

VGHS Governing Council Meeting Minutes
March 25, 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, Matthew Whitener, and Julie Turner joined the meeting at 5:04pm. *Absent:* Mark Goldman.

Approval of Agenda 03/25/25: Motion to approve the agenda by H. Cordova. 2nd by S. Mares Bond. Vote to approve: Eleanor Romero, Shona Mares-bond, Harold Cordova, and Matthew Whitener. Against: None. Motion approved.

Approval of Minutes from 02/18/25: Motion to approve minutes by S. Mares Bond. 2nd by H. Cordova. Vote to approve: Eleanor Romero, Shona Mares-bond, Harold Cordova, and Matthew Whitener. Against: None. Motion approved.

Public Comment: Five students and one parent expressed their concerns regarding Administrator actions, Administrative policies, the quality of food from the school lunch program along with the rules regarding the program.

Executive Session: Personnel Matter: Motion to enter into Executive Session at 5:26pm by M. Whitener. 2nd by J. Turner.
Rollcall Vote: Eleanor Romero-Yes, Shona Mares-Bond-Yes, Harold Cordova-Yes, Matthew Whitener-Yes, Julie Turner-Yes. Against: None.
Motion approved. Executive Session was exited at 6:30 pm. No business was discussed or voted on during Executive Session.

Teacher Report: Jayne Schell teaches Art at VGHS. She reported on what each teacher at VGHS are currently working on.

Student Report: Student Body & Student Council President, Estevan Martinez: Mr. Martinez reported on various fundraisers being held to help with this year's prom. The main fundraiser is their raffle sales which is ready to begin. Donation letters will be going out soon to various businesses asking for donations for the raffle.

Financial Report: Financial Update: Financials and Bank Statements were provided to all Governing Council Members. In addition to regular work, working on preparing for budget and keeping up to date on legislative updates. The FY24 Audit has been released. Vista Grande received an unmodified opinion which is a clean opinion (the best available), and the school had no audit findings. Copies of the audit are included in your packet. One BAR was presented for approval:

a. BAR Approval:

BAR 585-000-2425-0025-I is an increase BAR for FUND 26107 REC/DISTRICT FISCAL AGENT in the amount of \$10,000. This is from the PEC for Special Projects Framework Award.

Motion to approve the BAR as presented by H. Cordova. 2nd by S. Mares Bond. Vote to approve: Eleanor Romero, Shona Mares-bond, Harold Cordova, Matthew Whitener, and Julie Turner. Against: None. Motion approved.

b. Finance Report Approval: Motion to accept the finance report as presented by J. Turner. 2nd by S. Mares Bond. Vote to approve: Eleanor Romero, Shona Mares-bond, Harold Cordova, Matthew Whitener, and Julie Turner. Against: None. Motion approved.

c. Finance Audit Committee: Finance audit committee did not meet this evening.

By-laws (Action): Motion to table this line item for the April meeting by J. Turner. 2nd by M. Whitener. Vote to approve: Eleanor Romero, Shona Mares-bond, Harold Cordova, Matthew Whitener, and Julie Turner. Against: None. Motion approved.

Assurances for School Safety Plan: No action was required.

Director Report: Director Smith presented his report to the board. He updated them on Student Recruitment for the 2025-26 school year and Family Engagement Night held last month. Director Smith reported on our Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resources focus. He gave a UNM-Taos Update on a second meeting with Chancellor Gutierrez and Kelsey Mead who both stated that this year is the highest amount of dual enrollment students VGHS has ever had. We have an 11th grade student receiving a certificate from UNM Taos who will be walking in the UNM graduation. Stem U and Stem U squared is starting this Friday for our 9th and 10th grade students. Chancellor Gutierrez from UNM Taos and Director Smith will meet on a monthly basis to further build a relationship. VGHS received a \$25,000 ARPA grant and will partner up with AIRE and TILT.

Next Meeting Agenda Items: Grievance procedure, school lunch complaints, GB Bylaws, Director evaluation system, and a Student Government feedback form.

Next Regular Meeting: April 15, 2025 at 5:00 pm. Finance Committee will meet at 4:30pm.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:16 pm.

Approve: Eleanor Romero

Date: 4-15-25