

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

November 11, 2025

7:11 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 November 11, 2025, at 7:11 p.m. The following Governing Council Members attended: Nick Perez (President), *Present*, Kerena Vazquez Levario (Vice-President), *Present*, Barbara Reedy (Secretary/Treasurer), *Present*, and Britney Valdez (Member), *Present*. 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 7:11 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
- B. Roll Call was conducted, and a quorum was established 4/5.
- C. Reading of the Mission Statement.
- D. *Adoption of the Agenda:

Motion was made by Kerena Vazquez Levario, Vice-President, to ADOPT the Agenda as presented; seconded by Britney Valdez, Member. MOTION CARRIED 4-0.

- E. *Meeting Minutes Review/Approval for October 14, 2025 & October 17, 2025:

Motion was made by Barbara Reedy, Secretary/Treasurer, to APPROVE the October 14, 2025, & October 17, 2025, meeting minutes as presented; seconded by Britney Valdez, Member. MOTION CARRIED 4-0.

II. Public Comment (Limited Public Forum)

Time Limit: 15 minutes total.

Dana Bunting, Teacher, addressed concerns regarding leadership and shared staff feedback. She noted that staff feel student input should also be considered during this time. Ms. Bunting explained that students have expressed concerns about changes in leadership, including questions about who is coming into the school and who will be taking over responsibilities. She emphasized the importance of including students in the process so they feel informed and involved.

The Chair thanked the previous speaker and asked if there were any additional public comments. Online participants confirmed there were no further public comments at that time.

Cindy Bunting requested that public comment be reopened to ask questions about the process for selecting Governing Council Members. The Chair agreed to allow additional public comment.

Ms. Bunting asked about the process for selecting Governing Council Members, including how vacancies are posted and how staff or community members can recommend candidates.

The Chair explained that the process includes an expression of interest, an interview process, and selection by majority vote of the Governing Council. It was noted that postings are typically made publicly; however, due to the school website being down at the time, postings were placed at Deming Public Schools and the public library.

Ms. Benting suggested improved communication with staff regarding Governing Council vacancies and requested clarification on how staff can recommend potential community members. The Chair encouraged staff to actively identify and recommend interested individuals, attend meetings, and participate during public comment to become familiar with the school and council processes.

There being no further public questions or comments, public comment was closed.

III. Discussion/Action Items

A. *Recommendation, Selection of New Governing Council Members:

Motion was made by Kerena Vazquez Levario, Vice-President, to APPROVE the selection of AnaMaria Sandoval as new Governing Council Member; seconded by Barbara Reedy, Secretary/Treasurer. MOTION CARRIED 4-0.

B. Seating/Oath of Commitment of New Governing Council Member: Ana Maria Sandoval was officially seated as a Governing Council Member. The Chair administered the Oath of Commitment, and Mrs. Sandoval affirmed her acceptance of the role and responsibilities. The Council welcomed Mrs. Sandoval and thanked her for her willingness to serve.

C. Governing Council Retreat: The Governing Council Members discussed scheduling the Annual Governing Council Retreat. After discussion, the members agreed to hold the retreat on January 9–11, 2026, at the Hotel Encanto in Las Cruces, New Mexico.

D. *Approval of Granting Director Unpaid Leave: Chris Masters, Business Manager, proposed granting unpaid leave to Noel Nuñez through the end of the fiscal quarter, December 31, noting that this would assist with ERB and pension-related matters.

Motion was made by Barbara Reedy, Secretary/Treasurer, to APPROVE the Director Unpaid Leave; seconded by Kerena Vazquez Levario. MOTION CARRIED 4-0.

IV. Time and Content for the Next Governing Council Meeting:

Regular Meeting – December 16, 2025, 6:00 P.M.

- Review and status update on Student and Employee Handbooks, including confirmation that they have been distributed to Staff and Students.
- Discussion and appointment of an Interim Director.

The Council approved moving the December Governing Council meeting from December 9 to December 16, to be held at 6:00 p.m. in Room #14.

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

VI. Next Scheduled Meeting

Regular Meeting/December 16, 2025/DCCCHS Room #14/6:00 P.M.

VII. *Adjournment:

Motion was made by Britney Valdez, Member, to ADJOURN the meeting at 7:30 p.m.; seconded by Barbara Reedy, Secretary/Treasurer. MOTION CARRIED 4-0.