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Hon. Jared Polis, Founder  
Susie Kimble, President  
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**New America School-Las Cruces**  
Governing Council  
Thursday, July 11, 2024  
5:00 PM

**Board Members Present:**

- Susie Kimble (President)
- Roberta Stathis (VP)
- Jessica Castro-Buelna (Sec)
- Oscar Juarez,
- Dae Romero,
- Cecilia Hernandez, newly elected

**Regrets:**

**Staff Present:**

- Ashley Wolfel
- Jack Fitzpatrick
- Margarita Porter
- Christina Montoya

Public input: none

**Minutes of the GC**

1. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
  2. The mission statement was read by Susie Kimble.
  3. Quorum was reached at 5:00 pm.
  4. Moved by Jessica Castro-Buelna and seconded by Roberta Stathis that the agenda be accepted as presented. Votes: Unanimous.
  5. Moved by Roberta Stathis and seconded by Jessica Castro-Buelna that the minutes from the general meeting on June 20, 2024 be accepted as presented. Votes: unanimous.
  6. Ashley presented the budget reports covering the school until June 30, 2024. The finance committee had already reviewed the reports prior to the general board meeting to identify any irregularities. Moved by Oscar Juarez and seconded by Dae Romero that the financial reports and BARs 0052-I, 0053-I, and 0055-T, be accepted as presented. Votes: Unanimous
  7. Ms. Porter reviewed changes to both handbooks. Both have been vetted by SFox. Moved by Jessica Castro-Buelna and seconded by Dae Romero to approve both the Employee and the Student Handbooks as presented. Votes: Unanimous
  8. Dr. Cecilia Hernandez introduced herself. Moved by Dae Romero and seconded by Oscar Juarez to accept Dr. Hernandez as a board member. Votes: unanimous.
  9. Moved by Roberta Stathis and seconded by Jessica Castro-Buelna to move into Executive Session. Roll call: Susie Kimble: aye, Roberta Stathis: aye, Jessica Castro-Buelna: aye, Oscar Juarez: aye, Dae Romero: aye, Cecilia Hernandez: aye
- GC returned to general session. Susie Kimble stated: I attest to the fact that the closed session only addressed limited personnel matters related to the Superintendent's evaluation.

## Superintendent's Report

### Dashboard

There are two mission specific goals. For this year,

**Goal 1:** To increase the language proficiency in our English Language Learners (ELL) by on level as measured by the Off2Class assessment. Of the students tested, 60% met the goal. We earned 75 points.

**Goal 2:** Seniors who are with NAS a full year, will pretest and posttest on the WorkKeys assessment. Students will increase in color level by the end of year. Of the students tested, 50% increased in levels. We earned 75 points.

### School

- Follow up: We graduated 47 students.
- Registration: July 10<sup>th</sup>.
- We are pending the number of enrollments due to a glitch at the state with the new year rollover. We are sitting at about 175 currently.
- Jumpstart: July 11 for true freshmen. They rotated through their classes, understood the handbook and began building relationships.
- July 15: all other students will be on campus.

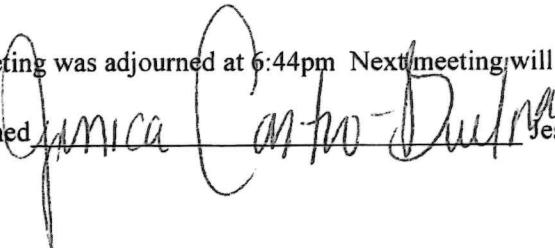
### Community

- Conversations with Olympian to create a dual credit program.
- The Plaza has been reserved for June 26, 2025 for graduation. Is 7pm a good time?

### Professional

- July 19-20: Innovation in Education two-day event.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:44pm Next meeting will be August 8, 2024.

Signed  Jessica Castro-Buelna, Secretary