



Minutes Raíces del Saber Xinachtli Community School Special Called Governance Board Meeting

January 10, 2022

2211 N. Valley Drive, Las Cruces, NM 88007

This Meeting will be Conducted Virtually Via Zoom
(For access to the Zoom Link contact Lucia Carmona at
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Time: 5:30 PM

Mission Statement of the Raíces Governance Board

To collaborate with staff to promote school financial sustainability, student academic success, and the development of healthy communities and successful life-long learners in support of the school mission.

Mission of Raíces del Saber Xinachtli Community School

Raíces del Saber Xinachtli Community School implements a developmentally appropriate rigorous academic program through an interdisciplinary curriculum that is experiential, participatory, biliterate, child-centered, and culturally responsive. Our students learn Spanish and English, achieving academic proficiency in all subjects in both languages as they develop critical and creative thinking skills.

Raíces creates an environment where students and parents are valued as participants in the construction of knowledge and the creation of a learning community that promotes high academic performance, positive identity formation, and the reclaiming of cultural heritage.

Governance Board Officers:

Holaya Ponce Acosta, Chair

Daniel Ferraro, Vice-Chair

_____, Secretary

Ray Reich, Treasurer

Board Members at Large:

Patricia Lopez

Maria Luisa Gonzalez

Sabrina Zamora

Roll Call and Call to Order

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The following Board Members confirmed attendance and stated their full name via Roll Call:

Governance Board Members						
	Name	Office	Present	Absent	Arriv ed Late	Depart ed Early
1	Holaya Ponce Acosta	Chair	x			

2	Daniel Ferraro	Vice-Chair	x			
3		Secretary				
4	Ray Reich	Director at Large	x			
5	Patricia Lopez	Director at Large	x			
6	Maria Luisa Gonzalez	Director at Large	x			
7	Sabrina Zamora	Director at Large	x			

Upon determining the presence of a quorum Board Chair, Holaya Ponce Acosta called the meeting to order at 5:34

Others in Attendance: Terrance Hester, Business Manager SWREC; **Staff:** Julia Rivera-Tapia; Head Administrator, Lucia Carmona, and Marisol Diaz, Jessica Castro-Buelna

Parents: Roberto Moctezuma

Late Arrivals: Elva Varela Office Manager- 5:38

Conflict of Interest Declaration – No conflict of interest

1. *Consent Agenda* – includes approval of the following:
 - a. Agenda for January 2022 Governance Board Meeting
Ray Reich moved to approve minutes, Malu second
Votes to approve 6
 - b. Minutes of the December 2021 Board Meeting Governance Board Meeting
Ray Reich moved to approve minutes, Dr. Malu second
Votes to approve 6
2. *Public Input* - No public input
3. *New Business* –
 - Motion to accept the secretary resignation letter and archive with NMPED (Holaya)
Ray Reich moved to approve, Dan seconded
Votes to approve 6
 - Motion to appoint someone to be “interim secretary” (Holaya)

Ray Reich moved to approve, Dan seconded

Votes to approve 6

- Motion to recruit a new member to be the secretary (Holaya)

Madam President asked if we knew anyone interested in the position. Julia mentioned we had a prospect in the public. Marisol Diaz introduced herself to the board and gave her background- Anthropologist, native to Las Cruces, believes in our school, has worked with grassroots organizations.

❖ Item for next meeting, discuss and take action of a new board member

- Motion to approve Lottery Application 2022-2023 (Julia)

Ray Reich moved to approve, Malu Gonzalez seconded

Votes to approve 6

- Check on progress of class and feedback on HB 43 document that will be sent to NMPED (Julia)

Ray and Holaya Ponce-Acosta completed the course

Patricia Lopez made a motion to approve HB 43 Document contingent with updates made on the 21st of January. All Board members would take a look at it and provide feedback. (HB-43 was part of the agenda that was sent for this meeting).

Ray Reich moved to approve. Patricia Lopez, Second

Votes to approve 6

- Motion to approve Newsletter community advertisement as a fundraiser (Julia)

Patricia Lopez motion to approve subject to policy approval prior to advertisements.

Second Sabrina Zamora

Votes to approve 6

- Presentation of possible new campus plan (Fred)

Plan was presented and there was a positive reaction to the plan. Move to next meeting for further discussion.

4. *Date of the Next Governance Board Meeting* – January 24 2022, at 5:30 PM by Virtual Zoom Meeting.

Adjournment – Vote to adjourn by roll call vote time 6:36

Ray to adjourn second Dr. Malu Gonzales

Yes by vote 6

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