

VGHS Governing Council Meeting Minutes
May 19, 2026

Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 5:06pm. 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, Shona Mares-Bond, Harold Cordova, and Matthew Whitener. *Joined via Zoom* – Colleen Shaughnessy. *Absent:* Mark Goldman. Matthew Whitener had to leave the meeting at 6:15pm.

Approval of Agenda 05/19/26: *Motion* to approve the agenda by S. Shona Mares-Bond. 2nd by M. Whitener. Vote to approve: Julie Turner, Shona Mares-Bond, Harold Cordova, Colleen Shaughnessy and Matthew Whitener. Against: None. Motion approved.

Approval of Minutes from 04/21/26: *Motion* to approve minutes by C. Shaughnessy. 2nd by S. Mares-Bond. Vote to approve: Julie Turner, Shona Mares-Bond, Harold Cordova, Colleen Shaughnessy and Matthew Whitener. Against: None. Motion approved.

Public Comment: No public comment.

Staff Report: Lynn Brashar is our SPED Director at VGHS. She reported what each of our teachers are working on this month.

Student Report: No student report.

Report from Finance Director: Financial Update: Financials and Bank Statements were provided to all Governing Council Members. In addition to regular work, quarterly reports were submitted by deadlines for 941, SUTA, WC, PED Actuals, and Cash Report. Our budget was due to PED on May 12th. The board must approve the budget and submit signatures no later than June 20, 2026. We will plan for board approval at this meeting.

a. BARS for Approval:

The following BAR were be presented for approval.

BAR 585-000-2526-0040-M is a maintenance BAR for FUND 26107 REC to move money to appropriate line items.

BAR 585-000-2526-041-I is an increase BAR for FUND 24106 IDEA-B in the amount of \$5,194.79. This is per PED award memo.

BAR 585-000-2526-0042-I is an increase BAR to rebudget FUND 31100 GO BOND available money in the amount of \$122,005.70.

BAR 585-000-2526-0043-D is a decrease BAR for FUND 24101 Title I. The decrease is in the amount of \$17,389.00.

BAR 585-000-2526-0044-I is an increase BAR for FUND 24189 Title IV. The amount of the increase is \$17.57.

BAR 585-000-2526-0045-D is a decrease BAR for FUND 24154 Title II. The amount of the decrease is \$1,666.30.

Mrs. Mooney is asking to allow her to submit any BARS that are needed for year end and that they are brought back for ratification at a future meeting depending upon when they are submitted

Motion to approve the BARS as presented and allow the Finance Director to submit any BARS needed for year end and brought back for ratification by S. Mares-Bond 2nd by H. Cordova. Vote to approve: Julie Turner, Shona Mares-Bond, Harold Cordova, Colleen Shaughnessy and Matthew Whitener. Against: None. Motion approved.

Finance Director asked for approval for a Permanent Cash Transfer for monies never received in Fund 26107 from FY25. The amount of the cash transfer is \$4,364.72.

Motion to approve the Permanent Cash Transfer by H. Cordova 2nd by S. Mares-Bond. Vote to approve: Julie Turner, Shona Mares-Bond, Harold Cordova, Colleen Shaughnessy and Matthew Whitener. Against: None. Motion approved.

b. Finance Report Acceptance: *Motion* to accept the unaudited financial reports as presented by the Finance Director by S. Mares-Bond. 2nd by H. Cordova. Vote to approve: Julie Turner, Shona Mares-Bond, Harold Cordova, Colleen Shaughnessy and Matthew Whitener. Against: None. Motion approved.

c. Finance Committee Meeting: Finance Committee met prior to the meeting and discussed several of the expenditures within the budget.

Budget Approval: Our Finance Director presented the budget for FY27 including salary schedule, revenues & expenditures. *Motion* to approve the budget and salary schedule as presented by H. Cordova. 2nd by M. Whitener. Vote to approve: Julie Turner, Shona Mares-Bond, Harold Cordova, Colleen Shaughnessy and Matthew Whitener. Against: None. Motion approved.

Calendar Approval: Director Smith went over the FY27 calendar with the board. *Motion* to approve our FY27 calendar by H. Cordova. 2nd by S. Mares-Bond. Vote to approve: Julie Turner, Shona Mares-Bond, Harold Cordova, Colleen Shaughnessy and Matthew Whitener. Against: None. Motion approved.

Food Service Management Company Renewal Contract FY27: *Motion* to approve the FSMC by M. Whitener. 2nd by H. Cordova. Vote to approve: Julie Turner, Shona Mares-Bond, Harold Cordova, Colleen Shaughnessy and Matthew Whitener. Against: None. Motion approved.

Evaluation Committee Update: President, Julie Turner and the board would like to offer Director, Jim Smith a contract for FY27.

Executive Session: a. NMSA 1978, Section 10-15-1 (H)(8), meetings for the discussion of the purchase, acquisition or disposal of real property or water rights by the public body:

Motion to enter into Executive Session at 5:48pm by S. Mares-Bond. 2nd by H. Cordova. The board would like to invite Opal McCarthy, a potential future board member, to remain in Executive Session for educational purposes.

Rollcall Vote: Julie Turner-Yes, Shona Mares-Bond-Yes, Matthew Whitener-Yes, Harold Cordova-Yes, Colleen Shaughnessy-Yes. Against: None. Motion approved.

Motion to exit out of Executive Session by S. Mares-Bond. 2nd by M. Whitener. Vote to approve: Julie Turner, Shona Mares-Bond, Harold Cordova, Colleen Shaughnessy and Matthew Whitener. Against: None. Motion approved.

Executive Session was exited at 6:15 pm. No business was discussed or voted on during Executive Session.

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 Update**
 2. **Focus on data analysis and strengthening our instruction and schoolwide approach**
- c. **Update on Recruitment**
 - i. **TISA, Taos International, Taos Charter, Taos Day School, Roots & Wings**
 - ii. **VGHS and Taos Pueblo Community Night recap**
- d. **Other updates from School:**
 - i. **Passages on Thursday, May 21st**
 - ii. **Celebration of Learning on Wednesday, May 27th**
 - iii. **Graduation on Friday, May 29th**
 - iv. **VGHS 4PBL Project on June 3rd and 4th**

Next Meeting Agenda Items: None.

Next Regular Meeting: June 16, 2026 at 5:00 pm. Finance Committee will meet at 4:30pm.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn by S Mares-Bond. 2nd by H. Cordova. Vote to approve: Julie Turner, Shona Mares-Bond, Harold Cordova, and Colleen Shaughnessy. Against: None. Motion approved.

Meeting adjourned at 6:38 pm.

Approve: _____

Julie Turner

Date: _____

June 16, 2026