



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

Meeting Date:	Monday, August 31, 2026
Start Time:	6:03 PM
End Time:	7:14 PM
Location:	Equipo Academy
Purpose:	Regular scheduled meeting

Chair Lorrie Bamford - Present
Vice Chair Joe Perez - Present
Secretary Monica Branzuel - Present
Treasurer Maria Santiago - Present

Members:

Raymond Gonzalez - Present
Vivian Perdomo - Absent
Jessica Recarey - Absent
Cara Fergiels - Present
Brandon Avendano - Present

Agenda

1. Opening Items

1.A. Call to Order at 6:03

1.B. Roll Call

1.C. Approval of the Minutes from the August 3, 2026 board meeting (for possible action)

Moved: Gonzalez

Seconded: Perez

Status: Passed

Vote: All in favor

1.D. Approval of the Minutes from the August 28, 2026 finance committee meeting (for possible action)

Moved: Perez

Seconded: Santiago

Status: Passed

Vote: All in favor

1.E. Adoption of the Agenda for the August 31, 2026 board meeting (for possible action)

Moved: Gonzalez

Seconded: Perez

Status: Passed

Vote: All in favor

2. Public Comment

No members of the public were present for comment.

3. Consent Agenda

3.A. Approval of Full Consent Agenda Items B-E (for possible action)

Moved: Fergiels

Seconded: Gonzalez

Status: Passed

Vote: All in favor

3.B. Facility Lease

3.C. Student Lottery Application

3.D. EL Policy

3.E. Navas Janitorial Contract

4. Academic Reports and Presentations

Principal Bassier requested the option of a flexible agenda. Vice Chair Perez moved to allow a flexible agenda, and Secretary Branzuel seconded the motion.

Moved: Perez

Seconded: Branzuel

Status: Passed

Vote: All in favor

4.C. Student Discipline Issue (for discussion and possible action in closed session, 10 minutes)

Objective: The board will enter a closed session for a confidential discussion of student discipline and restoration.

Principal Bassier requested a closed session to consider the suspension of a pupil. NRS 390.467 specifically mandates that any such hearing be closed for consideration of suspension or expulsion of a pupil. Member Gonzalez moved to enter a closed session at 6:10 p.m. and Vice Chair Perez seconded the motion.

Moved: Gonzalez

Seconded: Perez

Status: Passed

Vote: All in favor

Member Gonzalez moved to return from a closed session, and Member Fergiels seconded.

Moved: Gonzalez

Seconded: Fergiels

Status: Passed

Vote: All in favor

The board returned from closed session at 6:31 p.m.

4.A. Principal's overview of charter renewal process (for discussion and possible action, 10 minutes)

Objective: Principal Emily Bassier will review the charter renewal process, and ask for the board's approval to submit an intent to renew.

Principal Bassier reviewed the requirements for renewing our charter and the deadlines involved. She shared the historic performance of Equipo in the areas of academics, finance, and governance. The board asked if the state provides a rubric for their ratings, and Principal Bassier shared that they do. The board also asked if there is an option to respond to the initial ratings in each area, and Principal Bassier shared that, yes, we review the initial ratings and have an opportunity to ask questions and respond, or to validate the data in the case of academics. Principal Bassier committed to a meeting with SPCSA staff to clarify the organization ratings from previous years.

Board Member Avendano moved to approve the intent to renew, and Vice Chair Perez seconded the motion.

Moved: Avendano

Seconded: Perez

Status: Passed

Vote: All in favor

4.B. Approval of Dual Credit Courses for 2026-2027 (for discussion and possible action, 5 minutes)

Objective: The board will understand the growth in dual credit on Equipo's campus and approve the offerings for 2026-2027.

Principal Bassier shared that Equipo Academy traditionally offered Advanced Placement (AP) classes as an avenue for students to receive college credit during high school; students must take and pass an AP exam to receive credit. Several years ago, Equipo started offering dual credit courses in partnership with College of Southern Nevada (CSN) and University of Nevada Las Vegas (UNLV). This year, Equipo plans to offer the following courses:

- *Composition 101 and 102 from UNLV, for seniors who meet a threshold with an English score on their ACT*
- *US History 101 and 102 from UNLV, for juniors who opt into this course rather than AP US History*
- *ALS 101 - College Success from CSN, for seniors as part of their Senior Seminar course*

Member Gonzalez moved to approve the dual credit courses; Member Fergiels seconded.

Moved: Gonzalez

Seconded: Fergiels

Status: Passed

Vote: All in favor

4.C. Student Discipline Issue (for discussion and possible action in closed session, 10 minutes)

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Please note that, due to the flexible agenda, this item was moved earlier in the meeting.

5. Financial Items

5.A. Finance Committee Updates (for discussion, 5 minutes)

Objective: The finance committee will share updates including the plan for financial oversight and exploration of potential funding sources.

The finance committee reported that it is challenging for Equipo to provide financials when the school has only one staff member involved with those documents. The finance committee shared two options for additional staffing, including temporary support or an external partner who contracts with nonprofits. The finance committee agreed to review the current letter of agreement and scope of work for the CFO.

5.B. Review proposed budget amendment for 2026-2027 (for discussion and possible action, 10 minutes)

Objective: The finance committee and staff will explain amendments to the 2026-2027 budget, and ask for the board to approve an amended version.

This item was tabled for a future meeting.

6. Governance Items

6.A. Review of board bylaws (for discussion and possible action, 10 minutes)

Objective: The Governance Committee will review and approve the board bylaws, including any proposed amendments.

Chair Bamford shared that legal counsel has reviewed Equipo's board bylaws, and shared the proposed edits, emphasizing that most were the numbers of statutes rather than substantive changes. Treasurer Santiago moved to approve those changes; Vice Chair Perez seconded.

Moved: Santiago

Seconded: Perez

Status: Passed

Vote: All in favor

6.B. Upcoming Board Meetings, Committee Meetings, and Opportunities to Visit Campus (for discussion, 5 minutes)

Objective: The board will review upcoming meetings.

- Friday, September 18, 2026 at 10 a.m.- Virtual finance committee meeting
- Thursday, September 24, 2026 - Latinx Heritage Festival
- Monday, October 5, 2026 - Governance committee meeting
- Monday, October 5, 2026 - Monthly board meeting

7. Public Comment

No members of the public were present for comment.

8. Adjournment at 7:14 p.m.

Moved: Gonzalez

Seconded: Fergiels

Status: Passed

Vote: All in favor