

**VGHS Governing Council Meeting Minutes**  
**July 16, 2024**

**Call to Order:** Meeting called to order at 5:02 pm. The meeting took place in person, via Zoom platform: <https://zoom.us/j/416203345> and by telephone: +1-669-900-6833 Meeting ID 416203345#

**Roll Call:** Members present *in person*—Elizabeth Roth, Eleanor Romero, Harold Cordova, and Mark Goldman. Shona Mares-Bond joined the meeting by phone at 5:06pm. **Absent:** Julie Turner.

**Approval of Agenda 7/16/24:** Motion to approve agenda by E. Romero. 2<sup>nd</sup> by H. Cordova. Vote to approve: Elizabeth Roth, Eleanor Romero, Harold Cordova, & Mark Goldman. Against: None. Motion approved.

**Approval of Minutes from 6/17/24:** Motion to approve minutes by H. Cordova. 2<sup>nd</sup> by M. Goldman. Vote to approve: Elizabeth Roth, Eleanor Romero, Harold Cordova, & Mark Goldman. Against: None. Motion approved.

**Public Comment:** No Public Comment.

**Attendance Policy Discussion:** Erick Struck, School Social Worker joined the meeting to discuss new attendance policy changes that the board would like to implement. He reviewed the “attendance for success act” that he currently enforces with students. Director Smith gave some ideas for tracking students their Junior year, etc. Director Smith and former Director St. Onge did not want to modify the policy until the board was able to hear from Social Worker, Struck. The attendance policy was discussed by the board and gave the modification duty to director, Smith and former director, St. Onge.

**Idea B Application Approval:** The application was reviewed and motion was made by E. Roth to approve the Idea B Application. 2<sup>nd</sup> by E. Romero. Roll call vote to approve: Elizabeth Roth-yes, Eleanor Romero-yes, Harold Cordova-yes, Mark Goldman-yes, Shona Mares-Bond-yes. Against: None. Motion approved.

**Governing Board member terms and roles:** Board members were given Article VII of the GB Bylaws regarding Council Membership to revisit. Currently, our board needs a parent and Taos Pueblo member to sit on the board. Director Smith and former Director St. Onge will meet with Bettina Sandoval next week and will inquire about obtaining a Taos Pueblo member for our board. Harold Cordova asked to join their meeting. Board members will take Article VII home to review.

**22-23 & 23-24 Annual Reports:** The reports were handed out and former Director, St. Onge reviewed the reports with the board.

**Open Meetings Act:** Motion to approve the Open Meetings Act with change in meeting day for FY25 by E. Roth. 2<sup>nd</sup> by E. Romero. Vote to approve: Elizabeth Roth, Eleanor Romero, Harold Cordova, Mark Goldman, & Shona Mares-Bond. Against: None. Motion approved.

**Conflict of Interest Policy:** Motion to approve the Conflict of Interest Policy for FY25 by E. Roth. 2<sup>nd</sup> by H. Cordova. Vote to approve: Elizabeth Roth, Eleanor Romero, Harold Cordova, Mark Goldman, & Shona Mares-Bond. Against: None. Motion approved.

**Community Schools Report:** Vice President, Eleanor Romero gave the board and new director a background history of what Community Schools is and how it came about.

**Financial Report:** Finance Director was not able to attend tonight’s meeting due to a death in the family.

Financial Update: Financials and Bank Statements were provided to all Governing Council members. Budget for FY2025 has been approved. Finance Director is currently finishing up year-end deadlines, quarterly reports, and beginning of year setup. Audit is also beginning. The Lease Assistance application is out and Finance Director will need to use board members signatures for the conflict of interest statement.

**BAR Approval:** End of year BARS will be presented for ratification at the next meeting.

Finance committee did not meet tonight.

Motion to accept the financial report as presented and grant authority to use board signatures for the Lease Assistance Application by E. Roth. 2<sup>nd</sup> by E. Romero. Vote to approve: Elizabeth Roth, Eleanor Romero, Harold Cordova, Mark Goldman, & Shona Mares-Bond. Against: None. Motion approved.

**Resolution for Governing Board Meeting Dates FY25:** Motion to accept new GB meeting dates by E. Romero. 2<sup>nd</sup> by H. Cordova. Vote to approve: Elizabeth Roth, Eleanor Romero, Julie Turner, Harold Cordova, Shona Mares-Bond, and Mark Goldman. Against: None. Motion approved.

**Director Report:** Director, Jim Smith presented his first director’s report to the board. Onboarding with Isabelle St. Onge is going well. He feels like his head is “above water” during this time of learning. He is currently conducting interviews for a couple of positions. He attended last month’s Charter Conference, he reviewed beginning of the year dates, CTE program with UNM, & next year’s clubs. Idea for a .25 mentor for the year.

**Next Regular Agenda Items:** Superintendent mentor terms & salary. Land acknowledgement. Revisit governing board member & officer terms.

**Next Regular Meeting:** August 20, 2024 at 5:00 pm.

**Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn by E. Romero. 2<sup>nd</sup> by E. Roth. Vote to approve: Elizabeth Roth, Eleanor Romero, Harold Cordova, Mark Goldman, & Shona Mares-Bond. Against: None. Motion approved.

Meeting adjourned at 6:29 pm.

Approve: Elizabeth Roth

Date: 8-20-24