MINUTES OF THE

DIGITAL ARTS AND TECHNOLOGY ACADEMY GOVERNING COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING

April 16, 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:
Ms. Jennifer McDonald, Chair
Mr. Omar Durant
Ms. Tara Groneman
Ms. Janet Stephenson

Board Members Excused:

Staff/Faculty Present:
Ms. Lisa Myhre, Director
Ms. Alixandra Rael, Principal
Ms. Kristin Reeder, Dean of Students
Dr. Holly Gurule, Instructional Coach / Administrative Team
Ms. Kris Quisenberry, Human Resources Coordinator
Mr. Jesse Gutierrez, School Business Officer

Others Present:
Mike Vigil II, The Vigil Group

B. Adoption of Agenda

Ms. Stephenson 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: March 23, 2026, Regular Meeting

Mr. Durant moved approval of the March 23, 2026, minutes. Chair McDonald seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

II. PUBLIC FORUM

No speakers.

III. ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

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

- **Upcoming Events**

Dr. Gurule reported that students are filling out their registration requests for next year. In addition, they are setting up new student orientation meetings, where Admin will meet with any new student interested in coming and do an interview with them. Also, they are getting ready to send out the Next Step Plans to parents and students for completion. They will also send out the intent for parents to fill out regarding whether they plan to send their students to DATA in 2026-27.

Dr. Gurule said the awards ceremony will take place on May 28 at 9:00 a.m. Graduation will take place on May 29 at 11:00 a.m.

Dr. Gurule said the Capstone presentations by 8th, 10th and 12th grade students will take place on May 15.

Dr. Gurule reported that she and DATA CTE teachers went to CNM Ingenuity to view their Digital Media Bootcamp Capstone presentations. DATA teachers were able to see what the student presentations looked like and what types of software programs were being used. This will allow DATA teachers to enhance their conversations about student skillsets needed and leads into Ms. Myhre's vision of what a profile of a DATA graduate looks like.

- **State Testing**

Dr. Gurule reported that they did their 7th and 8th grade MSSA testing today for ELA and Language Arts. On Monday they will do their SAT testing, and then the Science testing will be done on the following Monday.

C. Director Report & 2026-27 Budget: Ms. Myhre

- **Budget Priorities for 2026-27**

Ms. Myhre reported that Making Math Moments, the company she met with at the recent conference in Minneapolis, will be at DATA next Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday to meet with the math team. One of the special ed teachers will also be part of this. Math has been a problem at DATA, and Making Math Moments will involve a multiyear commitment to ensure that DATA is doing what is necessary in the classroom, so the students are more engaged. To help cover the cost, DATA will apply for a New Mexico HQIM (High Quality Instructional Materials) Implementation Grant, which covers Math and Science.

- **Community Input for 2026-27 Budget**

Ms. Myhre said she sent this out and asked for community input. She received only one response, thanking DATA staff for all they do for the students.

- **2026-27 Calendar, Budget & Salary Schedules**

Ms. Myhre said she is finishing up the Ed Plan, and she and Ms. Rael have worked on the calendar. She then discussed the FY27 calendar details, including the fact that it will have 160 days - which is one day less than this year.

Mr. Durant moved approval of the 2026-27 calendar. Ms. Stephenson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Ms. Quisenberry reviewed the salary schedules.

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

B. Financial Report: Jesse Gutierrez / Mike Vigil II

- **FY25 CAP Update**

Mr. Gutierrez reported on discussion and action at the Finance Committee meeting.

- **Regular Financial Summary**

Mr. Gutierrez reviewed the March 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. Ms. Groneman seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Mr. Gutierrez then reviewed DATA's Fiscal Year 2026-27 (FY27) Budget Development in detail.

Ms. Stephenson moved to approve the FY27 Budget Development as presented. Mr. Durant seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Quisenberry said she will be mailing the graduation announcement and two tickets to board members next month.

Ms. Quisenberry said the annual evaluation for Ms. Myhre will take place at the next board meeting, and she will be mailing the forms to board members.

V. NEXT MEETING DATE

A. Thursday, May 21, 2026 – 4:00 p.m., if no other Budget meetings are needed.

VI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. To discuss limited personnel matters, as permitted by the Open Meetings Act, if needed – especially regarding the 2026-27 Budget [section 10-15-1(H)(2)]

Not needed.

VII. ADJOURNMENT: 4:30 p.m.

These minutes were approved unanimously at the Board Meeting on 5/21/26.