MEETING MINUTES - Equipo Academy Governing Body

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Regular Meeting Minutes

Equipo Academy
4131 E Bonanza Rd
Las Vegas, NV 89110

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Meeting

Meeting Date:	Monday, October 5, 2026
Start Time:	6:05 PM
End Time:	7:45 PM
Location:	Equipo Academy
Purpose:	Regular scheduled meeting

Chair Lorrie Bamford - Present
Vice Chair Joe Perez - Absent
Treasurer Maria Santiago - Present

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

Agenda

1. Opening Items

1.A. Call to Order at 6:05 p.m.

1.B. Roll Call

1.C. Approval of the Minutes from the August 31, 2026 governance committee meeting (for possible action)

Moved: Gonzalez

Seconded: Santiago

Status: Passed

Vote: All in favor

1.D. Approval of the Minutes from the August 31, 2026 board meeting (for possible action)

Moved: Fergiels

Seconded: Perdomo

Status: Passed

Vote: All in favor

1.E. Adoption of the Agenda for the October 5, 2026 board meeting (for possible action)

Moved: Fergiels

Seconded: Perdomo

Status: Passed

Vote: All in favor

2. Public Comment

Community Member and founding principal Ben Salkowe shared that, after last year's Studio program was not renewed, two of the students involved have since been expelled. Mr. Salkowe expressed disbelief that Equipo is now a 1-star middle school, and expressed his interest in joining the board.

3. Consent Agenda

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

Chair Lorrie Bamford pulled both policies from the consent agenda, and shared that she had recommended several non-substantive changes earlier that day. She asked for a motion to approve the McKinney Vento Policy and the Foster Care Policy with the non-substantive changes proposed by the Chair.

Moved: Fergiels

Seconded: Perdomo

Status: Passed

Vote: All in favor

3.B. McKinney-Vento Policy

3.C. Foster Care Policy

4. Academic Reports and Presentations

4.A. Principal's overview of star ratings, with a focus on the one star rating in middle school for 2025-2026 (for discussion, 15 minutes)

Objective: Principal Emily Bassier will review the longitudinal star ratings for middle school and high school, and the board will discuss a plan to correct any issue which caused the issuance of such a notice and solicit suggestions to improve school performance.

Principal Bassier shared data over Equipo's history that led to star ratings in middle school and high school, emphasizing that our strongest years have had rigorous instruction at grade level, progress monitoring throughout the year, and consistent goals across grade levels. Principal Bassier pointed out that last year's one-star rating stemmed from gaps in those areas, particularly in the progress monitoring system called Catapult Evaluate. Principal Bassier highlighted the new curriculum materials that teachers are using for reading and math. Board members and family members in attendance asked questions such as whether those curriculum materials include assessments. One family member, Esther Romero, asked that families be informed of a change in the curriculum. Another family member, Servando Lara, asked what happens when students are behind, and how they can catch up without slowing down other students. Principal Bassier invited board members and families to attend upcoming

meetings to share ideas, learn more, and measure Equipo's progress throughout the year.

5. Financial Items

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

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

Principal Bassier introduced the proposed budget amendments. Chair Bamford asked if the Finance Committee had already reviewed the proposed amendments; they had not. The board requested that the Finance Committee review at their next meeting. No action was taken.

6. Governance Items

6.A. Review of Charter Renewal Application (for discussion and possible action, 15 minutes)

Objective: Principal Bassier will present highlights from the charter renewal application and ask for the board's approval to submit.

Principal Bassier shared drafts of the charter renewal application, including the same data from the August 32, 2026 meeting. Principal Bassier added that the application will be finalized after the SPCSA's upcoming meeting since that will determine Equipo's final organizational rating for 2025-2026. The board asked that the final draft be circulated when it is submitted.

Member Fergiels moved to approve the submission of the renewal application.

Moved: Fergiels

Seconded: Perdomo

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.

The Governance Committee decided to meet a week ahead of the board meeting to discuss potential board candidates. Chair Bamford asked that an academics committee meeting be scheduled in light of the one-star rating in middle school.

- Finance committee trainings - TBD
- Monday, October 26, 2026 - Governance committee meeting
- Monday, November 2, 2026 - Monthly board meeting

Note: Depending on board member availability, we may move that meeting back to Monday, November 9 to allow more time to review the completed financial audit.

- Save the date: Equipo's graduation for the class of 2027 is on Friday, May 21 at 7 p.m.

7. Public Comment
   No members of the public were present to give comment.

8. Adjournment at 7:45 p.m.
   Moved: Perdomo

   Seconded: Fergiels

   Status: Passed

   Vote: All in favor