

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

May 4, 2026

6:00 p.m.

Special Board Meeting

Deming Cesar Chavez Charter High School Room #15

The Deming Cesar Chavez Charter High School Governance Council Members met in a Special Board Meeting on May 4, 2026, at 6:03 p.m. The following Governing Council members attended: Nick Perez (President), *Present*, Kerena Vazquez Levario (Vice-President), *Absent*, Barbara Reedy (Secretary/Treasurer), *Present*, Britney Valdez (Member), *Present*, and Anamaria Sandoval (Member), *Present*. Also in attendance were school staff and members of the public (see sign-in sheet).

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

- A. Nick Perez, President, called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
- B. Roll Call was conducted, and a quorum was established 4/5.
Kerena Vazquez Levario - Absent
- C. Reading of the Mission Statement.
- D. *Adoption of the Agenda:

Motion was made by Britney Valdez, Member, to ADOPT the Agenda as presented; seconded by Anamaria Sandoval, Member. MOTION CARRIED 4-0.

II. Discussion/Action Items

A. *Governing Council Committees:

Discussion was held regarding the establishment of Governing Council committees, specifically the Finance Committee and Academic/Branding Committee. Marlene Parra-Padron, Interim Director, explained the importance of meeting monthly to review school finances prior to regular board meetings. The committee structure would include Governing Council members, administration, community members, and potentially parents.

Discussion included scheduling monthly Finance Committee meetings, with members agreeing that meetings would likely occur on the Wednesday prior to the regular Governing Council meeting.

Additional discussion was held regarding other committees, including academic, branding, and equity committees. Mrs. Padron explained that the Academic and Branding Committees would initially work together to support the school redesign and renaming process before transitioning into a long-term academic planning committee.

Motion was made by Britney Valdez, Member; seconded by Anamaria Sandoval, Member, to APPOINT Nick Perez, President, and Barbara Reedy, Secretary/Treasurer, to serve on the Finance Committee. MOTION CARRIED 4-0.

Motion was made by Barbara Reedy, Secretary/Treasurer; seconded by Britney Valdez, Member, to establish the Branding/Academic Committee and appoint Britney Valdez, Member, as the Governing Council Representative. MOTION CARRIED 4-0.

B. *School Branding & Marketing:

Marlene Parra-Padron, Interim Director, discussed plans to begin marketing and rebranding efforts for the school as part of the redesign process. It was explained that the upcoming school year would serve as a planning and transition year for new academic pathways and future implementation for the 2027–2028 school year.

Discussion included involving students in marketing initiatives through filmmaking and journalism classes to assist with promotional materials, social media content, and community outreach efforts.

Marlen Parra-Padron, Interim Director, and Chris Masters, Business Manager, discussed the process for renaming the school. Mr. Masters explained that the school could pursue a “Doing Business As” (DBA) structure to simplify the transition while maintaining continuity for financial and legal purposes. He further explained that the process would involve consultation with legal counsel and coordination with PED for official changes.

Marlene Parra-Padron, Interim Director, clarified that the initial Branding Committee would focus on selecting a potential new school name and gathering stakeholder feedback through surveys before transitioning into a broader academic planning committee.

Motion was made by Barbara Reedy, Secretary/Treasurer, to APPROVE moving forward with School Branding and Marketing Efforts; seconded by Britney Valdez, Member. MOTION CARRIED 4-0.

- III. *Executive Session – (To discuss pending litigation, limited personnel matters, or property pursuant to NMSA 1978, Section 10-15-1(H)(2).**
1. Director Contract

Motion was made by Barbara Reedy, Secretary/Treasurer, to ENTER Executive Session at 6:17 p.m. to discuss the Director Contract; seconded by Britney Valdez, Member. MOTION CARRIED 4-0.

Roll Call into Executive Session

Nick Perez – Present

Kerena Vazquez Levario - Absent

Barbara Reedy – Present

Britney Valdez – Present

Anamaria Sandoval – Present

Motion was made by Britney Valdez, Member, to EXIT Executive Session at 6:44 p.m.; seconded by Barbara Reedy, Secretary/Treasurer. MOTION CARRIED 4-0.

No action was taken.

Roll Call out of Executive Session

Nick Perez – Present

Kerena Vazquez Levario – Absent

Barbara Reedy – Present

Britney Valdez – Present

Anamaria Sandoval – Present

III. *Adjournment:

Motion was made by Barbara Reedy, Secretary/Treasurer, to ADJOURN the meeting at 6:45 p.m.; seconded by Britney Valdez, Member. MOTION CARRIED 4-0.