

**VGHS Governing Council Meeting Minutes**  
**June 17, 2024**

**Call to Order:** Meeting called to order at **5:03 pm**. The meeting took place in person, via Zoom platform: <https://zoom.us/j/416203345> and by telephone: **+1-669-900-6833 Meeting ID 416203345#**

**Roll Call:** Members present *in person*—Elizabeth Roth, Eleanor Romero, Julie Turner, Harold Cordova, Shona Mares-Bond, and Mark Goldman. *Absent:* None.

**Approval of Agenda 6/17/24:** Motion to approve agenda after removing item xi because of duplication, by J. Turner. 2<sup>nd</sup> by S. Mares-Bond. Vote to approve: Elizabeth Roth, Eleanor Romero, Julie Turner, Harold Cordova, Shona Mares-Bond, and Mark Goldman. Against: None. Motion approved.

**Approval of Minutes from 5/20/24:** Motion to approve minutes with removal of agenda item XII by E. Romero. 2<sup>nd</sup> by M. Goldman. Vote to approve: Elizabeth Roth, Eleanor Romero, Julie Turner, Harold Cordova, Shona Mares-Bond, and Mark Goldman.. Against: None. Motion approved.

**Public Comment:** No Public Comment.

**Attendance Policy Changes:** Board members want to review student attendance sooner than at the end of the May. Ideas were given for incentives and/or penalties for excessive absences. Suggestions to have tribal government send in a letter or call excusing Taos Pueblo students. Board would like to start tracking attendance since 9<sup>th</sup> grade. Idea for social worker to track tier I & II and board for tier III & IV. Board would like parents to sign a separate attendance agreement. Board advised former director and new director to type up the policy with changes and bring it to the July meeting for approval.

**Financial Report:** Financial Update: Financials and Bank Statements were provided to all Governing Council members. Budget for FY25 was submitted to the Public Education Department on May 7th. Closing FY24 and starting the opening of FY25.

**BAR Approval:** Consent for all Maintenance BARS

Finance committee met tonight at 4:30pm and all questions were answered.

Motion to accept the financial report as presented by E. Roth. 2<sup>nd</sup> by M. Goldman. Vote to approve: Elizabeth Roth, Eleanor Romero, Julie Turner, Harold Cordova, Shona Mares-Bond, and Mark Goldman. Against: None. Motion approved.

**New Check Signer Approval:** Governing Board to remove former director, Isabelle St. Onge from both bank accounts and add new director, James Smith. Check signers will now be James Smith, Elizabeth Roth, Eleanor Romero, and Deanna Mooney.

Motion to add new check signer by E. Romero. 2<sup>nd</sup> by S. Mares-Bond. Vote to approve: Elizabeth Roth, Eleanor Romero, Julie Turner, Harold Cordova, Shona Mares-Bond, and Mark Goldman. Against: None. Motion approved.

**Governing Board Meeting Dates FY25:** Currently meeting on 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of every month but board members would like to change to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays of every month beginning July 16<sup>th</sup> 2024. July 16<sup>th</sup> will be a special meeting in order to ratify the new dates.

Motion to change FY25 GB meeting dates to 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of every month by E. Roth. 2<sup>nd</sup> by E. Romero. Vote to approve: Elizabeth Roth, Eleanor Romero, Julie Turner, Harold Cordova, Shona Mares-Bond, and Mark Goldman. Against: None. Motion approved.

**Director Report:** Director, Isabelle St. Onge presented her last director's report to the board. She updated the board on last week's charter school conference, our awarded grants, our "CSI school" label, our removal of "SAM" label, and next year's staff.

**Next Regular Agenda Items:** Approval of Idea B. Attendance Policy approval. Resolution to change meeting dates. Revisit governing board member & officer terms. Charter Schools Division 2022-23 Annual Report. Report from Julie and Eleanor regarding Community Schools conference.

**Next "Special" Meeting:** July 16, 2024 at 5:00 pm.

**Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn by H. Cordova. 2<sup>nd</sup> by E. Romero. Vote to approve: Elizabeth Roth, Eleanor Romero, Julie Turner, Harold Cordova, Shona Mares-Bond, and Mark Goldman. Against: None. Motion approved.

Meeting adjourned at 6:03 pm.

Approve: Elizabeth Roth

Date: 7-16-24