

VGHS Governing Council Meeting Minutes
January 21, 2025

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, Julie Turner, and Matthew Whitener. Mark Goldman joined the meeting at 5:01pm. **Absent:** None

Approval of Agenda 01/21/25: Motion to approve agenda by J. Turner. 2nd by H. Cordova. Vote to approve: Eleanor Romero, Shona Mares-bond, Harold Cordova, Julie Turner, Matthew Whitener, and Mark Goldman. Against: None. Motion approved.

Approval of Minutes from 12/17/24: Motion to approve minutes by S. Mares Bond. 2nd by J. Turner. Vote to approve: Eleanor Romero, Shona Mares-bond, Harold Cordova, Julie Turner, Matthew Whitener, and Mark Goldman. Against: None. Motion approved.

Public Comment: No Public Comment.

Teacher Report: Dr. Jordan Alexander teaches Algebra I, Algebra II, and Geometry classes at VGHS. He reported on what each teacher at VGHS are working on this month. Dr. Alexander informed the board that there is a trip to Chaco Canyon being planned over Spring Break for Sophomores that he will be chaperoning.

Student Report: Estevan Martinez is a Senior at VGHS and our Student Body & Student Government President. He reported on how well student government is going this year as opposed to last year. He stated that they are having weekly meetings and they are more organized this year. They are conducting various fund raisers to raise money for Prom 2025.

Financial Report: Financial Update: Financials and Bank Statements were provided to all Governing Council members. In addition to regular work, Quarterly reports are being prepared for the second quarter of the fiscal year (PED Actuals and Cash Reporting) Fourth Quarter of the calendar year (941, WC, and SUTA) Also, Preparing W-2, 1099s, and ACAs for Processing. Also working on SB-9 yearly reporting and Insurance Renewal. The Audit is still under review by the State Auditor

a. BAR Approval:

The following BARS will be presented for approval:

585-000-2425-0010-M is a maintenance BAR for Fund 27407 Family Income Index to move money to the actual needs of the school.

585-000-2425-0011-T is a transfer BAR for Fund 27901 Indian Education Act to transfer money to the correct function for the needs of the school.

585-000-2425-0012-M is a maintenance BAR for 24190 Title I CSI to move money to the actual needs of the school.

585-000-2425-0013-T is a transfer BAR for FUND 24190 CSI to transfer money to the correct function for the needs of the school

585-000-2425-0014-M is a VOIDED BAR

Motion to accept BARS as presented by J. Turner. 2nd by S. Mares Bond. Vote to approve: Eleanor Romero, Shona Mares-bond, Harold Cordova, Julie Turner, Matthew Whitener, and Mark Goldman. Against: None. Motion approved.

b. Finance Report Approval: Change to Salary Schedule – Finance Committee discussed in detail on December 4th at 11:30am via Zoom and the change to the salary schedule was presented for ratification at this meeting.

Motion to accept the finance report by J. Turner. 2nd by M. Goldman. Vote to approve: Eleanor Romero, Shona Mares-bond, Harold Cordova, Julie Turner, Matthew Whitener, and Mark Goldman. Against: None. Motion approved.

c. Finance Audit Committee: Finance audit committee met with our Finance Director this evening and had their questions answered.

Director Report: Director Smith submitted his report to the board. We had a great turnout for our Celebration of Learning last month. We are one week into our second semester. We had 3 staff members transition from full time to part time due to their personal needs. We had a new part time staff member join us this semester, Adel Kosanke, who is teaching Regenerative Agriculture. Director Smith invited board members to our Wellness Wednesday tomorrow, January 22nd and also gave the board his ideas for student recruitment for 2025-2026. Our application to enroll in VGHS has changed to include a letter of interest and a letter of recommendation. As a continuation from last year's Freshmen Stem U, we are starting a Stem U Squared in March for our Sophomores at UNM Taos.

Student Attendance Follow-up: We had 8 out of 12 students approach the board to petition their absences & grades at the December meeting. The 4 students that did not petition were referred to Taos Teen Court.

Next Meeting Agenda Items: Student Body Government expectations of the Governing Board. Recruitment report updates from Director.

Next Regular Meeting: February 18, 2025 at 5:00 pm. Finance Committee will meet at 4:30pm.

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:13 pm.

Approve: Eleanor Romero

Date: 2-18-25