

MINUTES OF THE
DIGITAL ARTS AND TECHNOLOGY ACADEMY GOVERNING COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING

March 23, 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 Lambertson Place, NE, Albuquerque, New Mexico.

A. Roll Call: quorum present

Board Members Present:

Ms. Jennifer McDonald, Chair
Mr. Omar Durant
Ms. Janet Stephenson

Board Members Excused:

Ms. Tara Groneman

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:

Mike Vigil II, The Vigil Group

B. Adoption of Agenda

Mr. Duran 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: February 19, 2026, Regular Meeting

Ms. Stephenson moved approval of the February 19, 2026, minutes. Mr. Durant seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

II. PUBLIC FORUM

No speakers.

III. ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Administration Report: Alixandra Rael / Kristen Reeder / Holly Gurule

➤ Restorative Practices Update

Ms. Reeder made a slide presentation.

➤ Field Trip Update

Ms. Rael stated that several field trips are coming up. During one field trip, the middle schoolers will attend a play that a couple of their peers are in. There will also be an advisory field trip.

➤ Peer Observation Data

Ms. Rael presented slides detailing peer observation data, tracking academic Tier 1 supports, with 18 teachers participating.

➤ Capstone / Grad Profile

Ms. Rael stated that, for the Capstone grant profile, they will hold capstone day on Friday, May 15, with students from grades 8, 10 and 12 participating. The teachers are working in grade-level meetings right now and have been working with students all year to collect artifacts, etc., for their school presentations. For the six weeks between spring break and May 15, every teacher will dedicate at least one day a week working with the students.

Ms. Rael stated that they have their capstone portfolio material, which emerged from what she and Ms. Groneman did years ago, but it doesn't quite line up with some of the grant profile expectations from PED. Ms. Reeder and Dr. Gurule are looking at how to align the existing material with the new requirements.

➤ Career Fair

Ms. Rael announced that DATA will hold its first career fair this Friday. DATA's counselor, Aubree Boivin, has worked very hard on this. She is bringing in about 30 people representing different companies in a variety of trades, and she has been very purposeful in prepping the students for this experience.

➤ Synergy

Ms. Rael said the trainings are still ongoing. The data validation review will take place tomorrow. They are looking through all of the information that will eventually be turned over, looking for anything that needs to be cleaned up before the rollover in June.

A. Director Report: Lisa Myhre

➤ Legislative Update

Ms. Myhre reported that, regarding the virtual charter education bill she discussed at the last meeting, they are looking into schools that have distance learners. The only students who would qualify as distance learners would be those who have never been physically present, which would not apply to any of DATA's students.

Ms. Myhre said the literacy bill will affect middle schools this coming year, and DATA will have staff trained for that. It also will include HQIM (High Quality Instructional Materials). Charters can apply for a waiver when it is using different instructional materials, which is the case for DATA. While there are supplemental materials that could be helpful for DATA students, expending \$50,000 for an entire curriculum would not really provide any benefit for students or staff.

Ms. Myhre stated that the math bill will require individual learning plans for students in the younger grades who have math deficits.

Ms. Myhre said the 80/20 bill passed, which mandates that school districts and charter schools pay 80% of healthcare premiums for employees, with staff paying 20%. This will cost DATA \$60,000-\$65,000 annually.

Ms. Myhre reported that DATA will be required to purchase defibrillators. It is required to have them at every athletic event and practice.

Mr. Vigil noted that the 80/20 bill includes a 1% raise. He added that medical went up 9.95% and dental went up 4%. Risk premiums are going up an average of 16%. He recommended that all of these be included in the DATA budget.

➤ Math PD

Ms. Myhre commented that math professional development presents a challenge with respect to shifting philosophies and beliefs on how it should be taught, because people tend to teach the way they were taught. This year, DATA has an entirely new math department. The math teachers attended a conference in Indianapolis and are very excited about it. One of the companies she spoke with at the conference was a Canadian company, Making Math Moments. She commented that they have a lot of very good free resources and their focus is on mission and vision and how to design classes to create learning experiences that turn the thinking over to the students. Students are taught critical thinking on how to approach problems independently rather than being taught how to do it.

Ms. Myhre said this will cost \$55,000, which includes in-person visits in April, access to all of their resources and weekly zoom meetings with them. It covers the period of April 2026 to June 2027 for all grade levels.

➤ Title 1

Ms. Myhre reported that DATA has to have parent-family input on how it spends Title 1 funds. She sent proposals to the families and asked them to choose which areas they want to support. This coming year, DATA will get \$123,000.

➤ **FY24 CAP Update**

Ms. Myhre summarized discussion and action taken by the Finance Committee.

B. Financial Report: Jesse Gutierrez / Mike Vigil II

➤ **Regular Financial Summary**

Mr. Gutierrez reviewed the February 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**

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

➤ **Audit Update**

Mr. Vigil reviewed highlights from the audited financial statements as well as audit findings.

➤ **FY27 Budget Information & Deadlines**

Ms. Myhre stated that the FY27 preliminary budget will be submitted to APS on April 10. It is due to the state on April 27.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

None.

V. NEXT MEETING DATE

A. April 16, 2026, at 4:00 p.m.

VI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

VII. ADJOURNMENT: 5:10 p.m.

Minutes approved unanimously at the next Board Meeting on 4/16/26.