

VGHS Governing Council Meeting Minutes
September 16, 2025

Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 5:03pm. The meeting took place in person, via Zoom platform: <https://zoom.us/j/7975088493> and by telephone: +1-669-900-6833 Meeting ID 7975088493#

Roll Call: Members present *in person*—Eleanor Romero, Shona Mares-Bond, Julie Turner, and Mark Goldman. Matt Whitener joined *via zoom and had to leave the meeting at 5:21pm*. **Absent:** Harold Cordova. Our lawyer, Dan Hill, joined tonight's meeting via Zoom.

Approval of Agenda 09/16/25: *Motion* to approve the agenda by E. Romero. 2nd by M. Goldman. Vote to approve: Eleanor Romero, Shona Mares-Bond, Julie Turner, Mark Goldman, and Matt Whitener. Against: None. Motion approved.

Approval of Minutes from 08/19/25: *Motion* to approve minutes by S. Mares-Bond. 2nd by M. Goldman. Vote to approve: Vote to approve: Eleanor Romero, Shona Mares-Bond, Julie Turner, Mark Goldman, and Matt Whitener. Against: None. Motion approved.

Public Comment: No public comment.

Teacher Report: Mark Vigil teaches all four of our English classes this year. He reported what each of our teachers are working on this month.

Student Report: No report, elections for Student government are taking place on 9/17/25.

Committees:

- a. **Student Attendance:** Harold Cordova appointed to this committee.
- b. **Sustainability:** Julie and Mark appointed to the committee.
- c. **Evaluation:** Julie, Matt, and Shona appointed to this committee.
- d. **Finance and Audit:** Shona and Matt appointed to the committee.

Report from Finance Director: Financial Update: Financials and Bank Statements were provided to all Governing Council members. The new fiscal year is off to a good start. FY2025 Audit is still in process. Audit is required to be sent to the State Auditor the Wednesday prior to Thanksgiving. Reminder that we will not discuss anything about the audit until released by the State Auditor in the Spring of 2026.

Also attached to the reports was the Related Party Questionnaire that must be signed by the Governing Board and items that need to be disclosed. Please take a look at it and make sure that you do not have anything that needs to be disclosed. Permission will be asked to attach board members signatures to the document. Finance Director then asked all board members if they had anything to disclose and they did not.

a. BARS for Approval:

BAR 585-000-2526-0007-I is an increase BAR for FUND 21100. This replaces BAR 585-000-2526-0005-I that was disapproved. The amount of the BAR is \$141.00 This brings the total budget to \$3,141.00.

Motion to approve the BARS as presented by M. Goldman. 2nd by S. Mares-Bond. Vote to approve: Eleanor Romero, Shona Mares-Bond, Julie Turner, and Mark Goldman. Against: None. Motion approved

b. Finance Report Acceptance: *Motion* to accept the unaudited financial reports as presented by the Finance Director by E. Romero. 2nd by S. Mares-Bond. Vote to approve: Eleanor Romero, Shona Mares-Bond, Julie Turner, and Mark Goldman. Against: None. Motion approved.

c. Finance Committee Meeting: Finance Committee met tonight at 4:30 with our Finance Director. Committee had questions on some of the expenditures and those questions were answered by our Finance Director.

d. Related Party Questionnaire (Action) *Motion* to give signature authority to Finance Manager to attach GB members signatures to this document by E. Romero. 2nd by M. Goldman. Vote to approve: Eleanor Romero, Shona Mares-Bond, Julie Turner, and Mark Goldman. Against: None. Motion approved.

e. Check Signers (Action) *Motion* to approve new president, Julie Turner, and new Vice President, Shona Mares-Bond to join Deanna Mooney and Jim Smith as check signers at both Centinel Bank and Hillcrest Bank immediately and remove Eleanor Romero September 30, 2025 by M. Goldman. 2nd by S. Mares-Bond. Vote to approve: Eleanor Romero, Shona Mares-Bond, Julie Turner, and Mark Goldman. Against: None. Motion approved.

GB Bylaws (Action): *Motion* to approve the newly updated Bylaws by E. Romero. 2nd by S. Mares-Bond. Vote to approve: Eleanor Romero, Shona Mares-bond, Julie Turner, and Mark Goldman. Against: None. Motion approved.

Executive Session: *Motion* to enter into Executive Session at 5:27 pm by E. Romero. 2nd by M. Goldman.

Vote to approve: Eleanor Romero-Yes, Shona Mares-Bond-Yes, Mark Goldman-Yes, and Julie Turner-Yes. Harold Cordova was absent from tonight's meeting and Matt Whitener had to leave the meeting at 5:21pm. Against: None. Motion approved.

The board is inviting Dan Hill and Deanna Mooney into Executive Session.

Motion by M. Goldman to exit Executive Session. 2nd by S. Mares-Bond. Vote to approve: Eleanor Romero-Yes, Shona Mares-bond-Yes, Mark Goldman-Yes, and Julie Turner-Yes. Harold Cordova & Matt Whitener was absent from tonight's meeting. Against: None. Motion approved.

Executive Session was exited at 5:57 pm. No business was discussed or voted on during Executive Session.

Director Report: Director Smith reported to the board on the following subjects:

- a. **3 Main charter focus update (4 PBL; CLR; Digital Portfolios)**
- b. **School Update:** included how well the first 2 weeks of school is going, project based learning opportunities, Edmentum online curriculum, current student enrollment, etc.
- c. **Governing Board Member Resignation (Eleanor Romero):** President, Eleanor Romero submitted her letter of resignation tonight.
- d. **Governing Board Recruitment:** Recruitment for new GB members is now open.

Next Meeting Agenda Items: None at the moment.

Next Regular Meeting: October 21, 2025 at 5:00 pm. Finance Committee will meet at 4:30pm.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn by E. Romero. 2nd by S. Mares-Bond. Vote to approve: Vote to approve: Eleanor Romero, Shona Mares-bond, Julie Turner, and Mark Goldman. Against: None. Motion approved.

Meeting adjourned at 6:33 pm.

Approve: Julianne C Turner Date: Oct. 21, 2025