



## **Sendero School Of Academics & Career Preparation Governing Council Meeting for January 2026**

**Topic: January Regular Governance Council Meeting**  
**Time: January 27, 2026 10:00 AM Mountain Time (US and Canada)**

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**Sendero School of Academics & Career Preparation  
1405 S. Solano, Las Cruces, NM 88001**

### **Meeting Minutes January 27, 2026**

#### **I. Call to Order**

- The meeting was called to order at 10:03 am by Sendero School Of Academics & Career Preparation Director Mr. Caz Martinez.
  - Members in attendance:** Mike Davis *Vice President*, Jaime Quezada, Angela McNeely
  - Members Absent:** Patricia Gonzales *President* Kevin Freitas *Secretary*
  - Others in Attendance:** Caz Martinez (Superintendent), Priscilla Cabral (Financial Officer), Sam Gonzales (Attorney), Matt Sandoval Master Scheduler Amy Trevizo (Attendance Coach)
- **Roll Call**
  - Called to order by Caz Martinez

- **Pledge of Allegiance**

The pledge of allegiance was led by Caz Martinez

II. **Approval of Agenda and Previous Minutes (EXHIBIT “A”)**

Mr. Martinez called the meeting to order and asked the Board to review the minutes from the previous meeting and today’s agenda. He also noted that the date on the agenda will need to be updated to reflect the new date of today’s meeting

**Motion to approve agenda and previous meeting minutes.**

1st Jaime Quezada

2nd Mike Davis

III. **Open Forum**

*Public comments and observations regarding education policy and governance issues, as well as the strategic plan for education, are heard at this time. There is a three-minute time limit per presenter. Persons from the same group and having similar viewpoints are asked to select a spokesperson to speak on their behalf. Multiple and repetitious presentations of the same view will be discouraged and may be ruled out of order by The Sendero School Of Academics & Career Preparation Governance Council President.*

No one outside of the school was present.

IV. **Discussion and/or Action Items: Fiscal**

- **December 2026 Financials (EXHIBIT “B”):** Mrs. Cabral went over the December Financials. Revenue totaled \$288,635.40 and disbursements totaled \$301,901.75.
- **Action Items:** Mrs. Cabral went over BAR approvals to be processed in OBMS
  1. **Fund: 27107 567-000-2526-0036-I**
  2. **Fund: 31200 567-000-2526-0037-IB**

**Motion to Approve Financials and Action items as presented**

1st Mike Davis

2nd Angela McNeely

V. **Superintendent’s Report**

- **Enrollment:** As of now, total enrollment is 209 students, and we are holding steady as we approach the 120th day in February. At this point in the school year, we do not anticipate significant enrollment fluctuations and expect to remain close to this number through the end of the year. While we continue to receive inquiries and enroll new students, with several expected to start this week, we also continue to experience typical student mobility, resulting in occasional withdrawals for various reasons. Overall, these shifts tend to balance out. We currently have 32 students classified as seniors on our enrollment list. A report on anticipated graduation numbers and senior qualification status will be provided shortly by Mr. Sandoval. No questions were raised regarding enrollment at this

time. We will be participating in a School Choice Fair this Saturday as part of our recruitment efforts for next school year. The event will be held at the mall near the movie theater area from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Multiple charter schools and some private schools are expected to attend, and a large turnout is anticipated. This event is focused on early recruitment for next year, and board members and staff are welcome to attend, visit our booth, and interact with students and families.

- **Professional Development & Training: NM ACTE, CLR Instructional Coaching, NAVIGATE/HERE:** This year we have remained actively involved in several programs, with recent activity focused on conferences, trainings, and site visits. Most of our CTE teachers attended the New Mexico Association of Career Technical Education statewide conference in Las Cruces last week, and four teachers presented sessions highlighting the work happening at Sendero Prep. This provided valuable opportunities to share our programs, gather new ideas, and strengthen connections with the College and Career Readiness Bureau and other CTE partners across the state. We are proud of how well our staff represented the school. We are also moving into the next phase of CLR instructional coaching with Dr. Hawley and his team. Teachers who volunteered will receive individualized coaching that includes site visits, classroom observations, and follow up meetings focused on strengthening relationships with students and improving responsive communication practices. Our work with the Navigate program also continues, with a recent site visit and another trip scheduled in March. This initiative is centered on improving our graduation rate, particularly for our four year cohort seniors. At the start of the year, our projected on time graduation rate was 37 percent. After implementing a senior intervention team, expanding work based learning, increasing credit recovery options, and creating individualized graduation plans for each senior, midyear data shows that on track seniors increased to 63 percent. While student mobility may shift this slightly, we expect it to remain close to that level. Many remaining seniors transferred to us significantly behind in credits, which limits their ability to graduate on time with their cohort. The Priority Schools Bureau expressed strong support during their recent visit, noting the effectiveness of our intervention systems and individualized planning. We also reminded the board that the state primarily measures the four year cohort graduation rate, even though as a re engagement school we also serve many five and six year graduates who are equally important but not fully reflected in that calculation. In addition, we continue aligning our attendance efforts through the HERE program and an additional attendance support partner. Students are being placed into four attendance tiers, and targeted interventions will be implemented based on those tiers. We will continue to provide updates as this work progresses.

- **Business Professionals of America/EdRising:** Career Technical Student Organizations: Business Professionals of America and Educators Rising We continue to see strong growth in our Career Technical Student Organizations, particularly Business Professionals of America and Educators Rising. This Thursday, BPA students and several Educators Rising students, along with their teachers, will travel to Santa Fe to participate in CTSO Day at the Roundhouse. This statewide event brings together CTSO students to represent their programs and career interests. This is our first year attending, and it reflects the growing momentum and student engagement within our CTE pathways. Students are expected to dress professionally, and we will support any who need assistance through our professional clothing closet. Both groups will also travel to Albuquerque in February for their state competitions. BPA students performed very well at the regional level earlier this year, placing in most of the events they entered, and both BPA and Educators Rising students have been actively preparing for state. Currently, we have about twelve BPA members, with seven to eight competing at state, and approximately ten Educators Rising members, with six planning to compete. We look forward to sharing competition results at the March meeting.
- **FFE GRIP Newsletter:** I am sending out a recent Future Focused Education newsletter that features one of our students, Nico Nicholas Corona. I encourage you to take a few moments to read his story. Nico had previously been on the verge of dropping out, but after a chance conversation with our CTE Director, Mrs. Cisneros, he learned about our GRIP program and decided to re engage. Through GRIP, Nico was placed in a work based learning opportunity at a local dental office. Since then, his attendance has significantly improved, his grades have risen to mostly A's and B's, and he has remained employed at the dental office throughout the year. He is now motivated to pursue postsecondary education in a dental program. Nico and his employer were interviewed for the newsletter, and his story is highlighted as an example of how career connected learning and work based experiences can change a student's trajectory. We are extremely proud of Nico and of all our students participating in GRIP and work based learning. His success reflects the long term vision we have built over the past several years to provide students with meaningful, real world opportunities that lead to strong postsecondary goals.
- **Board Training:** Ms. Gonzalez, Ms. Davis, and Mr. Davis have completed their training. The remaining members will complete theirs through the Canvas program provided by the Charter School Division. Ms. McNeely confirmed she has access to the program and plans to begin next month after finishing required training for work. Members were reminded that all required training must be completed by the end of June. Mr. Quezada indicated he may need assistance accessing Canvas, and support will be provided as needed.

## **VI. Adjourn**

Meeting Adjourned at 10:33

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