

## MEETING MINUTES - Equipo Academy Governing Body

### Equipo Academy Governing Body Regular Meeting Minutes

Equipo Academy  
4131 E Bonanza Rd  
Las Vegas, NV 89110

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### Meeting

**Date** Monday, April 3, 2023  
**Started** 6:00 PM  
**Ended** 7:30 PM  
**Location** Equipo Academy  
**Purpose** Regular scheduled meeting  
  
**Chaired by** Cheryl Adler Walls  
**Recorder** Denise Cisneros

### Attendance

**Present:** Cheryl Adler Walls, Denise Cisneros, Abby Habighorst, Jerry Keller, Vivian Perdomo, Kerry Roberts, Ben Salkowe  
**Absent:** Nancy Alamo, Emily Bassier, Rosa Garcia, Anna Parra, Alyse Sobosan, Miriam Sotelo, Estella Spaine  
  
**Invited guests:** Vince Casas, Emma Davis

### Minutes

## 1. Opening Items

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### 1.A. Call to Order and Roll Call

**Status:** Completed

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### 1.B. Approval of the Minutes (for possible action)

**Resolution #:** All in Favor

**Moved:** Abby Habighorst

**seconded:** Jerry Keller

**Status:** Carried

**Vote:** All in Favor

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1.C. Adoption of the Agenda (for possible action)

**Resolution #:** All in Favor

**Moved:** Kerry Roberts

**seconded:** Abby Habighorst

**Status:** Carried

**Vote:** All in Favor

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## 2. Public Comment

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## 3. Reports and Presentations

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3.A. Principal's Report (for information only)

Ben Salkowe - Principal updated the governing body about a couple of updates involving graduation rates, Equipo Academy NSPF school rating, which is currently at 5-star for Middle School and 4-star for High School.

The opening of Dean of Faculty role as Emily Bassier decided to step down from her leadership role and presented the new Dean of Faculty elect Emma Davis

**Status:** Completed

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3.B. College Access Report (for information only)

Vince Casas - College Navigator updated our Governing Body with updates of our class of 18 and class of 19 college gains and challenges through their college journeys and a quick review of the graduate classes.

A couple of highlights of our current senior class college admissions have been large if not full-ride scholarships to some of the universities like Tufts , Middlebury, Yale, Dartmouth, Princeton, Brown, USC

**Status:** Completed

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## 4. Consent Agenda

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4.A. Approval of Full Consent Agenda Items A-F (for possible action)

Motion carried to approve full Consent Agenda

**Resolution #:** All in Favor

**Moved:** Jerry Keller

**seconded:** Abby Habighorst

**Status:** Carried

**Vote:** All in Favor

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4.B. Approval of New Vendor for 22-23 Payroll (for possible action)

Equipo Academy had decided to part ways with our current payroll provider Gusto, and is seeking approval for the proposal of Ripplin as the new payroll vendor

**Resolution #:**

**Moved:**  
**seconded:**

**Status:** Carried

**Vote:**

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4.C. Approval of Revised Grant Awards/Budgets (for possible action)

**Status:** Completed

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4.D. Approval of 23-24 Board Meeting Calendar (for possible action)

**Resolution #:**

**Moved:**  
**seconded:**

**Status:** Moved

**Vote:**

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4.E. Approval of 23-24 Academic Calendar (for possible action)

**Resolution #:**

**Moved:**  
**seconded:**

**Status:** Moved

**Vote:**

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4.F. Approval of 2023 Crisis Committee (for possible action)

**Resolution #:**

**Moved:**  
**seconded:**

**Status:** Moved

**Vote:**

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## 5. School Culture

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5.A. Overview of Final Q4 School Events and Activities (for information only)

Principal Ben Salkowe extends an invitation to our governing body to a couple of our coming school events

April 21st - Spring Fest

June 6th - Swotluck

June 8th - 8th Grade Promotion

June 11th - Graduation

**Status:** Completed

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## 6. Financial Items

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### 6.A. Approval of FY24 Budget Planning Timeline (for possible action)

Members approved adding an FY24 Budget Planning Timeline to have a clear on the dates we need to meet to get things done for the state

**Resolution #:** All in Favor

**Moved:** Jerry Keller

**seconded:** Abby Habighorst

**Status:** Carried

**Vote:** All in Favor

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## 7. Governance Items

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### 7.A. Nomination of Sayra Cordova to Board Membership (for possible action)

Motion to nominate Sayra Cordova to the governing Body

**Resolution #:** All in Favor

**Moved:** Abby Habighorst

**seconded:** Jerry Keller

**Status:** Carried

**Vote:** All in Favor

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### 7.B. Approval of Charter Amendment for Use of 4201 Bonanza (for possible action)

Members motioned to approve Charter Amendment for the Use of 4201 Bonanza property to expand our school enrollment

**Resolution #:** All in Favor

**Moved:** Jerry Keller

**seconded:** Abby Habighorst

**Status:** Carried

**Vote:** All in Favor

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## 8. Public Comment

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