

Minutes
New Mexico Academy for the Media Arts
4401 Central Ave NE, Alb., NM 87108
Governing Council Hybrid and In Person Special Meeting via the Zoom Platform
May 19, 2025 @ 1pm

1. Quorum Call – Governing Council President Carolyn Carlson called the meeting to order at 10:00 am, with Governing Council Members Carolyn Carlson, Malinda Menke, Eddie Tafoya present with Kendra Toth, and Channing Concho excused.
2. Approval of the amended agenda to include the reinstatement of facilities manager Manuelito Tafoya - a motion was made by GCM Menke, seconded by GCM Tafoya to approve the amended agenda. The motion passed unanimously in a roll call vote with all present board members voting in the affirmative
3. An Executive Session was held according to New Mexico Statutes Section 10-15-1(H)(1)(3) and (7) of the Open Meetings Act (OMA) to discuss limited personnel issues and action. GCM Menke motioned to go into executive session at 10:23 am, seconded by GCM Tafoya. The motion passed unanimously in a roll call vote, with all present board members voting in the affirmative and all members swearing they were alone in the room. GCM Menke motioned for the Governing Council to come out of executive session at 1:22pm with only limited personnel issues being discussed.
4. Action Items
 - a. Motion to approve placing Principal John Rodarte on immediate paid administrative leave made by GCM Tafoya, seconded by GCM Menke. The motion passed unanimously in a roll call vote, with all present board members voting in the affirmative.
 - b. Motion to approve the reinstatement of facilities manager Manuelito Tafoya made by GCM Menke, seconded by GCM Tafoya. The motion passed unanimously in a roll call vote with all present board members voting in the affirmative.

5. Meeting was adjourned at 1:25 pm.

__p__ Carolyn Carlson
__p__ Malinda Menke
__e__ Channing Concho
__e__ Kendra Toth
__p__ Eddie Tayofa

The New Mexico Academy for the Media Arts (f.k.a. Media Arts Collaborative Charter School) offers secondary students a comprehensive, project-based, cross-curricular education centered in the media arts. We prepare our graduates for positions in the media industries and for the rigor of post-secondary education.

This meeting will be held per the New Mexico Open Meeting Act. The Council reserves the right to take agenda items out of order, items may be added, removed or delayed from the agenda at any time, and two or more items may be combined for consideration. The Council is happy to make reasonable accommodations for any member of the public with a disability who wishes to attend the meeting. If special arrangements are necessary, please notify Carolyn via email at ccarlson@nmmediaarts.org at least 24 hours prior to the meeting.