

**VGHS Governing Council Meeting
Minutes
May 20, 2025**

Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 5:00pm. The meeting took 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 5:06pm. **Absent:** None.

Approval of Agenda 05/20/25: **Motion** to approve the agenda by J. Turner. 2nd by S. Mares-Bond. Vote to approve: Eleanor Romero, Shona Mares-bond, Harold Cordova, Julie Turner, and Matthew Whitener. Against: None. Motion approved. We had to revise the agenda to remove approval of minutes for special meeting on May 6, 2025.

Approval of Minutes from 04/15/25: **Motion** to approve minutes by S. Mares-Bond. 2nd by M. Whitener. Vote to approve: Eleanor Romero, Shona Mares-bond, Harold Cordova, Julie Turner, and Matthew Whitener. Against: None. Motion approved.

Public Comment: Seven individuals signed up and all seven spoke during public comment.

Executive Session: Personnel Matter: **Motion** to enter into Executive Session at 5:26 pm by H. Cordova. 2nd by S. Mares-Bond. Vote to approve: Eleanor Romero, Shona Mares-bond, Harold Cordova, Mark Goldman, Matthew Whitener, and Julie Turner. Against: None. Motion approved.

Motion by S. Mares-Bond to come out of Executive Session. 2nd by H. Cordova. Vote to approve: Eleanor Romero, Shona Mares-bond, Harold Cordova, Mark Goldman, Matthew Whitener, and Julie Turner. Against: None. Motion approved.

Executive Session was exited at 5:58 pm. No business was discussed or voted on during Executive Session.

Teacher Report: Erick Struck is our School Social Worker at VGHS. He reported on what each teacher at VGHS are currently working on.

Student Report: Student Council President, Estevan Martinez: Mr. Martinez reported that they lost 3 members of the Student Council but gained 2 more officers. Prom went really well. They are currently adding amendments to their constitution so the council will be successful next year. Mr. Martinez will resign his presidency during this year's graduation since he will be graduating this year.

Financial Report: Financial Update: Financials and Bank Statements were provided to all Governing Council members. In addition to regular work, we are working on wrapping up FY2025 and getting FY2026 started. Quarterly reports were prepared and submitted for the third quarter of the fiscal year (PED Actuals and Cash Reporting) First Quarter of the calendar year (941, WC, and SUTA) Vista Grande's budget was submitted to PED on May 9th. We will be asking that you review and approve our FY26 Budget, Salary Schedules, and Calendar. With budget approval I will need approval to use your signatures for the budget approval document. I have attached a copy of what that will look like.

The following BAR will be presented for your approval:

a. BAR Approval:

BAR 585-000-2425-0031-D is a decrease BAR for FUND 24154 Title II Funding. Amount of reduction is \$842.00.

We are getting close to the end of the year where we request permission to submit all BARS needed to end the year in a timely manner with any submitted to be brought back for ratification. This will take Governing Council authority.

Motion to approve the BAR presented and permission to submit any BARS for ratification by J. Turner. 2nd by M. Goldman. Vote to approve: Eleanor Romero, Shona Mares-bond, Harold Cordova, Mark Goldman, Matthew Whitener, and Julie Turner. Against: None. Motion approved.

b. Budget Approval: Proposed budget was reviewed by our Finance Director.

Motion to accept the proposed 2025-26 Budget as presented by S. Mares-Bond. 2nd by M. Whitener. Vote to approve: Eleanor Romero, Shona Mares-bond, Harold Cordova, Mark Goldman, Matthew Whitener, and Julie Turner. Against: None. Motion approved.

c. Salary Schedules: Salary Schedules were reviewed by our Finance Director.

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

d. Calendar Approval:

Motion to accept the 2025-26 Calendar as presented by M. Whitener. 2nd by M. Goldman. Vote to approve: Eleanor Romero, Shona Mares-bond, Harold Cordova, Mark Goldman, Matthew Whitener, and Julie Turner. Against: None. Motion approved.

e. Finance Report Approval: Finance Committee met tonight at 4:30 with our Finance Director. **Motion** to accept the finance report as presented by S. Mares-Bond. 2nd by J. Turner. Vote to approve: Eleanor Romero, Shona Mares-bond, Harold Cordova, Mark Goldman, Matthew Whitener, and Julie Turner. Against: None. Motion approved.

By-laws: President Romero would like to table this item until the June meeting. **Motion** to table the By-laws line item by S. Mares-Bond 2nd by M. Goldman. Vote to approve: Eleanor Romero, Shona Mares-Bond, Harold Cordova, Mark Goldman, Julie Turner, and Matt Whitener. Against: None. Motion approved.

Approve Lottery Policy and Information: Director Smith reviewed the policy with the board.

Motion to approve the Lottery Policy and Information by J. Turner. 2nd by M. Whitener. Vote to approve: Eleanor Romero, Shona Mares-Bond, Harold Cordova, Mark Goldman, Julie Turner, and Matt Whitener. Against: None. Motion approved.

Director Report: Director Smith reviewed the EOY School Improvement Team-Monitoring Report, Data Holy Sheet, and our College and Career Readiness Programs. He reported that we have 15 seniors graduating, 13 of which are participating in our daily school program and 2 completing through our Night Flyer Program. 13 out of the 15 have been accepted to a Post-Secondary Program. 7 Scholarships have been awarded. We have 15 accepted applications for incoming Freshmen and 17 re-enrollment applications from current students. Passages are being held at UNM Taos this Thursday, May 22nd. STEM U and TK1 Digital Literacy will be wrapping up this Friday. Field Institute of Taos field trips for 9th – 11th grades were able to get outdoors. Our 12th grade opted out so they could continue final prep for Passages but were able to go rafting on Monday. Upcoming events are 10th & 12th grade Passages on May 22nd, Celebration of Learning on May 28th, and Graduation on May 30th.

Next Meeting Agenda Items: By-Laws

Next Regular Meeting: June 17, 2025 at 5:00 pm. Finance Committee will meet at 4:30pm.

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:55 pm.

Approve: Eleanor Romero Date: 9-4-25