

VGHS Governing Council Meeting Minutes
October 15, 2024

Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 5:00pm. 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, Harold Cordova, and Julie Turner. Mark Goldman joined the meeting at 5:06pm. *Absent:* None.

Approval of Agenda 10/15/24: Motion to approve agenda by J. Turner. 2nd by S. Mares-Bond. Vote to approve: Eleanor Romero, Shona Mares Bond, Harold Cordova, and Julie Turner. Against: None. Motion approved.

Approval of Minutes from 9/17/24: Motion to approve minutes by H. Cordova. 2nd by J. Turner. Vote to approve: Eleanor Romero, Shona Mares Bond, Harold Cordova, and Julie Turner. Against: None. Motion approved.

Public Comment: No Public Comment.

Revisit Governing Board Member and Officer Terms: VP Romero requested this agenda item be moved after the Financial Report.

Nominate new GB Member: Matt Whitener introduced himself to the board and expressed an interest in joining the Vista Grande High School governing board. Mr. Whitener stepped out so board members could discuss his membership and were very excited to invite him to join the board. Motion to approve Matt Whitener to the VGHS Governing Council by E. Romero. 2nd by J. Turner. Vote to approve: Eleanor Romero, Shona Mares Bond, Harold Cordova, Julie Turner, and Mark Goldman. Against: None. Motion approved.

Teacher Report: Heather McReynolds has been a teacher at VGHS for 9 years. She reported on what each teacher at VGHS are working on this month. Journalism class put out their first issue of The Vista View. Board VP, Eleanor Romero requested a copy of the next issue to be placed in board packets. Student Government held a Homecoming Dance last Friday and had a great turnout. Mrs. McReynolds invited board members to visit VGHS anytime.

Financial Report: Financial Update: Financials and Bank Statements were provided to all Governing Council members. Quarterly Reports will be submitted by October 31st. (941, WC, SUTA, PED Reports). FY2024 Audit is wrapping up.

- a. **BAR Approval:** No BARS were presented.
- b. **Finance Report Approval:** Motion to accept the financial report as presented by E. Romero. 2nd by M. Goldman. Vote to approve: Eleanor Romero, Shona Mares Bond, Harold Cordova, Julie Turner, and Mark Goldman.
- c. **Finance Audit Committee:** Finance audit committee met with our Finance Director this evening at 4:30pm.

Revisit Governing Board Member and Officer Terms: Board members reviewed the bylaws regarding member and officer terms. Board member Turner found some mistakes and changes that need to be made. Board members discussed the proposed changes and will vote on them at the November meeting.

Director Report: Director Smith reported on staff culture and our graduation rate. Our site visit from PED a couple of weeks ago went well. We had a staff member resign last week so teachers are triaging those classes. We are looking into hiring a new staff member in a coordinator position and getting students outside. The LANL foundation reached out asking if we would join them with their work based learning. They donated money to VGHS for our internships. Director Smith will be attending LANLs training next week to get more information. Director Smith reported that 30% of our students are involved in our work based learning program. We are looking into a fundraiser to help fund more WBL opportunities. Meeting with UNM Taos went well regarding funding the Stem U and Stem U-squared program. SLCs will be held on October 25th with parents & students. Our next Wellness Wednesday will be tomorrow at 1:45pm, board members are invited to attend. The goal is for students to learn one recipe per month that they can prepare on their own for themselves and/or their families. Director Smith is planning to start recruiting students for next year from our local middle schools soon.

Adoption of Policies and Procedures to IDEA B: The board received and reviewed the policies and procedures. Motion to adopt the Policies and Procedures to Idea B by M. Goldman. 2nd by J. Turner. Vote to approve: Eleanor Romero, Shona Mares Bond, Harold Cordova, Julie Turner, and Mark Goldman. Against: None. Motion approved.

Next Regular Agenda Items: Approval for revisions to GB office & terms for approval.

Next Regular Meeting: November 19, 2024 at 5:00 pm. Finance Committee will meet at 4:30pm.

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:26 pm.

Approve: Eleanor Romero

Date: 11-19-24