



Board of Trustees

MINUTES – Special Session Meeting

Location: Tamaya Resort-Council Room, Santa Ana Pueblo, NM

July 13, 2021 @ 10:00AM

Board Members Present: Matthew Tso, Anderson Yazzie, Jr., Charley Long, Sr., Sherrick Roanhorse,
Student Ad Hoc Board Member: Ajahrain Yellowhair

I-III. Call to Order, Roll Call, and Invocation

The meeting was called to order at 10:07AM by the Board President, Matthew Tso. All four elected board members were present for a quorum and the Student Ad Hoc member Ajahrain Yellowhair was also present. Recording Secretary, Yvette Escojeda announced the roll call in which all of the board members were present.

The invocation was provided by the Board of Trustees member, Mr. Charley Long, Sr.

IV. Approval of Agenda

The proposed agenda for Tuesday, July 13th was approved with the following recommended change:
Request to add Executive Session before Personnel.

NPS Motion/Second: Sherrick Roanhorse/Anderson Yazzie, Jr. Motion carried 4-0-0

V. Approval of Minutes – N/A

VI. Introduction of Guests, Public Comments & Announcements

The Board of Trustees introduced themselves and the Head of School, Shawna A. Becenti introduced the admin team members to our guest Sarah Baldwin of Cooperative Strategies. Cooperative Strategies gave a quick presentation of their RFQ Master Planning Services.

VII. Reports

A. Head of School gave a background of the RFQ Master Planning Services and the two vendors who were invited to present their proposals to the group.

B. Head of School gave an update of recent NPS projects and announced the recent visit from the New Mexico Indian Affairs Committee meeting which was held on July 7th on campus. Head of School allowed time for the Dean of Student and Community Engagement to give a report on NPS alumni college graduation. Head of School also shared updates on the Hogan construction project. Head of School also reminded the group that NPS will have Re-Authorization in 2021. Head of School tasked the board of trustees with presenting resolutions to their respective chapters/agencies. The Head of School allowed time for conversation on (1) Methodist Mission Boarding School, (2) American Rescue Plan funding, and (3) Land Acquisition. The Head of School tasked Mr. Roanhorse to take the lead on organizing item 1.

C. Dean of Instruction presented the updated Return to School Plan that was sent to DODE on June 28th.

VIII. New Business

A. Approval: Master Plan Selection

Administrative Services Coordinator explained to participants the scoring process of the two presenters. After the scoring was complete the Head of School announced the selected vendor who will work with NPS on the Master Planning Services. The selected vendor is Indigenous Design Studios.

NPS Motion/Second: Sherrick Roanhorse/Anderson Yazzie, Jr. Motion carried 4-0-0

B. Approval: DODE Reopening Readiness Assessment Attestation Form

The Head of School let the board know that NPS has completed the Attestation form and the Admin Team has already held a walk thru with the local fire marshal.

NPS Motion/Second: Sherrick Roanhorse/Charley Long, Sr. Motion carried 4-0-0

