Albuquerque Talent Development Academy (ATDA)

Governing Council (GC) Meeting Minutes

2/5/21

GC Members Present: Jose Scott, President

Frank A. Berged III, Vice President

Rommie Compher, Secretary

Brian Jones, Member

Others Present: Lucinda Montano-Molina, Principal

Michael Davis, Assistant Principal/Technology

Whitney Galindo, Business Manager

Constance Dove, Owner/Broker of DPA, LLC.

Dana Romano, English Teacher

Nora Padilla, English/Spanish Teacher

Frances Chavez, Librarian

Gabriel Nemiroff, Teacher

Herman Garcia, Registrar

Mark Hillmeyer, Math/Science Teacher

Lisa Hilden, SpEd Coordinator

Victoria Yokoyama, School Counselor

Catherine Challener, EA

Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance @ 5:35 PM: Jose Scott

**[Open Session]**

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| **Approval of Agenda –** The agenda was approved with the provision that the incorrect date at the top of the agenda be corrected. |
| Motion to ApproveRommie Compher | Motion SecondedFrank A. Berged III |
| VoteJose Scott – Approved Frank A. Berged III – ApprovedRommie Compher – Approved Brian Jones – Approved |

**Public Input**

Lisa Hilden – Spoke to stagnation, vouched for YMCA as a location speaking to its features as being attractive to potential students. She iterated safety concerns about the current school site and its cleanliness. This is an opportunity to recalibrate towards future goals.

Gabriel Nemiroff – Agreed with Ms. Hilden. Although there has been good school growth historically, growth has plateaued in recent years and the current site has become part of that reason. A new facility with modernizations and attractive appeal will help make that point.

Mark Hillmeyer – Echoed that we have plateaued. Spoke to dirt and goat heads at the current site and is excited for a new direction for the school.

Victoria Yokoyama – Pointed out the current location in a dead end in a non-visible location. Approved of the YMCA location due to visibility and the recognition that comes with a new site. Excited for a fresh start.

Nora Padilla- Expressed a concern with the overpass to the highway with the current site. There is a homeless presence near the campus and other safety concerns. Excited about growth opportunities that a new campus can provide

Frances Chaves – Need to move in a new direction to service more students. There is trash and other evidence of human presence on Monday mornings due to the effect of the homeless on the current site. She believes current students will appreciate the atmosphere of the new campus. Student interest in the Library being in Room 8 has indicated student interest in advanced features.

Catherine Challener- Vouched for the safety of the YMCA location area, spoke to local libraries and other local high schools that can serve as a potential draw for a small school or for individualized attention.

Dana Romano- Talked about campus pride associated with a facility with better upkeep. Current site has issues with doors, privacy, and rodents. Problems do not get permanently fixed and we have been unable to build a gym or another place to assemble. The current cafeteria is inadequate to feed everybody in the same place. She also expressed safety concerns with people infringing on the campus, including people that have climbed into the campus to sleep or vandalize. A new location will instill a sense of pride from both students and staff members.

**[Staff/Committee Briefings] Facility Committee –** Presented by Gabriel Nemiroff: Mr. Nemiroff shared student survey data on behalf of the students indicating that the majority of students are willing to move to a new campus assuming commuting issues can be reconciled or if an online option remains a possibility.

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| **Motion to Enter Closed Session –** Motion was entertained to enter closed session in order to discuss the Real Property Acquisition pursuant to NMSA 1978. The motion passed with a majority vote. |
| Motion to ApproveRommie Compher | Motion SecondedBrian Jones |
| VoteJose Scott – Approved Frank A. Berged III – Not ApprovedRommie Compher – Approved Brian Jones – Approved |

**[Closed Session]**- Entered @ 6:10 PM

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| **Motion to Exit Closed Session** |
| Motion to ApproveBrian Jones | Motion SecondedRommie Compher |
| VoteJose Scott – Approved Frank A. Berged III – Not ApprovedRommie Compher – Approved Brian Jones – Approved |

**[Open Session]**- Entered @ 6:58 PM

**[Directives from Closed Session]**

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| **Motion to Enter into Letter of Intent for 12500 Comanche NE** |
| Motion to ApproveBrian Jones | Motion SecondedFrank A. Berged III |
| VoteJose Scott – Approved Frank A. Berged III – ApprovedRommie Compher – Approved Brian Jones – Approved |

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| **Confirmation of Scheduling for Next ATDA Governing Council Meeting*** The February 2021 GC Meeting is confirmed for 2/16/21 @ 5:30 PM with the Finance Committee meeting @ 5:00 PM.
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| Motion to ApproveRommie Compher | Motion SecondedBrian Jones |
| VoteJose Scott – Approved Frank A. Berged III – ApprovedRommie Compher – Approved Brian Jones – Approved |

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| **Motion to Adjourn @ 7:09 PM** |
| Motion to ApproveRommie Compher | Motion SecondedFrank A. Berged III |
| VoteJose Scott – Approved Frank A. Berged III – ApprovedRommie Compher – Approved Brian Jones – Approved |