

VGHS Governing Council Meeting Minutes
February 17, 2026

Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 5:12pm. 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*—Julie Turner, Shona Mares-Bond, and Mark Goldman.
Absent: Matthew Whitener and Harold Cordova.

Approval of Agenda 02/17/26: *Motion* to approve the agenda by M. Goldman. 2nd by S. Mares-Bond. Vote to approve: Julie Turner, Shona Mares-Bond, and Mark Goldman. Against: None. Motion approved.

Approval of Minutes from 1/20/25: *Motion* to approve minutes by S. Mares-Bond. 2nd by M. Goldman. Vote to approve: Julie Turner, Shona Mares-Bond, and Mark Goldman. Against: None. Motion approved.

Public Comment: No public comment.

Staff Report: Victoria Flores is our WBL Coordinator at VGHS. She reported what each of our teachers are working on this month.

Student Report: No student report.

Report from Finance Director: Financial Update: Financials and Bank Statements were provided to all Governing Council Members. For the month of January, in addition to regular work, the following have been completed. Quarterly Reports for the second quarter of the fiscal year -PED Actuals and Cash Reporting; for the fourth quarter of the calendar year 941's, Workers Comp and State Unemployment. W-2's have been completed along with the uploads required. 1099's are completed and have been uploaded to proper authorities. SB-9 Year Expenditure Report was completed. Insurance Renewal Questionnaire has also been completed. ACA's will be given to employees by deadline.

The Office of the State Auditor has released the FY25 audited financial statements. The link to view and download the entire audit report for PED is [here](#). I have separated our portion of the audit for your review, It is interesting to look through the entire audit for comparison of performance. We have received an unmodified opinion for FY2025. That is the best opinion that we can receive. We did have one finding classified as other matters.

a. BARS for Approval:

The following BARS will be presented for approval:

BAR 585-000-2526-0028-I is an increase BAR for FUND 31701 - SB-9 Local. The amount of the increase is \$19,915.00.

BAR 585-000-2526-0029-T is a transfer BAR for FUND 27502 Career Technical Education Program. This is to transfer student travel funding from function 1000 to 2700.

BAR 585-000-2526-0030-I is an increase BAR for FUND 26107 REC/District Fiscal Agent. The amount of the award is \$10,000. The award is for PEC Indicators of Success Grant.

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

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

Disposal of Assets: A request was received from Taos Land Trust to purchase former VGHS equipment previously used on their property. A motion to approve the disposal of the discussed assets by M. Goldman. 2nd by S Mares-Bond. Vote to approve: Julie Turner, Shona Mares-Bond, and Mark Goldman. Against: None. Motion approved.

Evaluation Committee Update: President Turner updated the board on the continuing evaluation of the director.

Governing Board Training Update: President Turner updated the board on the GB training that was held last month. She felt that the training was very useful. They are creating a yearly calendar of GB duties and responsibilities that should be covered each month.

Community Advisory Committee Update: Adel Kosanke, **Dean of Sustainability.** Mrs. Kosanke updated the board on the Community Advisory Committee (CAC) meetings being held this year. Six meetings have taken place so far, and she is encouraging parents to attend. Mrs. Kosanke is asking for the board's support in developing a mission statement, vision, and core values for VGHS in preparation for the upcoming recharter.

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

a. Charter Goals Progress Update

4 PBL; CLR; Digital Portfolio; Crew

b. Academic Achievement focus:

i. NWEA Middle of the Year Testing Data 9th-11th grade, Update

ii. Intervention Update for English, Language Arts, and Math

iii. Update on Passage & Capstones for 12th graders

c. Middle of the Year School Improvement Team Visit (Thursday, February 19th)

- d. Public Education Commission visit on Friday, February 20th.
- e. Charter School Division Annual Site Visit on Thursday, March 26th
- f. Parent Communication: Traffic pattern for student pickup
- g. Other updates from School

Next Meeting Agenda Items: None.

Next Regular Meeting: March 24, 2026 at 5:00 pm. Finance Committee will meet at 4:30pm.

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:52 pm.

Approve: Julianne Turner Date: 3-24-2026