

JPTA RESOLUTION NO. 07-20-161

A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR DETERMINATION OF REASONABLE NOTICE OF MEETINGS OF THE J. PAUL TAYLOR ACADEMY (JPTA) GOVERNANCE COUNCIL.

WHEREAS, the J. Paul Taylor Academy Governance Council met in regular session at J. Paul Taylor Academy, located at 402 W Court, Building 2, Las Cruces, NM on this 17th day of July, 2019, at 6:30 p.m. as required by law; and

WHEREAS, Section 10-15-1(B) of the Open Meetings Act (NMSA 1978, Sections 10-15-1 to -4) states that, except as may be otherwise provided in the Constitution or the provisions of the Open Meetings Act, all meetings of a quorum of members of any board, council, commission, administrative adjudicatory body or other policymaking body of any state or local public agency held for the purpose of formulating public policy, discussing public business or for the purpose of taking any action within the authority of or the delegated authority of such body, are declared to be public meetings open to the public at all times; and

WHEREAS, any meetings subject to the Open Meetings Act at which the discussion or adoption of any proposed resolution, rule, regulation or formal action occurs shall be held only after reasonable notice to the public; and

WHEREAS, Section 10-15-1(D) of the Open Meetings Act requires the J. Paul Taylor Academy Governance Council to determine annually what constitutes reasonable notice of its public meetings;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the J. Paul Taylor Academy Governance Council that:

1. All meetings shall be held at J. Paul Taylor Academy at 6:30 p.m. or as indicated in the meeting notice.
2. Unless otherwise specified, regular meetings shall be held each month on the 3rd Wednesday. The agenda will be available at least seventy-two hours prior to the meeting at the J. Paul Taylor Academy website, jpaultayloracademy.org. Notice of any other regular meetings will be given ten days in advance of the meeting date. The notice shall indicate how a copy of the agenda may be obtained.
3. Special meetings may be called by the Chairperson or a majority of the members upon three days notice. The notice shall include an agenda for the meeting or information on how members of the public may obtain a copy of the agenda. The agenda shall be available to the public at least seventy-two hours before any special meeting.
4. Emergency meetings will be called only under unforeseen circumstances that demand immediate action to protect the health, safety and property of citizens or to protect the public body from substantial financial loss. The J. Paul Taylor Academy Governance Council will avoid emergency meetings whenever possible. Emergency meetings may be called by the Chairperson or a majority of the members upon seventy-two hours notice,

unless threat of personal injury or property damage or substantial financial loss requires less notice. The notice for all emergency meetings shall include an agenda for the meeting or information on how the public may obtain a copy of the agenda.

5. For the purposes of regular meetings described in paragraph 2 of this resolution, notice requirements are met if notice of the date, time, place and agenda is placed on the J. Paul Taylor Academy website, jpaultayloracademy.org. Copies of the written notice shall also be mailed and/or e-mailed to those broadcast stations licensed by the Federal Communications Commission and newspapers of general circulation that have made a written request for notice of public meetings.

6. For the purposes of special meetings and emergency meetings described in paragraphs 3 and 4 of this resolution, notice requirements are met if notice of the date, time, place and agenda is placed on the J. Paul Taylor Academy website, jpaultayloracademy.org. Telephone notice also shall be given to those broadcast stations licensed by the Federal Communications Commission and newspapers of general circulation that have made a written request for notice of public meetings.

7. In addition to the information specified above, all notices shall include the following language: If you are an individual with a disability who is in need of a reader, amplifier, qualified sign language interpreter, or any other form of auxiliary aid or service to attend or participate in the hearing or meeting, please contact the J. Paul Taylor Academy Administrative Offices at (575) 652-4006 at least one (1) week prior to the meeting or as soon as possible. Public documents, including the agenda and minutes, can be provided in various accessible formats. Please contact the J. Paul Taylor Academy Administrative Offices at (575) 652-4006 if a summary or other type of accessible format is needed.

8. The J. Paul Taylor Academy Governance Council may close a meeting to the public only if the subject matter of such discussion or action is exempted from the open meeting requirement under Section 10-15-1(H) of the Open Meetings Act.

(a) If any meeting is closed during an open meeting, such closure shall be approved by a majority vote of a quorum of the J. Paul Taylor Academy Governance Council taken during the open meeting. The authority for the closed meeting and the subjects to be discussed shall be stated with reasonable specificity in the motion to close and the vote of each individual member on the motion to close shall be recorded in the minutes. Only those subjects specified in the motion may be discussed in the closed meeting. A roll call vote will be used to move into a closed meeting.

(b) If a closed meeting is conducted when the J. Paul Taylor Academy Governance Council is not in an open meeting, the closed meeting shall not be held until public notice, appropriate under the circumstances, stating the specific provision of law authorizing the closed meeting and the subjects to be discussed with reasonable specificity, is given to the members and to the general public.

(c) Following completion of any closed meeting, the minutes of the open meeting that was closed, or the minutes of the next open meeting if the closed meeting was separately scheduled, shall state whether the matters discussed in the closed meeting were limited only to those specified in the motion or notice for closure.

(d) Except as provided in Section 10-15-1(H) of the Open Meetings Act, any action taken as a result of discussions in a closed meeting shall be made by vote of the J. Paul Taylor Academy Governance Council in an open public meeting.

DONE and APPROVED this 17th day of July, 2019.

APPROVED:

Stephanie Haan-Amato, Chair

ATTEST:

Jerry Wallace, Secretary