

**MINUTES OF THE**  
**DIGITAL ARTS AND TECHNOLOGY ACADEMY GOVERNING COUNCIL**

**REGULAR MEETING**

**February 19, 2026**

**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 DATA, 1011 Lamberton Place, NE, Albuquerque, New Mexico.

**A. Roll Call: quorum present**

**Board Members Present:**

Mr. Omar Durant, Acting Chair  
Ms. Tara Groneman  
Ms. Janet Stephenson

**Board Members Excused:**

Ms. Jennifer McDonald, Chair

**Staff/Faculty Present:**

Ms. Lisa Myhre, Director  
Ms. Alixandra Rael, Principal  
Ms. Kristin Reeder, Dean of Students  
Ms. Kris Quisenberry, Human Resources Coordinator  
Dr. Holly Gurule, Instructional Coach, Administrative Team

**Others Present:**

None

**B. Adoption of Agenda**

**Ms. Groneman moved approval of the agenda. Ms. Stephenson 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: January 15, 2026, Regular Meeting**

**Ms. Groneman moved approval of the January 15, 2026, minutes. Ms. Stephenson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**

## **II. PUBLIC FORUM**

No speakers.

## **III. ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS**

### **A. Administration Report: Alixandra Rael**

#### **➤ Student Council**

Ms. Rael reported that the new grades 10-12 counselor, Audrey Boivin, is already working on planning for next year. She and the student council went to the state conference in Los Lunas last week, which included a formal dinner at the convention center. Ms. Rael said they created a banner for DATA, which will go up in the DATA lobby.

Ms. Rael said there is a summer leadership workshop with a Jurassic theme, and they are hoping that any student who can't afford to do this can get some support from DATA. Ms. Rael said Ms. Boivin hopes to have a more formal process next year, with representatives from each grade level coming together. She commented that administrative staff has always wanted someone to take the lead on the student council, and Ms. Boivin is doing an incredible job in dedicating the necessary time to make it a success.

#### **➤ Open House**

Ms. Rael reported that the open house was held last Thursday, February 12. She and Ms. Reeder held two info sessions, which worked out well in terms of getting the information to those who showed up later. The student tour guides did a great job showing the families around. Turnout was a bit lower than expected, but the event went well.

#### **➤ Staff Peer-to-Peer Observations**

Ms. Rael said she is still in the process of tracking the Tier 1 and 2 interventions, which will conclude next Friday. Staff will be given a reflection form on the observation process so they can report on how it went, where some adjustments might be made, etc. This will be helpful because they are planning to do a second round in April.

#### **➤ Synergy**

Ms. Rael reported that she, Ms. Reeder and Ms. Myhre have spent a huge chunk of time over the last couple of weeks in the Synergy trainings. She said the trainings are taking place on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

### **B. Director Report: Lisa Myhre**

#### **➤ Math Conference**

Ms. Myhre reported that she and all the grades 7-12 math teachers went to the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics (NCTM) conference in Indianapolis on February 11-13. There were some excellent sessions, and it was great to hear speakers from all over the country. The DATA teachers were very excited about implementing some ideas based on what they learned.

#### ➤ **Legislative Update**

Ms. Myhre reported that the High-Quality Literacy Instruction Act is now going to include the middle grades, so DATA will have to begin formal trainings on it. The math requirements will include parent notification, assessments, and a math professional development plan for the teachers.

Ms. Myhre said the Special Education Act solidifies the Office of Education within PE. Also, there was the adoption of the universal IEP form, which DATA will get because it is part of Synergy.

Ms. Myhre said the new 80/20 bill mandates that school districts and charter schools pay 80% of healthcare premiums for employees, with staff paying 20%. It also includes a 1% raise for those who aren't already part of the 80/20. If the Governor signs it, it will go into effect for 2026-27.

A bill to create a State Board of Education did not go anywhere but could be reintroduced in next year's session.

Ms. Myhre said HB2 continues to have a temporary moratorium on virtual charters. There is a \$6 million hold harmless provision, which included charter schools who lost money last year when they changed the at-risk funding. DATA was also affected by this.

Ms. Myhre said she met with APS on budgets for Titles 1-4, Perkins and the Next Gen grant, all of which flow through APS. They raised the qualification for Title I from 60% to 68%. DATA is 68.3% and qualifies for Title I, which will be about \$120,000. Title 2 (professional development) is about \$10,000 for next year. APS is opening up Title 4, which it has never done before; and this would amount to \$7,000 for DATA. It can be used for almost any purpose. DATA will apply for it and use it to supplement the nurse's salary.

Ms. Myhre said capital outlay will be \$100,000; so DATA will be able to continue work on the courtyards.

#### ➤ **FY24 CAP Update**

Ms. Myhre stated that the Finance Committee has not had an opportunity meet.

### **C. Financial Report: Ms. Myhre**

[Ms. Myhre presented the financial report in the absence of Mr. Gutierrez and Mr. Vigil, who were not able to attend].

➤ **Regular Financial Summary**

Ms. Myhre reviewed the January cash balance summary, expenditure report, revenue report, deposits & withdrawals, outstanding checks, and general ledger reports. She also reviewed BARs and RFRs,

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

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

[Ms. Myhre stated that Mr. Gutierrez and Mr. Vigil would present this report again at next month's meeting.]

**IV. NEW BUSINESS**

None.

**V. NEXT MEETING DATE**

A. March 19, 2026, 4:00 p.m. at DATA

**VI. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

None.

**VII. ADJOURNMENT: 4:33 p.m.**

*Minutes approved unanimously at the following Board meeting on 3/23/26.*