

DIGITAL ARTS AND TECHNOLOGY ACADEMY GOVERNING COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING

November 20, 2025

I. CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the DATA Governing Board was called to order on this date at 4:00 p.m. at the DATA Auditorium, 1011 Lambertson Place, NE, Albuquerque, New Mexico.

A. Roll Call: quorum present

Board Members Present: [All members present]

Ms. Jennifer McDonald, Chair

Mr. Omar Durant

Ms. Tara Groneman

Ms. Janet Stephenson

Staff/Faculty Present:

Ms. Lisa Myhre, Director

Ms. Alixandra Rael, Principal

Ms. Kristin Reeder, Dean of Students

Ms. Kris Quisenberry, Human Resources Coordinator

Mr. Jesse Gutierrez, Business Officer

Others Present:

None

B. Adoption of Agenda

Ms. Groneman moved approval of the agenda. Mr. Durant seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

➤ **Declaration of Conflicts**

None declared.

➤ **Materials Read Prior to Meeting**

Members confirmed that all materials were read prior to the meeting.

C. Approval of Minutes: October 16, 2025, Regular Meeting

Mr. Durant moved approval of the October 16, 2025, minutes. Chair McDonald seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

II. PUBLIC FORUM

No speakers.

III. ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Administration Report: Alixandra Rael

➤ 90-Day Plan Update

Ms. Rael said the 90-day plan has finally been approved and is in the system. Now they are in the process of collecting the 30- and 60-day data. She said the 90-day plan was targeted toward teachers and using Tier 1 interventions across the board.

Ms. Rael distributed a chart she had prepared. She said the instructional coach, who has been doing walk-through observations, has been tallying them up so they can see how many are being used and whenever there is a walk-through observation. She said she plans to prepare graphs based on the tallies.

➤ Attendance Plan & Initiatives

Ms. Rael commented that attendance is becoming more of an issue at DATA; so they have some new people on the attendance team this year, and they are excited to get their perspective. From November 7 to the end of the semester, they let parents and students know that any student with perfect attendance and an 80% grade or above in all of their classes will not have to take a written portion of the final. Most of the finals at DATA are project-based, so they are not excused from that. Ms. Rael said it will be fun to see if this will result in an increase in attendance. Also, depending on how many days are missed, students will be able to enter into a prize drawing at the end of the semester. In addition, students with perfect attendance will get four entries into the drawing. If they miss one day they get three entries, if they miss two days they get two entries, if they miss three days they get one entry, and if they miss four or more days, they get no entries.

Ms. Rael commented that other schools using these incentives have seen improvement, so she is curious to see if it will work on DATA's population.

Mr. Durant said he went into New Mexico VISTAS and was amazed at how low attendance is at a lot of schools.

B. Director Report: Lisa Myhre

➤ Graduation Rates

Ms. Myhre reported that graduation rates are always two years behind. She presented a graph reflecting DATA versus APS. Overall, DATA was at 85% and APS was at 73%.

➤ NM Vistas

Ms. Myhre reviewed the NM VISTAS 2024-2025 Accountability Data. DATA's school score is 56.5. To be a Spotlight school requires a score of 59.

➤ **Yazzie Martinez**

Ms. Myhre stated that the ruling in Yazzie/Martinez v. the State of NM was that the state has failed to comply with state and federal laws regarding the education of Native American and ELL students, which has resulted in an inadequate education system for New Mexican students.

Ms. Myhre reviewed the details in a one-page summary of the action plan and the red-flagged section for charters.

➤ **FY24 CAP Update**

Ms. Myhre said DATA usually receives a formal letter from the Charter Commission with a list of items they needs to address, but she has not yet heard from Roberta Velasquez at APS. Depending on the results of the audit, DATA may or may not need a new CAP.

C. Financial Report: Jesse Gutierrez

➤ **Accounting Policy Update**

Mr. Gutierrez stated that they are updating the Accounting Policy for travel and reimbursement to match a change made by PED: those who travel will have a set amount of \$70 per day for them to spend, which can be for anything. He said this will eliminate the time-consuming process of reviewing receipts and completing paperwork. The only receipts required are for hotel expenses and travel via Uber or a taxi.

Mr. Durant moved to approve the updated accounting policy. Ms. Groneman seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

➤ **Regular Financial Summary**

Mr. Gutierrez reviewed the cash balance summary, expenditure report, revenue report, deposits & withdrawals, outstanding checks, and general ledger reports. He also reviewed BARs and RFRs.

➤ **Budget Adjustment Requests (BARs), Requests for Reimbursement (RFRs) & Disbursements**

Mr. Durant moved to approve the BARs, RFRs and Disbursements. Ms. Groneman seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

None.

V. NEXT MEETING DATE

A. December 18, 2025, 4:00 p.m. at DATA

VI. EXECUTIVE SESSION: 4:45 p.m.

- a. To discuss the following, as permitted by the Open Meetings Act: limited personnel matters regarding a reported incident and parent email (§ 10-15-1(H)(2))**

Mr. Durant moved to enter executive session to discuss limited a personnel matter regarding a reported incident and parent email. Ms. Groneman seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Mr. Durant moved to come out of executive session at 5:25 p.m. The only matter discussed in executive session was a personnel matter regarding a reported incident and parent email. Ms. Stephenson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by roll call vote.

VII. ADJOURNMENT: 5:25 p.m.

These minutes were approved unanimously at the 1/15/26 Board meeting.