VGHS Governing Council Meeting Minutes
April 21, 2026

Call to Order: Meeting called to order at **5:08pm**. 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, Matthew Whitener, and Mark Goldman.
Absent: Shona Mares-Bond and Harold Cordova.

Approval of Agenda 04/21/26: ***Motion*** to approve the agenda by M. Whitener. 2nd by M. Goldman. Vote to approve: Julie Turner, Matthew Whitener, and Mark Goldman. Against: None. Motion approved.

Approval of Minutes from 03/24/26: ***Motion*** to approve minutes by M. Whitener. 2nd by M. Goldman. Vote to approve: Julie Turner, Matthew Whitener, and Mark Goldman. Against: None. Motion approved.

Public Comment: No public comment.

Discussion and possible action:

a. **Designation of new board member (Colleen Shaughnessy)** ***Motion*** to accept Colleen Shaughnessy to join our board by M. Whitener. 2nd by M. Goldman. Vote to approve: Julie Turner, Matthew Whitener, and Mark Goldman. Against: None. Motion approved. The board welcomed Colleen to the board.

Staff Report: Aimee Lynn Stearns is our SPED EA at VGHS. She reported what each of our teachers are working on this month. She also invited the board to be panelists for our Sophomore and Senior passage presentations in May. She gave an update on the REWARDS program she is leading with our students.

Student Report: No student report.

Report from Finance Director: Financial Update: Financials and Bank Statements were provided to all Governing Council Members. 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. In addition to regular work, currently working on quarterly reports and preparing budget.

a. BARS for Approval:
The following BAR will be presented for approval.
BAR 585-000-2526-0034-I is an increase BAR for FUND 11000 Operational in the amount of $32,335.71. This amount is due to all factored in elements for the final SEG amounts. A memo was issued for these changes, that I have attached.
BAR 585-000-2526-0035-I is an increase BAR for FUND 24172 Carl D. Perkins-Reserve in the amount of $1,075.00.
BAR 585-000-2526-0036-T is a Transfer BAR for FUND 27502 Career Technical Education to allocate budget to proper coding.
BAR 585-000-2526-0037-M is a maintenance BAR for FUND 27502 Career Technical Education to allocate budget to proper coding.
BAR 585-000-2526-0038-M is a maintenance BAR for FUND 27552 CTE Innovation Zone to allocate budget to proper coding.
BAR 585-000-2526-0039-T is a Transfer BAR for FUND 27552 CTE Innovation Zone to allocate budget to proper coding.
Motion to approve the BARS as presented by M. Whitener 2nd by M. Goldman. Vote to approve: Julie Turner, Matthew Whitener, Mark Goldman, and Colleen Shaughnessy. Against: None. Motion approved.

b. **Finance Report Acceptance:** ***Motion*** to accept the unaudited financial reports as presented by the Finance Director by M. Whitener. 2nd by C. Shaughnessy. Vote to approve: Julie Turner, Matthew Whitener, Mark Goldman, and Colleen Shaughnessy. Against: None. Motion approved.

c. **Finance Committee Meeting:** Finance Committee was not able to meet tonight.

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.

Executive Session: Personnel Matter: Motion to enter into Executive Session at 5:41pm by M. Whitener. 2nd by M. Goldman. Rollcall Vote: Julie Turner-Yes, Matthew Whitener-Yes, Mark Goldman-Yes, Colleen Shaughnessy-Yes. Against: None. Motion approved. Motion to exit out of Executive Session by M. Whitener. 2nd by M. Goldman. Rollcall vote to exit Executive Session: Julie Turner-Yes, Matthew Whitener-Yes, Mark Goldman-Yes, and Colleen Shaughnessy-Yes. Against: None. Motion approved. Executive Session was exited at 6:00 pm. No business was discussed or voted on during Executive Session.

Unified Application Approval (Action)

a. **Title I, Title II, Title IV, Title V, and IDEA-B**
Motion to approve the Unified Application by M. Goldman. 2nd by C. Shaughnessy. Vote to approve: Julie Turner, Matthew Whitener, Mark Goldman, and Colleen Shaughnessy. Against: None. Motion approved.

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 End of the Year Testing 9th-11th grade
      1. May 6th-8th
   ii. SAT School Day update
   iii. NM-ASR update

c. End of the Year School Improvement Team Visit recap

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

e. Attendance Update
   i. 95.9% rating on 120th Day
   ii. Over half of our students are in Tier 1 and Tier 2

f. Update on Recruitment
   i. TISA, Taos International, Taos Charter, Taos Day School, Roots & Wings
   ii. VGHS and Taos Pueblo Community Night – May 7th @VGHS

g. Other updates from School: 9th Grade Stem U at UNM-Taos, WBL Internships, TK1 promotional video, on-track Seniors have received their cap & gowns, lots of place based experiential learning currently taking place, staff shoutouts, and current enrollment numbers.

Next Meeting Agenda Items: None.

Next Regular Meeting: May 19, 2026 at 5:00 pm. Finance Committee will meet at 4:30pm.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn by M. Whitener. 2nd by M. Goldman. Vote to approve: Vote to approve: Julie Turner, Matthew Whitener, Mark Goldman, and Colleen Shaughnessy. Against: None. Motion approved.
Meeting adjourned at 6:42 pm.

Approve: Julianne Turner **Date**: May 19, 2026