



La Academia Dolores Huerta Charter Middle School

"A Dual Language Charter Middle School"

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The mission of La Academia Dolores Huerta is to provide a diverse bilingual educational program in the arts that fosters the development of a strong socio-cultural identity while achieving academic success.

La misión de La Academia Dolores Huerta es proporcionar un programa educativo bilingüe diverso de las artes que fomenta el desarrollo de una fuerte identidad sociocultural mientras se logra el éxito académico.

Regular Governing Council Meeting Minutes

Thursday August 20, 2026 at 5:30 PM

Meeting will be virtual

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/78893590280?pwd=PacQ3wlQBogDy5X99t8waQkpbXqesQ.1>

Meeting chat link

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Meeting will be live streamed via YouTube Live Stream (refer to school website

<https://www.ladh.org>)

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- 1) Adrian Gaytan called the meeting called to order at 5:34pm.

GC Members Present:

Adrian Gaytan, President (left meeting at 5:46pm)

Sonia Evaro, Parent Representative

Hilda Paz, Vice-President

Dalina Matsumoto, Treasurer

GC Members Absent:

Elaine Palma, Secretary (responsible for meeting minutes)

Quorum was established.

Guests: Sylvy Galvan de Lucero, Head Administrator; Mirna Rodriguez, LADH Business Specialist; Francisco Rodriguez, Community Schools Coordinator; Paloma Nava, perspective GC member (guest); Gloria Villavicencio, perspective GC member (guest)

2) Approval of 8.20.26 regular GC meeting agenda

Mr. Gaytan confirmed everyone had an agenda.

Adrian Gaytan moved to approve the 8.20.26 regular GC meeting agenda; Dalina Matsumoto seconded

Roll Call Vote:

Adrian Gaytan: yes

Dalina Matsumoto: yes

Hilda Paz: yes

Sonia Evaro: yes

None opposed; motion passed

3) Open forum-public input*

Public comments and observations regarding education policy and governance issues, as well as the strategic planning are heard at this time. Time limit per presenter may be imposed by Chair

Mr. Gaytan noted that the chatroom would be monitored throughout the meeting and Mrs. Galvan de Lucero confirmed that there was currently no one present in the chatroom.

4) Review, discussion, and possible approval of the 7.16.26 regular GC meeting minutes.

Mr. Gaytan noted that the meeting minutes had been sent out for review. Asked if anyone had questions or revisions to present. There were none.

Adrian Gaytan moved to approve the 7.16.26 regular GC meeting minutes; Hilda Paz seconded

Roll Call Vote:

Adrian Gaytan: yes

Dalina Matsumoto: yes

Hilda Paz: yes

Sonia Evaro: yes

None opposed; motion passed

ACTION ITEMS

Mrs. Matsumoto asked if approval of the BARs could be delayed as she needed additional time to pull up the documents. All agreed.

5) Review, discussion, and possible approval of the 2026-2027 GC officers slate.

Mr. Gaytan noted this item will be tabled as the GC has not had their retreat/work session. Therefore, this item will be tabled until the next GC meeting. In the meantime, GC members will continue to serve in their current officer capacities.

- 6) Review, discussion, and possible approval of GC nominees, Gloria Villavicencio and Paloma Nava.

Mr. Gaytan introduced and expressed excitement for the GC nominees. Mrs.

Villavicencio expressed excitement about serving on the GC and noted it was a great opportunity for her to give back to her community and learn. Ms. Nava expressed her excitement and noted she was honored to serve and excited to learn.

Adrian Gaytan moved to approve the GC nominees, Gloria Villavicencio and Paloma Nava; Hilda Paz seconded

Roll Call Vote:

Adrian Gaytan: yes

Dalina Matsumoto: yes

Hilda Paz: yes

Sonia Evaro: yes

None opposed; motion passed

- 7) Review, discussion, and possible approval of BARs: presented by Dalina Matsumoto
(a.) 560-000-2627-0001-IB: initial budget adjustment increase due to an overall increase of \$39,833; monies allocated to support services and instruction
(b.) 560-000-2627-0002-IB: initial budget adjustment increase due to receiving a \$44,000 grant; allocated to instruction, specifically salaries and expenses

Dalina Matsumoto moved to approve BARs 560-000-2627-0001-IB and 560-000-2627-0002-IB; Adrian Gaytan seconded

Roll Call Vote:

Adrian Gaytan: yes

Dalina Matsumoto: yes

Hilda Paz: yes

Sonia Evaro: yes

Paloma Nava: yes

Gloria Villavicencio: yes

None opposed; motion passed

NEW BUSINESS: DISCUSSION ITEMS ONLY – NO ACTION WILL BE TAKEN

- 8) Moving update/timelines: presented by Mrs. Galvan de Lucero
- a. Construction/move:
 - All electrical work was completed today and are now awaiting inspection
 - Plumbing and HVAC should be completed next week and will also need to be inspected
 - After that fire alarm system will need to be installed
 - Last step will be final approval of entire building.
 - Foresees at least two more weeks before moving in.
 - b. Academic instruction:

- School year began on time, with the first two weeks of school being conducted at NMSU O'Donnell Hall. Students were included in numerous activities and visits to programs on NMSU campus. Parents and students were extremely happy and both families and NMSU want to make it an annual partnership.
- Once NMSU classes began, instruction was moved to Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church which gave students volunteer opportunities.

