



Tehama eLearning Academy
GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
 Meeting Minutes
February 13th, 2025 @ 3:30pm

The meeting of the Tehama eLearning Academy Governance Committee was held on the above date. In addition to the Committee members: Michelle Barnard, Lourie Larcade, Sarah Baumgartner, Shelly Poliak, Diana Hamstreet and Jennifer Pockrus (Parent) were present.

1. Call to Order	The meeting was called to order at 3:32 PM
2. Roll Call	Present: Sara Smith, Annette Arnold, Liz Lurie, and Shey Blackwood (Parent)
3. Consent Agenda 3.1 Approval of Agenda 3.2 Approval of Minutes	<p>Liz Lurie motioned to approve the agenda. Annette seconded. The motion to approve item 3.1, <i>Approval of Agenda</i>, was accepted.</p> <p>Annette motioned to approve the January 23rd, 2025 meeting minutes. Liz seconded. The motion to approve item 3.2, <i>Approval of Minutes</i>, was accepted.</p>
4. Audience with Groups and/or Individuals to Speak	None
5. Administrator Report	<p>Michelle Barnard delivered the Administrator Report. There has been minimal change since the January 23rd Governance meeting. Michelle shared two important dates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> July 1st, 2025 TeLA must have a policy in place to address cell phone usage in school. Stakeholder feedback will be gathered and considered in the development of this policy. WASC (Western Association of Schools and Colleges) submission is due in December 2025 and the on-site visit is scheduled for February 9th, 2026. <p>Sara explains what the WASC is and why it is important to TeLA Accreditation.</p>
6. New Business 6.1 Art & Music Block Grant 2024/2025	<p><i>The item was tabled for further review.</i> The committee discussed various ideas for fiscal allocations of the grant, including collaboration with community partners, expanding on-site music programs and acquiring additional instruments, and exploring the potential use of Virtual Reality simulations similar to TCDE's Bridge to College and Careers.</p>

6.2 Ethnic Studies Requirements	Michelle Barnard presented the Ethnic Studies Requirements, outlining the upcoming changes and implementation timeline. Sara informed the committee that potential legislative changes are being monitored for future adjustments. Liz motioned to approve agenda item 6.2, <i>Ethnic Studies Requirements</i> . Annette seconded the motion. The motion to approve agenda item 6.2, <i>Ethnic Studies Requirements</i> , was accepted.
7. Old Business 7.1 LCAP - Mid-Year Report	<p>Michelle presented the mid-year Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP), highlighting student success rates and identifying areas of academic struggle across various reports. She also reviewed STAR testing scores and explained the differences between CAASPP and STAR assessments.</p> <p>Sara provided an overview of the California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP) and its relevance to TeLA, emphasizing the need for more intentional instructional strategies to support student growth and meet improvement goals.</p> <p>Additionally, Michelle introduced new data tracking methods and shared improvements in student lesson completion through the implementation of the Individual Course Completion Plan (ICCP). Since the adoption of ICCP, students have demonstrated progress in lesson completion, with further improvements anticipated. The Multi-Tiered System of Supports (MTSS) team is actively working to address current academic challenges.</p>
8. Governance Committee Discussion 8.1	<p>Sara provided an update on the Annual Funding Determination, explaining that TeLA has not met the required threshold for continued 100% funding despite efforts to do so. Laurie and Sara outlined the process and the significance of meeting expenditure requirements, as well as the contributing factors that led to the shortfall. The administrative team will be meeting to develop a plan to ensure compliance with expenditure requirements. The upcoming determination could result in a percentage reduction in funding.</p> <p>Shelly asked whether the filing occurs every two years. Laurie clarified that we can request funding for up to five years and that, during our last determination, we were granted two years of funding. Local Educational Agencies (LEAs) can request funding for anywhere between one and five years. An update will be provided at the next meeting.</p>
10. Adjournment	There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:19 PM
Next Meeting:	April 17th, 2024