

## VGHS Governing Council Meeting Minutes February 18, 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, Julie Turner, Matthew Whitener, and Mark Goldman.  
**Absent:** None. Wayne Sherwood joined our meeting in person.

**Governing Board in-person Training:** Today, February 18, 12pm to 4:30pm. Members present: Eleanor Romero, Shona Mares-bond, Harold Cordova, Julie Turner, Matthew Whitener, and Mark Goldman. Absent: None.

**Approval of Agenda 02/18/25:** Motion to approve agenda by J. Turner. 2<sup>nd</sup> by H. Cordova. 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 01/25/25:** Motion to approve minutes by M. Goldman. 2<sup>nd</sup> by H. Cordova. Vote to approve: Eleanor Romero, Shona Mares-bond, Harold Cordova, Julie Turner, Matthew Whitener, and Mark Goldman. Against: None. Motion approved.

**Public Comment:** No Public Comment.

**Teacher Report: Andrew Stuart** teaches English III & IV, Post-Secondary Preparation, and Journalism classes at VGHS. He reported on what each teacher at VGHS are working on this month. He reported that we were able to fill all 21 slots given to us by NM Work Force Solutions for Work Based Learning jobs.

**Student Report: Estevan Martinez** could not make the meeting due a death in his family.

**Financial Report:** Financial Update: Financials and Bank Statements were provided to all Governing Council Members. In the month of January, in addition to regular work, Quarterly Reports were completed for the second quarter of the fiscal year (PED Actuals and Cash Reporting). For the fourth quarter of the calendar year (941, WC, and SUTA), were completed. W-2's and 1099s were sent out to employees and contractors and uploaded to the proper authorities. SB-9 Yearly Expenditure Report was completed. Insurance Renewal for the school was completed. Audits are still under review by the State Auditor.

**a. BAR Approval:**

The following BARS were presented for approval:

BAR 585-000-2425-0015-I is an increase BAR for Fund 11000 Operational in the amount of \$44,432.84. This is the carryover of prior year funding.

BAR 585-000-2425-0016-D is a PED produced BAR that is not needed.

BAR 585-000-2425-0017-I is an increase BAR for FUND 21100 Universal Free Lunch - State Funding in the amount of \$1,296.00. This is the carryover of prior year funding.

BAR 585-000-2425-0018-I is an increase BAR for FUND 25153 Medicaid in the amount of \$9,974.13. This is the carryover of prior year funding.

BAR 585-000-2425-0019-I is a PED produced BAR that is not needed.

BAR 585-000-2425-0020-D is a PED produced BAR that is not needed.

BAR 585-000-2425-0021-D is a PED produced BAR that is not needed.

BAR 585-000-2425-0022-D is a PED produced BAR that is not needed.

BAR 585-000-2425-0023-D is a PED produced BAR that is not needed.

BAR 585-000-2425-0024-IB is an initial BAR for FUND 24160 Rural & Low-Income Schools is a BAR in the amount of \$3,129.00.

**Motion** to approve BARS as presented 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.

**b. Finance Report Approval:**

**Motion** to accept the finance report by H. Cordova. 2<sup>nd</sup> by M. Goldman. Vote to approve: Eleanor Romero, Shona Mares-bond, Harold Cordova, Julie Turner, Matthew Whitener, and Mark Goldman. Against: None. Motion approved.

**c. Finance Audit Committee:** Finance audit committee met with our Finance Director this evening from 4:45 pm to 5:00 pm and had some questions answered.

**Director Report:** Director Smith presented his report to the board. He updated the board on his recruitment plan. Family Night will be Wednesday, March 12<sup>th</sup> for potential and current students. Grades are being updated in PowerSchool so parents and students are able to retrieve current grades. Absent and Tardy policies are currently being updated. Director Smith and Governing Board VP Romero will be attending the PEC meeting on Friday, Feb 21<sup>st</sup>. We are expecting visit from SIT-M on Thursday, Feb 20<sup>th</sup> in regards to our CSI grant. We had 2 FAFSA nights with Bridges and had great participation. Director Smith will be meeting with the UNM program director and Chelsea Mead to discuss the future of VGHS. Passages will be held on May 22<sup>nd</sup> at UNM Taos Campus. Graduation will be held on Friday, May 30<sup>th</sup> at KTAOS.

**Next Meeting Agenda Items:** Equity Council discussion. GC Bylaw feedback by Director.

**Next Regular Meeting:** March 25, 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 H. Cordova. Vote to approve: Eleanor Romero, Shona Mares-bond, Harold Cordova, Julie Turner, Matthew Whitener, and Mark Goldman. Against: None. Motion approved.

Meeting adjourned at 6:18 pm.

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