9) Finance Committee Report: presented by Dalina Matsumoto

a. Revenue and expense reports:

- Committee met before GC meeting.
- Limited information to report as we are at the beginning of the school year
- Revenue report: \$1.4 million is available
- Expense report: no negative line items
- Register activity report: normal vendor activity
- Bank balance for main account: \$579,000 with \$18,000 in outstanding checks
- Activity account: \$12,000

10) Closing 2025-2026: Student academic achievement, testing results, and mission specific goals: presented by Mrs. Galvan de Lucero

- Reports were sent out to GC members before the meeting
- NM-MSSA results indicate that math continues to be a weakness.
 - Although students' skills grew, students did not meet proficiency.
 - NM-MSSA only measures proficiency not growth.
 - Currently have a long-term sub in math, position will hopefully be filled in January with a candidate who is wrapping up their current project. Candidate is providing support to the long-term sub.
 - LADH has been approved for the after school/out of school program through SB2 funds.

11) 2026-2027 student enrollment update: presented by Mrs. Galvan de Lucero

- 89 students as of today

12) Equity Council update: Mrs. Galvan de Lucero noted there has been no update for the current school year.

13) Community schools report: presented by Francisco Rodriguez

- Students were taken on mini lessons and tour of different educational programs (e.g., nursing, kinesiology, etc.)
- In the process of applying for the Andrew Lloyd Webber grant
- Working on getting donations from community partners for a school sign
- Meeting with NMPED regarding reports community schools are required to submit

14) Complete Indicators of Success (IoS) Survey: Mrs. Paz noted that the GC would be completing this during their work session/retreat.

15) Head Administrators Report: presented by Mrs. Galvan de Lucero (see attached)

- Reviewed upcoming events
- Vacancy for SPED EA

16) Secretary Report: summary presented by Hilda Paz

- GC Recruitment: GC cannot operate with less than 5 members.
- GC Training hours:

- Per pacing guide for continuing members:

July 1–September 31	0 hours
October 1–December 31	1 hour
January 1–March 31	3 hours
April 1–June 30	5 hours

- Follow-up:
 - Conflict of Interest forms
 - Head Administrator: Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development (ASCD)
 - Mrs. Galvan de Lucero confirmed that she had signed up and is now a member. She will be getting information and is eligible to attend trainings.
- Annual calendar review:
 - September:
 - First Head Administrator's quarterly report to include but not limited to identification/application of grants; classroom observations; continuing education
 - Staffing needs assessment
 - Next GC meeting: Will hopefully be in the new building on Septer 17th 5:30PM.

17) Hilda Paz moved to adjourn the GC general meeting at 6:22PM; Sonia Evaro seconded

Roll Call Vote:

Hilda Paz: yes

Sonia Evaro: yes

Paloma Nava: yes

Gloria Villavicencio: yes

None opposed; motion passed

*Any individual attending a board meeting may sign in to participate in the Public Input section of the Agenda, if any. Such persons may speak on any item after the individual is recognized by the President of the Board and introduces himself/herself at the podium. The Governing Council of La Academia Dolores Huerta will not take action on any item presented under Public Input, until an opportunity to do so is

afforded. La Academia Dolores Huerta will provide an interpreter for the Hearing Impaired and simultaneous Spanish translation upon request. Requests should be submitted to the chancellor's office three days prior to the meeting.

Principal's Report Aug 20, 2026

SY26-27 Registrations:

Grade	Enrolled
6 th	25
7 th	29
8 th	35
Total	89

LADH News:

- The school year has kicked off in a unique manner. We spent our 1st 2weeks at NMSU visiting different departments and participating in a variety of hands-on presentations.
- LADH has been accepted into the SB2-After School Program and will begin their cycle in the Spring semester.
- Finance Committee met on Thursday, Aug 20, 2026 @ 5pm (See Finance Report)

Student Achievement/ Student News:

- Calls are pouring in requesting our performance student's participation in a variety of local events. Ballet Folklorico has already started the year off performing at NMSU for the HEST Welcome Back event.

Professional Learning Community (PLC):

- PLC's will be focusing on a deep dive into student assessment data & kicking off the year on a high-quality academic focus.

Class Observation:

- Will begin in officially begin in September but casual pop ins have already begun.

Teacher/Staff News:

- Just a huge shout out to our teaching staff who have done an amazing job of adjusting to the challenges of starting the year off in a rather nomadic way.
- We have a vacancy for a SPED EA for the coming school year.

Grant Applications/Awards:

- Awarded the Fine Arts in Education grant.
- Officially awarded the Community Schools grant
- Recently applied for the Andrew Lloyd Webber performing arts grant.

Admin Continuing Education:

- Ms. Galvan de Lucero the required Focus on Algebra Cohort III Training July 27-30 along with various required Community Schools Zoom trainings.
- I have also joined the Assoc. for Supervision & curriculum Development and keeping an eye out for upcoming webinars.

Upcoming Events:

- Performance Students will be performing in Old Mesilla on Saturday, Aug. 22 @ 1pm for Frontier Days Celebration.
- Parent Teacher Conf. on Friday, Aug 26. From 7:30am-4:30pm.

Fundraisers:

- None at this time.

Community Collaboration:

- NMSU Dept. of Ed. Who hosted the 1st 2 weeks of the semester.
- Immaculate Heart of Mary who are hosting us for the remainder of the month of August.

- We have partnered with **Brighter Bites** to help families sign up for biweekly free produce boxes.
- LADH partnership with **La Semilla**
- **Teen Connection** - Frank J. Papen Ctr (After School Program), CYFD
- **New Hope Therapy Counseling Ctr** partnership to provide mental health services to students.
- Collaboration with **Southwest Family Guidance** providing counseling & support to students and families.
- **Poms & Associates** are working with LADH to provide Parenting classes.