robyn Rehbein seconded the motion. Motion was passed unanimously by roll call vote, with affirmative votes from Ric Hernandez, Stephanie Haan-Amato, Suzan Martinez de Gonzales, Martin Lopez, Arthur Berkson, Janet Acosta, Sherry Booth, Carrie Hamblen, and Robyn Rehbein.

(Note: Janet Acosta left the meeting at 7:46 and Sherry Booth left at 8:30 p.m.)

B. The meeting moved from Closed Session to Open Session at 9:35 p.m. Chairman Ric Hernandez stated that only items noted on the agenda were discussed, and no actions were taken during the Closed Session. (pursuant to Section 10-15-1-H(5). NMSA 1978 and closed Pursuant to Section 10-15-1-H(2). NMSA 1978.

VIII. Closing Items

A. Robyn Rehbein moved to adjourn the March 7, 2018 Special meeting. Carrie Hamblen seconded the motion. Motion was passed unanimously with affirmative votes by roll call from Ric Hernandez, Stephanie Haan-Amato, Suzan Martinez de Gonzales, Martin Lopez, Arthur Berkson, Janet Acosta, Sherry Booth, Carrie Hamblen, and Robyn Rehbein. Meeting was adjourned at 9:42_p.m.