

VGHS Governing Council Meeting Minutes
April 15, 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, Mark Goldman, Julie Turner joined via Zoom.
Absent: Matthew Whitener.

Approval of Agenda 04/15/25: Motion to approve the agenda by S. Mares-Bond. 2nd by H. Cordova. Vote to approve: Eleanor Romero, Shona Mares-bond, Harold Cordova, Mark Goldman, and Julie Turner. Against: None. Motion approved.

Approval of Minutes from 03/25/25: Motion to approve minutes by H. Cordova. 2nd by M. Goldman. Vote to approve: Eleanor Romero, Shona Mares-bond, Harold Cordova, Mark Goldman, and Julie Turner. Against: None. Motion approved.

Public Comment: Two students spoke during public comment. One student expressed concerns regarding Administrator policies and the other shared results of a survey created by the student. One parent expressed concerns regarding a comment made to a student by one of their teachers and another parent voiced concern on a lack of communication regarding testing scores.

Executive Session: Personnel Matter: Motion to enter into Executive Session at 5:28 pm by S. Mares Bond. 2nd by M. Goldman.
Rollcall Vote: Eleanor Romero-Yes, Shona Mares-Bond-Yes, Harold Cordova-Yes, Mark Goldman-Yes, Julie Turner-Yes. Against: None. Motion approved. Executive Session was exited at 7:00 pm. No business was discussed or voted on during Executive Session.

Teacher Report: Sam Starsiak is our SPED Director at VGHS. He reported on what each teacher at VGHS are currently working on.

Student Report: Student Council President, Estevan Martinez and Gia Cordova, Student Council VP: Mr. Martinez reported that they are working on a raffle right now to fundraise for prom. They have the venue ready to go for May 7th. The student council created a student feedback form in one of their meetings with help from teacher sponsors. It is placed in Erick's office for student's to access and report any feedback.

Advisory Committee Meeting Report: Dean of Sustainability, Adel Kosanke; A report was given to the board by Mrs. Kosanke regarding the advisory committee meeting that was held last month.

Attendance Report: Erick Struck, School Social Worker: Seven (7) students from grades 9-11, were scheduled to petition their absences to receive credit this semester. Six (6) students were present and petitioned the board.

Director Eval Discussion: Our board president handed out a sample director evaluation for board members to review created by her and board member Turner. The board recommended the director submit a self-evaluation as well.

Financial Report: Financial Update: Financials and Bank Statements were provided to all Governing Council Members. In addition to regular work, currently preparing quarterly reports, and working on the budget for FY26. Budget Conference was held this past week. Our Budget is due to PED May 9th. The board must approve the budget and submit signatures no later than June 20th, 2025.

The following BARS will be presented for your approval:

a. BAR Approval:

BAR 585-000-2425-0026-D is a decrease BAR for FUND 11000 OPERATIONAL in the amount of \$54,078.92. Original SEG was \$1,440,535.35 reduced to 1,386,456.43. This Adjustment reflects final unit value, teacher cost index audits, NB certified teaching, save harmless and adjustments to projected membership based on the first reporting period.

BAR 585-000-2425-0027-T is a transfer BAR for FUND 27552-CTE State Wide Innovations, this is to transfer money to other line item expenditures.

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

Finance Report Acceptance: Motion to accept the finance report as presented by H. Cordova. 2nd by M. Goldman. Vote to approve: Eleanor Romero, Shona Mares-bond, Harold Cordova, Mark Goldman, and Julie Turner. Against: None. Motion approved.

b. Finance Audit Committee: Finance audit committee met this evening at 4:30 pm.

Reduction in Force Proposal: Motion to approve the reduction in force proposal by M. Goldman 2nd by H. Cordova. Vote to approve: Eleanor Romero, Shona Mares-bond, Harold Cordova, Mark Goldman, and Julie Turner. Against: None. Motion approved.

Director Report: Director Smith presented his report to the board. He reported on a significant improvement in our attendance. Dual enrollment numbers reported to him by the UNM dual enrollment registrar, Kelsey Mead, are reported to be the highest it's ever been. Work Based learning has 54 students participating. Recruitment update was given to the board regarding the application process. He along with the VGHS Leadership team decided to remove the letter of interest and letter of recommendation as part our enrollment process. We do not want to provide any barriers to students attending VGHS. Director Smith reported on student academic data in reading, math, and language usage analyzing the growth for BOY to MOY data. We have been working with UNM-Taos dual enrollment to align our 2025-26 schedule as much as possible in order to open up different dual enrollment options for students. Signage with our school policy regarding "outside food" presented at the last meeting, was placed in the Cafeteria for students to review. He reported on our "student voice" document, formal VGHS leadership team meetings, and other upcoming events.

Next Meeting Agenda Items: Grievance procedure, GB Bylaws, Director evaluation form, budget approval, salary schedule, and calendar approval.

Next Regular Meeting: May 20, 2025 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: Vote to approve: Eleanor Romero, Shona Mares-bond, Harold Cordova, Mark Goldman, and Julie Turner. Against: None. Motion approved.

Meeting adjourned at 8:23 pm.

Approve: Eleanor Romero Date: 5-22-25