



**EL CAMINO REAL ACADEMY**  
**GOVERNING COUNCIL MEETING**  
**TUESDAY, APRIL 21, 2026 AT 7:00 A.M.**



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**MINUTES**

1. Preliminary Business
  - A. Call to Order  
7:04 a.m.
  - B. Roll Call  
Governing Council Present: Vianey Valeta-Arambula (Google Meet), Gretchen Long (Google Meet/out at 7:50 a.m.), Marsha Majors (Google Meet), Jim Nettle (Google Meet)  
Staff Present: Christopher Villarreal (Google Meet), Ian Johnson-Escudero (Google Meet), Denise Brown (Google Meet), Mary Scofield (Google Meet)
  - C. Approval of Agenda  
Jim Nettle motioned to approve the April 21, 2026 agenda as presented. Vianey Valeta-Arambula seconded the motion. Council members unanimously approved.
  - D. Approval of Minutes  
Vianey Valeta-Arambula motioned to approve the March 16, 2026 minutes as presented. Jim Nettle seconded the motion. Council members approved.
2. Public Comment  
None
3. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS
  - A. Executive Director's Report (Discussion)  
Christopher Villarreal updated the council on: enrollment for next year, Taylor Wiz, Math Lab, Samilla group tree planting, 5<sup>th</sup> nature center, new science teacher, new educational assistant, former student is now a substitute, hall passes, state testing window, charter renewal preparations, the self-study next year for the charter renewal, and the Suicide Prevention Training.
  - B. Financial Statements and Cash Disbursements for March 31, 2026 (Action)  
Vianey Valeta-Arambula motioned to approve the March 31, 2026 Financial Statements and Cash Disbursements as presented. Jim Nettle seconded the motion. Council members approved.



C. BARS (Action)

Vianey Valeta-Arambula motioned to approve the amended BAR FY26-19 as presented.

Marsha Majors seconded the motion. Council members approved.

Jim Nettle motioned to approve BAR FY26-27 as presented. Vianey Valeta-Arambula seconded the motion. Council members approved.

Vianey Valeta-Arambula motioned to approve BAR FY26-28 as presented. Marsha Majors seconded the motion. Council members unanimously approved.

Jim Nettle motioned to approve BAR FY26-29 as presented. Vianey Valeta-Arambula seconded the motion. Council members unanimously approved.

Jim Nettle motioned to approve BAR FY26-30 as presented. Vianey Valeta-Arambula seconded the motion. Council members unanimously approved.

D. Recommendation to Approve Purchases and Give Director Permission to Sign Contracts Over \$15,000. (Action)

Check list as a block:

Vianey Valeta-Arambula motioned to approve purchase orders in the amount as presented and for the Director to approve and sign. Marsha Majors seconded the motion. Council members unanimously approved.

Vendor	Purpose	Approval Amount
tbd	PA system	\$41,000.00
tbd	Playground surfacing material	\$46,000.00
tbd	Addtl. Cameras, vape detectors	\$23,000.00
tbd	Science lab overage	\$40,000.00

E. Approval of Temporary Loans to Other Funds (Action)

Vianey Valeta-Arambula motioned to approve the March 31, 2026 Temporary Loans to Other Funds as presented. Marsha Majors seconded the motion. Council members approved. Jim Nettle abstained.

F. Approval of 2026-2027 Operational Budget (Action)

Marsha Majors motioned to approve the 2026-2027 Operational Budget as presented. Jim Nettle seconded the motion. Council members approved.

G. Approval of 2026-2027 School Calendar (Action)

c motioned to approve the 2026-2027 School Calendar as presented. Jim Nettle seconded the motion. Council members unanimously approved.

H. Approval of 2026-2027 Salary Schedules (Action)

Jim Nettle motioned to approve the 2026-2027 Salary Schedules as presented. Vianey Valeta-Arambula seconded the motion. Council members unanimously approved.



- I. Approval of Nominating Committee for New GC Members (Action)  
Marsha Majors nominated Vianey Valeta-Arambula and Marsha Majors for the Nominating Committee.  
Jim Nettle motioned to approve. Vianey Valeta-Arambula seconded the motion. Council members unanimously approved.
- J. Former Governing Council Member Tribute (Discussion)  
Jim Nettle updated the council on a car show on June 20<sup>th</sup>, a new flag and plaque. A speech will be sent to speech council members for comments.
- K. Policy and Bylaw Review (Discussion/Action)  
Vianey Valeta-Arambula motioned to table item K. Jim Nettle seconded the motion. Council members unanimously approved.
- L. Board Development (Discussion)  
The council discussed the annual training.

#### 4. Concluding Business

- I. Discussion of other business and issues  
Ian Johnson-Escudero updated the council on the possibility of using EnergyX for solar energy. The council is interested so this option will be explored including cash back credits. GoFundMe has been set up through the ECRA Foundation.  
Jim Nettle inquired about grant writing.
- II. Announcements  
None
- III. Next Meeting Date  
May 18, 2026 at 7:00
- IV. Adjournment  
Vianey Valeta-Arambula motioned to adjourn at 8:33 a.m. Jim Nettle seconded the motion. Council members unanimously approved