

**DEMING CESAR CHAVEZ CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL
GOVERNANCE COUNCIL REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

January 14, 2025

6:10 p.m.

Regular Board Meeting

Deming Cesar Chavez Charter High School Room #14

The Deming Cesar Chavez Charter High School Governance Council Members met in a Regular Board Meeting on January 14, 2025 at 6:10 p.m. in Deming, New Mexico, Room #14. The following Governing Council members attended: Nick Perez (President), *Present*, Britney Valdez (Vice-President), *Absent*, Barbara Reedy (Secretary/Treasurer), *Present*, Crystal Peña (Member), *Present*, and Kerena Vazquez Levario (Member), *Present*. Also present were Noel Nuñez (Director), and Chris Masters (Business Manager) *via-zoom*. See the sign-in sheet for others who attended.

I. Call Meeting to Order – Nick Perez, presiding.

- A.** Nick Perez, President, called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m. The pledge of allegiance was recited.
- B.** Roll Call was conducted, and a quorum was established 4/5.
Barbara Reedy arrived at 6:15 p.m.
Britney Valdez - Absent
- C.** Reading of the Mission Statement.
- D.** *Adoption of the Agenda:

Motion was made by Crystal Peña, Member, to ADOPT the Agenda as presented; seconded by Kerena Vasquez Levario, Member. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

- E.** *Meeting Minutes Review/Approval for December 10, 2024:

Motion was made by Kerena Vasquez Levario, Member, to APPROVE the December 10, 2024, meeting minutes as presented; seconded by Crystal Peña, Member. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

II. Public Comment (Limited Public Forum)

Time Limit 15 minutes total

Noel Nuñez, Director, introduced Sam Gonzalez, the Oversight Contractor for Deming Public Schools, to the Governing Council Members for Public Comment.

Sam Gonzales, a contractor hired by Deming Public Schools, introduced herself and provided an update on her role overseeing preparations for a site visit in April. She has been working with Noel Nuñez, Director, since June to ensure the school is fully prepared. Ms. Gonzales offered to be added to the next meeting agenda for a more in-depth discussion of the oversight process and its implications for the board and to answer any questions.

III. Staff/Student Spotlight

Noel Nuñez, Director, introduced Jaysa Lake, DCCCHS Student, to the Governing Council Members for the Student Spotlight.

Jaysa Lake, DCCCHS Student, introduced herself as a twelfth grader and explained why she chose to attend DCCCHS, what she enjoys about DCCCHS, and her plans for the future.

The Governing Council Members welcomed Jaysa Lake to the DCCCHS Family and encouraged her to continue her excellent work and to reach her goals.

Noel Nuñez, Director, introduced Michelle Mooradian, Administrative Assistant, to the Governing Council Members for the Staff Spotlight.

Michelle Mooradian, Administrative Assistant, introduced herself to the Governing Council Members. She shared that she has been with DCCCHS for nearly 2 years and is very experienced with Infinite Campus, where she handles tasks like running reports and pulling statistics. In addition to her administrative work, Michelle also helps in the classroom, transports students, and takes on other duties as needed. She expressed how much she enjoys the positive atmosphere at DCCCHS and how the strong connections she has built with the students make her job more fulfilling. Michelle shared that she's really happy with her decision to join the DCCCHS family.

The Governing Council Members thanked Ms. Mooradian for her experience and knowledge, acknowledging how much her contributions have meant to DCCCHS.

IV. Committee Reports - Audit, Finance, School Planning/Academic, Equity Council

- Audit Committee: The Audit Committee did not meet. There is no update at this time.
- Finance Committee: The Finance Committee and Equity Council did not meet. There is no update at this time.
- School Planning/Academic: The School Planning/Academic Committee did not meet. There is no update at this time.
- Equity Council: The Equity Council did not meet. There is no update at this time.
- Council Development: The Governing Council Members held their Annual Retreat on January 10-11, 2025, at Hotel Encanto de Las Cruces in Las Cruces, NM.

V. Discussion/Action Items

- A. Community Schools Food Distribution Report: *(Please see the attached Food Distribution Update from Mrs. Martinez-Lopez.)*
- B. *Action Regarding MRI School Improvement Strategies (Including 90-Day Plan): Noel Nuñez, Director, provided an update on the school's progress, mentioning that the school has received an MRI designation and that Deming Public Schools has appointed Sam Gonzales. He reported that the school complies with all requirements from the NMPED and is actively working on its 90-day plan, although the meeting with the 90-day plan reviewer was delayed. This meeting is now scheduled for next week.

Mr. Nuñez also shared recent data from the Horizon short-cycle assessments, noting that students performed better in reading and writing but faced challenges in math. He hopes to see further growth in the upcoming assessments, including the SAT in April. The school's site visit is scheduled for April 8th, and Mr. Nuñez is optimistic that the implementation of new programs will demonstrate progress.

Violeta Bustamante, Dean of Students, noted that the math performance was impacted by a delayed start to the Achieve 3000 program, which initially focused on reading. She clarified that students spent more time on the reading intervention, affecting their time allocated to math, and adjustments are being made to better balance both areas. She remains optimistic about growth in reading and math by the end of the year.

Motion was made by Crystal Peña, Member, to APPROVE the MRI School Improvement Strategies (Including 90-Day Plan); seconded by Barbara Reedy, Secretary/Treasurer. MOTION CARRIED 4-0.

- C. *Action Regarding Budget Overview & Discussion: No Action needed regarding the Budget Overview & Discussion.
- D. *Action Regarding New Charter Contract, Performance Framework & Self-Assessment: No Action needed regarding the New Charter Contract, Performance Framework & Self-Assesment.
- E. *Election of Officers/Oath of Commitment: The Governing Council Members conducted the election of DCCCHS Governing Council President, Vice-President, Treasurer, and Secretary.
 - **President:** Nick Perez was nominated for President, and Mr. Perez accepted the nomination.
 - **Vice-President:** Britney Valdez was nominated for Vice-President; however, Ms. Valdez was not present to either accept or decline the nomination..
 - **Secretary/Treasurer:** Barbara Reedy was nominated for Secretary/Treasurer, and Mrs. Reedy accepted the nomination.

Motion was made by Crystal Peña Member, to ACCEPT the nominations for the positions of President, Vice-President, and Secretary/Treasurer as presented; seconded by Kerena Vazquez Levario, Member. MOTION CARRIED 4-0.

VI. Director's Report:

Noel Nuñez presented the Director's Report and asked the Governing Council Members if they had any questions. *(Please see the attached Director's Report.)*

VII. Time and Content for the next Governing Council Meeting:

Regular Meeting – February 11, 2025, 6:00 P.M.

- **Election of Officers/Oath of Commitment:** Britney Valdez will be given the opportunity to accept or decline her nomination for Vice-President.
- **Presentation:** Sam Gonzales will discuss the Charter Contract & Performance Framework.

VIII. Board Meeting Evaluation: The Governing Council Members agreed that the meeting went well.

IX. Next Scheduled Meeting

Regular Meeting/February 11, 2025/DCCCHS Room #14/6:00 P.M.

X. *Adjournment:

Motion was made by Barbara Reedy, Secretary/Treasurer, to ADJOURN the meeting at 7:32 p.m.; seconded by Kerena Vazquez Levario, Member. MOTION CARRIED 4-0.