

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

July 14, 2026

6:00 p.m.

Regular 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 July 14, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. The following Governing Council Members attended: Nick Perez (President), *Absent*, Kerena Vazquez Levario (Vice-President), *Present*, Barbara Reedy (Secretary/Treasurer), *Present*, Britney Valdez (Member), *Absent*, and Anamaria Sandoval (Member), *Present*. See the sign-in sheet for others who attended.

I. Call Meeting to Order – Kerena Vazquez Levario, presiding.

- A. Kerena Vazquez Levario, Vice-President, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
- B. Roll Call was conducted, and a quorum was established 3/5.
Nick Perez – Absent
Britney Valdez - Absent
- C. Reading of the Mission Statement.
- D. *Adoption of the Agenda:

Motion was made by Barbara Reedy, Secretary/Treasurer, to ADOPT the Agenda as presented; seconded by Anamaria Sandoval, Member.

MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

- E. *Meeting Minutes Review/Approval for June 3, 2026:

Motion was made by Barbara Reedy, Secretary/Treasurer, to APPROVE the June 3, 2026, meeting minutes as presented; seconded by Anamaria Sandoval, Member.

MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

II. Public Comment (Limited Public Forum)

Time Limit: 15 minutes total. No Public Comment was given.

III. Staff/Student Spotlight

No Staff or Student Spotlight was presented due to summer break.

IV. Committee Reports – Audit, Finance, School Planning/Academic, Equity Council, Council Development, Marketing & Branding Committee

- Audit Committee: There is no update at this time.
- Finance Committee: There is no update at this time.
- School Planning/Academic: There is no update at this time.
- Equity Council: There is no update at this time.

- Council Development: There is no update at this time.
- Marketing & Branding Committee: There is no update at this time.

The Governing Council Members were informed that committee meetings would resume in August.

V. Discussion/Action Items

- A.** Community School Food Distribution Report: The Governing Council Members were informed that no school food distribution was held during the summer. Monthly food distributions will resume the following month. It was also reported that Deming Public Schools will conduct its own community distribution at Red Mountain Middle School, while Deming Cesar Chavez Charter High School will continue to host its own distribution. Student volunteers completing community service hours will assist with future distributions.
- B.** *Approval of 2026–2027 MOU – Special Student Services: The Special Student Services MOU was presented to the Governing Council Members for review and consideration. The agreement provides continued support for special education services, reporting requirements, and program assistance. The Governing Council was informed that a new Special Education Director had been hired.

Motion was made by Anamaria Sandoval, Member, to APPROVE the 2026–2027 Special Student Services MOU; seconded by Barbara Reedy, Secretary/Treasurer.

MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

- C.** *Approval of Staff & Student Handbook: The Staff and Student Handbooks were presented to the Governing Council Members for review and consideration. The revised Student Handbook was developed in collaboration with the Student Equity Council. Updates included student expectations, procedures, and annual handbook acknowledgment forms. The Staff Handbook was also presented for approval.

Motion was made by Anamaria Sandoval, Member, to APPROVE the Student and Staff Handbooks; seconded by Barbara Reedy, Secretary/Treasurer.

MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

- D.** *Approval of Agreement with Visual Edge IT: The Agreement with Visual Edge IT was presented to the Governing Council Members for review and consideration. Chris Masters, Business Manager, explained that the agreement had been tabled at the previous meeting to allow additional time to evaluate the school's technology support needs and explore other service options. The Governing Council Members discussed the importance of ensuring reliable IT support and determining whether the proposed agreement would best meet the school's operational needs. Following discussion, the Governing Council agreed additional information was needed before taking action.

Motion was made by Barbara Reedy, Secretary/Treasurer, to TABLE the Agreement with Visual Edge IT; seconded by Anamaria Sandoval, Member.

MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

- E. *Agreement with Sandra Guzman – Psychological Services: The Governing Council Members were informed that the current provider would be unable to continue services due to scheduling limitations. Additional providers were being contacted, including possible options through JMP, and a recommendation was expected to be presented at a future meeting.

Motion was made by Barbara Reedy, Secretary/Treasurer to TABLE the Agreement for Psychological Services until a provider could be secured; seconded by Anamaria Sandoval, Member.

MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

- F. *Approval of GRADS Contract: The GRADS (Graduation, Reality and Dual-Role Skills) Contract for the 2026–2027 school year was presented to the Governing Council Members for review and consideration. The GRADS program provides educational support and services for pregnant and parenting students, helping them complete their high school education while developing parenting and life skills.

Motion was made by Anamaria Sandoval, Member, to APPROVE the GRADS Contract; seconded by Barbara Reedy, Secretary/Treasurer.

MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

- G. *Approval of Budget Adjustment Request (BAR) 042-006-2627-001-IB – GRADS (\$18,000.00): The Budget Adjustment Request (BAR) for the GRADS Grant was presented to the Governing Council Members for review and consideration. The Governing Council was informed that the grant award had been received approximately three weeks earlier and, therefore, was not included in the original FY2026–2027 operating budget. The BAR was necessary to establish the grant budget. It was also explained that \$1,000 was required to be budgeted specifically for supplies and that grant awards are typically processed through separate Budget Adjustment Requests as they are received throughout the fiscal year.

Motion was made by Barbara Reedy, Secretary/Treasurer, to APPROVE Budget Adjustment Request (BAR) 042-006-2627-001-IB (GRADS) for \$18,000.00; seconded by Anamaria Sandoval, Member.

MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

- H. *Approval of Maintenance Budget Adjustment Requests: The Maintenance Budget Adjustment Requests were presented to the Governing Council Members for review and consideration. The Governing Council Members were informed that the adjustments represented transfers within maintenance functions and did not require state approval.

Motion was made by Anamaria Sandoval, Member, to APPROVE the Maintenance Budget Adjustment Requests; seconded by Barbara Reedy, Secretary/Treasurer.

MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

- I. *Approval of DMH Law Contract – (2 Law Contracts): The DMH Law Contracts were presented to the Governing Council Members for review and consideration. The Governing Council Members discussed the contracts, which provide support for the school's MRI initiatives and school improvement efforts.

Motion was made by Anamaria Sandoval, Member, to APPROVE both DMH Law consulting contracts; seconded by Barbara Reedy, Secretary/Treasurer.

MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

VI. Director's/Dean of Students Report:

Marlene Parra-Padron, Director, provided updates regarding summer preparations, school improvement efforts, staffing, and readiness for the upcoming school year. Questions from Governing Council Members were addressed. (Please see the attached Director's Report.)

VII. Executive Session – Personnel Matters

Executive Session was listed on the agenda; however, no motion was made to enter Executive Session, and none was held.

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

Regular Meeting – August 11, 2026, 6:00 P.M.

- Approval of Visual Edge IT Agreement
- Psychological Services Agreement
- Additional school opening updates

- IX. **Board Meeting Evaluation:** The Governing Council Members commented that the meeting was productive and appreciated the updates provided in preparation for the opening of the 2026–2027 school year.

X. Next Scheduled Meeting

Regular Meeting/August 11, 2026/DCCCHS Room #14/6:00 P.M.

XI. *Adjournment:

Motion was made by Barbara Reedy, Secretary/Treasurer, to ADJOURN the meeting at 6:35 p.m.; seconded by Anamaria Sandoval, Member.

MOTION CARRIED 3-0.