



## 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

<b>Meeting Date:</b>	Monday, April 6, 2026
<b>Start Time:</b>	6:00 PM
<b>End Time:</b>	7:30 PM
<b>Location:</b>	Equipo Academy
<b>Purpose:</b>	Regular scheduled meeting

Chair Raymond Gonzalez - Present  
Vice Chair Abby Habighorst - Present  
Secretary Vivian Perdomo - Present

Members:

Sayra Cordova - Present  
Jessica Recarey - Present  
Monica Branzuel - Present  
Maria Santiago - Present  
Lorrie Bamford - Present  
Joe Perez - Absent

Agenda

1. Opening Items

1.A. Call to Order at 6:02 p.m.

1.B. Roll Call

1.C. Approval of the Minutes from the March 2, 2026 meeting (for possible action)

**Moved:** Habighorst

**Seconded:** Bamford

**Status:** Passed

**Vote:** All in favor

1.D. Adoption of the Agenda for the April 6, 2026 meeting (for possible action)

**Moved:** Bamford

**Seconded:** Habighorst

**Status:** Passed

**Vote:** All in favor

2. Public Comment

*Student Jairo Corral shared that he felt disappointed that the board had said no to the Studio's continuation, and emphasized the connection he feels with his teachers. Student Bryan Godoy shared that he hopes the Studio stays, and spoke about the family feel of the program. Family member Lady Chavez Ramirez spoke in favor of the Studio by saying she was proud of the support her son receives and knows that other students need it. Family member Tiffany Bishop spoke about how hard it is to raise kids in regular schools, and that the Studio is changing that. Family member Erika Perez shared how her son has*

*improved his grades, behavior, and vocabulary in the Studio program; she added that she trusts her kid being in the program.*

### 3. Academic Reports and Presentations

3.A. Proposal to Purchase a Math Curriculum for 2026-2027 (for discussion and possible action, 15 minutes)

**Objective:** The board will review the process for adopting a math curriculum, hear the recommendation for a 2026-2027 math curriculum, and approve establishing the contract.

*Assistant Principal Erik Van Houten shared the process for reviewing different math curriculum materials with Edreports, and spoke about how the math department was involved in the unanimous decision to select Reveal for the 2026-2027 school year. The teachers feel that Reveal will increase Equipo's proficiency in math, and is uniquely beneficial for our community because there are Spanish-language resources and ACT practice included. Mr. Van Houten reviewed the initial contract, which includes professional development to train teachers on how to implement the program.*

*The board motioned and approved purchasing the curriculum up to the allotted \$40,000.*

**Moved:** Habighorst

**Seconded:** Recarey

**Status:** Passed

**Vote:** All in favor

3.B. Discussion of the Studio program for 2026-2027 (for discussion and possible action, 15 minutes)

**Objective:** The board will receive answers for remaining questions on the Studio and its relationship with Equipo.

*Board Member Bamford reported on her visit to the Studio, and summarized the board's concerns about economics, compliance, and governance. CFO Jill Beharry shared the importance of financial transparency with state reporting, and that the board should have oversight into Studio spending. Vice Chair Habighorst said that the Studio was presented as budget neutral, and that Equipo could now run the risk of a lack of transparency. Board Member Santiago thought that we can not make up the deficit in spending with contributions and donations. Board Member Branzuel complimented the Studio's good work, and shared that the salaries need to fall under Equipo. Director of Operations Estella Spaine said that the Studio is a great program, but costs \$400,000 and is a school running inside a school.*

*The board moved for more time to seek legal counsel to save the Studio.*

**Moved:** Bamford

**Seconded:** Perdomo

**Status:** Failed due to no majority

**Vote:** 4 in favor and 4 against

*Vice Chair Habighorst shared that there is not perfect alignment between the Studio and Equipo. Board Member Recarey said that the board has been working through this for a year and has more questions. Chair Gonzalez clarified that, if there was not another motion, the board's March decision to discontinue the Studio would stand. There was not another motion.*

#### 4. Financial Items

4.A. CSP Grant Closeout and Approval of Narrative (for discussion and possible action, 5 minutes)

**Objective:** The board will review and approve the narrative to close out the CSP grant.

*Principal Bassier shared the total amount received and spent through the CSP grant. The board moved to approve the submitted narrative.*

**Moved:** Bamford

**Seconded:** Recarey

**Status:** Passed

**Vote:** All in favor

4.B. Budget for 2026-2027 (for discussion)

**Objective:** The board will review high level anticipated changes to the budget for 2026-2027.

*Principal Bassier shared that, for revenues, AB 398 money will continue for teacher raises, the increased enrollment in high school will lead to an increase in per pupil funding, and the CSP revenue from 2025-2026 will no longer be available. Regarding expenses, Equipo is adding the math curriculum purchase, cutting one leadership position, and adding two teaching positions to accommodate the larger enrollment.*

#### 5. Governance Items

5.A. Preview Board Retreat and End-of-Year Events (for discussion)

**Objective:** The board will review the proposed agenda for the upcoming board retreat as well as key dates for end-of-year events at Equipo.

*Principal Bassier reminded the board of the retreat date and time, and shared the chance for training and bonding.*

- Saturday, April 18, Board Retreat on Equipo's campus from 12-4 p.m. PST
- Friday, May 29, Senior Signing Day on Equipo's campus
- Sunday, June 7, Graduation at 5 a.m.

## 6. Public Comment

*Studio Partner and staff member Ben Salkowe shared that he was hurt by the board's decision and concerned that the organization is going in a different place. He wants Equipo to get back to what we built. Community member Rachel Warbelow stated that the board will be responsible for supporting the Studio students now that their support is gone, and that stifling innovation closes opportunities.*

## 7. Adjournment at 7:56 p.m.

**Moved:** Bamford

**Seconded:** Recarey

**Status:** Passed

**Vote:** All in favor