

VGHS Governing Council Meeting Minutes
March 24, 2026

Call to Order: Meeting called to order at **5:01pm**. 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, Matthew Whitener, Harold Cordova, and Mark Goldman.
Absent: None.

Approval of Agenda 03/24/26: *Motion* to approve the agenda by S. Mares-Bond. 2nd by H. Cordova. Vote to approve: Julie Turner, Shona Mares-Bond, Matthew Whitener, Harold Cordova, and Mark Goldman. Against: None. Motion approved.

Approval of Minutes from 2/17/26: *Motion* to approve minutes by M. Goldman. 2nd by S. Mares-Bond. Vote to approve: Julie Turner, Shona Mares-Bond, Matthew Whitener, Harold Cordova, and Mark Goldman. Against: None. Motion approved.

Public Comment: No public comment.

Staff Report: Jennie Begley is our PE, Culinary, and Student Nutrition Assistant at VGHS. She reported what each of our teachers are working on this month.

Student Report: Aliyah Archuleta, Student Government President, presented the student report to the board, highlighting updates on prom, ongoing fundraising activities, and a proposed vaping/smoking prevention campaign. She also noted their participation in the Dr. Seuss Birthday celebration on March 6th and the upcoming Easter Eggstravaganza on April 4th at the Youth Center.

Report from Finance Director: Financial Update: Financials and Bank Statements were provided to all Governing Council Members. For the month of February, in addition to regular work, the following has been completed. Final Cash Position, and Audited Actuals upload were completed by deadlines. ACA's were provided to employees. Budget Conference was held March 18-20th. We have the preliminary unit value and a budget due date of May 12th. The board must approve the budget and submit signatures no later than June 20th, 2026. 910B5's (Operational Funding - State Equalization Guarantee) should be received by the school this week.

a. BARS for Approval:

The following BARS will be presented for approval:

BAR 585-000-2526-0031-D is a voided BAR

BAR 585-000-2526-0032-I is an increase BAR for FUND 31703 SB-9 State Match for funding per grant award letter. The amount of the award is \$2,541.40.

BAR 585-000-2526-0033-I is an increase BAR for FUND 24101 Title I. The amount of the award is \$3,042.13.

Motion to approve the BARS as presented by S. Mares-Bond. 2nd by M. Goldman. Vote to approve: Julie Turner, Shona Mares-Bond, Matthew Whitener, Harold Cordova, and Mark Goldman.

Finance Report Acceptance: *Motion* to accept the unaudited financial reports as presented by the Finance Director by S. Mares-Bond. 2nd by H Cordova. Vote to approve: Julie Turner, Shona Mares-Bond, Matthew Whitener, Harold Cordova, and Mark Goldman. Against: None. Motion approved.

b. 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.

Evaluation Committee Update: President Turner reported receipt of the staff evaluation results. The board will next proceed with the Director's self-evaluation and will schedule a meeting in the near future to complete this process.

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. SAT School Day update - Today

iii. NM-ASR update – April 15th & 16th

iv. Math & Reading Interventions Update

c. Middle of the Year School Improvement Team Visit recap – MOY SIT-M recap document in GB members folders.

d. Public Education Commission visit on Friday, February 20th recap

e. Charter School Division Annual Site Visit on Thursday, March 26th

f. 120th Day Enrollment Report

i. Update on Attendance

g. Update on Recruitment

i. TISA, Taos International, Taos Charter, Taos Day School, Roots & Wings

ii. VGHS and Taos Pueblo Community Night – May 7th @VGHS

h. Parent Communication: Traffic patterns for student pick-up

i. Other updates from School: Rivers & Birds project, April Stem U at UNM-Taos, Work Based Learning, possible upcoming TK1 promotional video, staff shoutouts, and current enrollment.

Next Meeting Agenda Items: None. President Turner and Secretary Mares-Bond updated the board on a Charter School luncheon they attended at El Monte Sagrado last week.

Next Regular Meeting: April 21, 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, Matthew Whitener, Harold Cordova, and Mark Goldman. Against: None. Motion approved.

Meeting adjourned at 6:24 pm.

Approve: Julianne Turner Date: April 21, 2026