

**VGHS Governing Council Meeting**

***DRAFT* Minutes**

**June 17, 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, Mark Goldman, and Matthew Whitener.  
**Absent:** None.

**Approval of Agenda 06/17/25:** *Motion* to approve the agenda by J. Turner. 2<sup>nd</sup> by S. Mares-Bond. Vote to approve: Eleanor Romero, Shona Mares-bond, Harold Cordova, Julie Turner, Matthew Whitener, and Mark Goldman. Against: None. Motion approved.

**Approval of Minutes from 05/20/25:** *Motion* to approve minutes by S. Mares-Bond. 2<sup>nd</sup> by M. Goldman. Vote to approve: Eleanor Romero, Shona Mares-bond, Harold Cordova, Julie Turner, Mark Goldman, and Matthew Whitener. Against: None. Motion approved.

**Public Comment:** Two individuals signed up and spoke during public comment.

**Executive Session: Personnel Matter:** *Motion* to enter into Executive Session at 5:08 pm by S. Mares-Bond. 2<sup>nd</sup> by M. Goldman. Vote to approve: Eleanor Romero-Yes, Shona Mares-bond-Yes, Harold Cordova-Yes, Mark Goldman-Yes, Matthew Whitener-Yes, and Julie Turner-Yes. Against: None. Motion approved..

*Motion* by S. Mares-Bond to come out of Executive Session. 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 5:20 pm. No business was discussed or voted on during Executive Session.

**Administrator Contract Approval:** *Motion* to approve the Administrator's contract for the 2025-26 school year and appoint Mark Goldman and Matthew Whitener to negotiate salary by E. Romero. 2<sup>nd</sup> by J. Turner. Vote to approve: Eleanor Romero-Yes, Shona Mares-bond-Yes, Harold Cordova-Yes, Julie Turner-Yes, Mark Goldman-Yes, and Matthew Whitener-Yes. Against: None. Motion approved.

**Financial Report:** Financial Update: Financials and Bank Statements were provided to all Governing Council Members. In addition to regular work the budget was submitted to PED on May 9th. We are continuing budget work as budgets are finalized on other funding sources. FY25 Audit has already begun prior to the close of the FY25 school year.

a. **BAR Approval: No BARS were presented for approval.**

b. **Finance Report Approval: Finance Committee met tonight at 4:30 with our Finance Director.** *Motion* to accept the finance report as presented by M. Whitener. 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

c. **Finance Committee Meeting:** Met at 4:30 PM this evening.

**Governing Board By-laws:** President Romero went over the changes that need to be made to the By-laws. She would like to table the Bylaws until changes are made. *Motion* to table the By-laws by S. Mares-Bond 2<sup>nd</sup> by H. Cordova. Vote to approve: Eleanor Romero, Shona Mares-Bond, Harold Cordova, Mark Goldman, Julie Turner, and Matt Whitener.  
Against: None. Motion approved.

**IDEA B 2025-26 Application:** Director Smith reviewed the Idea B application with the board.

*Motion* to approve the IDEA B application by M. Goldman. 2<sup>nd</sup> by S. Mares-Bond. Vote to approve: Eleanor Romero, Shona Mares-Bond, Harold Cordova, Mark Goldman, Julie Turner, and Matthew Whitener. Against: None. Motion approved. President Romero will sign this week.

**Director Report:** Director Smith reported on the success of our End of Year events such as Passages, Celebration of Learning , and Graduation. He reported on our Freshman enrollment for 25-26 along with our planned enrollment advertisement. He reported on our staffing updates and the interviews he and the interview committee had this week. Board member Cordova recommended that a student join our interview committee. Director Smith concurred. No upcoming events in June or July.

**Next Meeting Agenda Items:** By-Laws.

**Next Regular Meeting: No July GB Meeting.** August 19, 2025 at 5:00 pm. Finance Committee will meet at 4:30pm.

**Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn by S. Mares Bond. 2<sup>nd</sup> by M. Goldman. 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 5:59 pm.

**Approve:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_