

**Special Governing Council Minutes
Aldo Leopold Charter School
April 27, 2023
5:30 PM**

**Ritch Hall 410 West 10 th Street
In Person or Via Zoom teleconference**

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	present	absent	Via zoom	late	Left early
A. Tager (AT) chair*	x				
H. Browne (HB)	x				
S. Marino (SM)			x		
A. MacKenzie (AM)sec				X @ 17:45	
Jon Walker (JW)	x				
Margaret Begay (MB)		x			

Also present: Anthony Smith/director (AS), Melissa Frost/business manager (MW), Siah Hemphill/Senator (SH)

ALCS Mission: At Aldo Leopold Charter School, the human and natural environments serve as text and lab for learning through direct experience, inquiry, and stewardship.
ALCS Vision: Aldo Leopold Charter School graduates will use the skills, perspectives, and information they gain at school to enhance their own lives and to advance social, economic, and environmental sustainability.

I. Convene / roll call - 17:36pm - Present: Harry Browne, Jon Walker, Sebastiano Marino, Alexandra Tager, Alex MacKenzie (at17:45).

II. Reading of the Mission and Vision - Jon Walker.

III. Agenda Review (action) - Add bar 23 (MF) tabled to next meeting. Motion to Approve the Special Meeting Agenda with additions of reviewing the fiscal plan and choosing a time for the special meeting. Motion to approve: Harry. 2nd: Jon. In favor: SM, HB, JW, and AT.

IV. Special session to review budget for FY 23-34

SH presented new NM govt budget for underfunded agencies and additional funding for ALCS to make up for loss of small school adjustment funds. Discussed what she did to get the \$1million appropriation for ALCS and explain what it's for (experiential education). Time limit to use the funds is one year.

AS explained more about where the funds would be used and how they would be dispersed to ALCS monthly through WMNU.

MF continued with discussion of

- the new school calendar; hours replaced required days as per PED
- Salary Schedules and annual increases;
- operating budget with positive ending June cash balance (not including the million dollar state appropriated funds)

AS continued discussion about his/director goals and progress:

- the strategic plan, goals, tasks, accomplishments.
- Budget/finance/job positions

HB proposed scheduled special meeting to discuss new director's contract negotiations, closed session. (following Tuesday, May 2, at noon)

VI. Adjourn Motion: AM 2nd: JW All in favor

Next Regular Governing Council Meeting: Thursday May 11, 2023

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