



**APPROVED 09/29/2021**  
New Mexico Connections Academy (NMCA)  
**MINUTES OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL MEETING**  
Wednesday, June 30, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. MT

**Held via teleconference due to State Precautions regarding Public Health and Safety  
During COVID-19 Pandemic:**

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**I. Call to Order and Roll Call**

Mr. Boitano called the meeting to order at 9:09 a.m. when all participants were present and able to hear each other. Mr. Boitano conducted a Roll Call, and advised that a quorum of the Governing Council was present to begin the meeting.

Governing Council Members Present: Mark Boitano, Jerry Schalow, and Letha Oman (via video and teleconference);

Governing Council Joined During Meeting: Paul Gessing (via teleconference);

Governing Council Members Absent: Patrick Chavez;

Guests Present: Sandy Beery, School Leader; Sue Fox, Governing Council Legal Counsel; Ashley Woodard, The Vigil Group; Jenny Dukek, Bryce Adams, and Kristin DeGross, Pearson Virtual Schools staff (via video and teleconference).

Ms. Fox provided a brief update on her work with Ms. Beery to ensure all agreements slated for consideration later in the meeting were up to date with all legislative requirements in the state. She further discussed the most recent updates regarding background checks for those working with students at the school.

**II. Routine Business**

a. Approval of Agenda

Mr. Boitano asked the Governing Council to review the Agenda distributed prior to the meeting. There being no changes, a motion was made by Ms. Oman and seconded by Mr. Schalow as follows:

RESOLVED, that the Agenda for the June 30, 2021 New Mexico Connections Academy Governing Council Meeting, as presented, is hereby approved.

A roll call vote was conducted; the motion passed unanimously.

### III. Public Comment

There were no public comments at this time.

### IV. Consent Items

Mr. Boitano asked the Governing Council members whether there were any items from the Consent Items that they wished to have moved to Action Items for discussion, or tabled. There being no items removed from the consent items, a motion was made by Mr. Schalow and seconded by Ms. Oman as follows:

RESOLVED, the Consent Item:

- a. Consideration of Minutes from the June 22, 2021 Annual Meeting; are hereby approved.

A roll call vote was conducted; the motion passed unanimously.

[Mr. Gessing joined the meeting at 9:15 a.m.]

### V. Action Items

- a. Consideration of Statement of Agreement with Pearson Virtual Schools: Bundled Services

Ms. Fox presented this item to the Governing Council. She advised that all agreements with Pearson Virtual Schools were for a term of four (4) years, with the agreements for Student Technology, LiveSpeech, and Special Education reserving the right to renew each year throughout the four year contract. Mr. Boitano thanked Ms. Fox for her work with the school over the past several years. There being no further discussion, Mr. Schalow made the following motion and it was seconded by Mr. Gessing as follows:

RESOLVED, that the Statement of Agreement with Pearson Virtual Schools: Bundled Services, as presented, is hereby approved.

A roll call vote was conducted; the motion passed unanimously.

- b. Consideration of Agreement with Pearson Virtual Schools: Student Technology

Ms. Fox advised of the previous discussion held on the terms of the agreement. There being no further discussion, Mr. Gessing made the following motion and it was seconded by Ms. Oman as follows:

RESOLVED, that the Agreement with Pearson Virtual Schools: Student Technology, as presented, is hereby approved.

A roll call vote was conducted; the motion passed unanimously.

c. Consideration of Agreement with Pearson Virtual Schools: Ancillary Services for LiveSpeech Case Management

Ms. Fox advised of the previous discussion held on the terms of the agreement. There being no further discussion, Mr. Gessing made the following motion and it was seconded by Ms. Oman as follows:

RESOLVED, that the Agreement with Pearson Virtual Schools: Ancillary Services for LiveSpeech Case Management, as presented, is hereby approved.

A roll call vote was conducted; the motion passed unanimously.

d. Consideration of Agreement with Pearson Virtual Schools: Ancillary Services for Consultative Special Education Services

Ms. Fox advised of the previous discussion held on the terms of the agreement. There being no further discussion, Mr. Gessing made the following motion and it was seconded by Mr. Schalow as follows:

RESOLVED, that the Agreement with Pearson Virtual Schools: Ancillary Services for Consultative Special Education Services, as presented, is hereby approved.

A roll call vote was conducted; the motion passed unanimously.

**VI. Adjournment and Confirmation of Next Meeting - Tuesday, July 27, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. MT**

Mr. Boitano noted that the Governing Council was at the end of its agenda and that the next meeting is scheduled to be held on Tuesday, July 27, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. MT. At 9:22 a.m., a motion was made by Ms. Oman and seconded by Mr. Gessing as follows:

RESOLVED, that the adjournment of the New Mexico Connections Academy, Inc. June 30, 2021 Governing Council Meeting, as discussed, is hereby approved.

A roll call vote was conducted; the motion passed unanimously.

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Submitted by

Approved by

Name: Kristin DeGross  
Recorder  
Date: June 30, 2021

Name: Mark Boitano  
Governing Council President  
Date: June 30, 2021