

**Vista Grande High School
213 Paseo del Canon East
Taos, NM 87571
Regular Meeting Agenda
September 15th, 2026 at 5:00 pm
All items on the agenda are subject to action.**

Notice is hereby given that the Governing Council of Vista Grande High School will hold the regular meeting on
September 15th, 2026

The meeting will take place in person. It will also be available via Zoom platform:
<https://zoom.us/j/7975088493?pwd=8WQKGKqddRnJ7ghawmezjNYp96PAA10.1>

Meeting ID: 797 508 8493
Passcode: VGHS25-26!

MEETING AGENDA

PUBLIC COMMENT NOTE: Anyone wishing to address the Governing Board during 'Public Comment' will need to email our Governing Board President ahead of the start of the meeting in order to be added to the list. The deadline for this is 4:00 pm on the day of the meeting. Their email address is: gb.jturner@vghs.org. There will also be a sign-up sheet at 'Public Comment'.

i. Land Acknowledgement:

Vista Grande High School is located on the traditional homelands of the people of the Taos Pueblo, the original stewards of the land. It is through their stewardship that we can live together in peace in the Taos Valley.

ii. Call to Order:

iii. Roll Call: Members present: Members absent

iv. Approve Agenda for September 15th, 2026 (Action needed to approve and/or amend the agenda)

v. Approve Meeting Minutes from August 18th, 2026 Governing Board Meeting

vi. Public Comment:

The Governing Board will allocate a total of 15 minutes for public comment. Please be sure that you signed up, appropriately, prior to addressing the Governing Board. Topics related to an individual student, other than for positive recognition, should not be raised in this forum. Please contact the School's Administrator to make an appointment. In addition, if you have complaints or concerns regarding individual Teachers, School Director, or concerning individual Students, these concerns must be raised in writing. These concerns can be emailed to our Governing Board President at the following email: gb.jturner@vghs.org. If a group of individuals holding the same viewpoint plans to speak to make the same point, we ask that you appoint a spokesperson for the group who can speak on your behalf. Please understand that the Governing Board will not respond to direct questions during public comment, but any member of the Governing Board may request that a discussion or action item be placed on a subsequent agenda to address a specific concern. As a reminder for us all, we ask that we all focus on staying respectful with our words. We are all working together as a community to best support all of our students. Thank you!

vii. Discussion and possible action

a. Designation of new board member (Opal McCarthy)

viii. Staff Report: Jennie Begley

ix. Student Report: Timothy Pacheco, Student Government President, and Anjelina Martinez, Student Government Vice President

x. Report from Finance Director:

a. BAR Approval/Permanent cash transfer (Action)

c. Finance Report Approval (Action)

d. Finance Committee Meeting Report: Shona Mares Bond and Colleen Shaughnessy

x. Report from Governing Board President: Julie Turner

- a. Officer Terms**
- b. SY 26-27 Board Elections**
- c. Board Training for SY 26-27**
- d. Board Committee Structure and Assignments for the Year**
- e. Recruitment Committee**

xi. Strategic Planning Subcommittee Report: Jim Smith

xiv. Director Report

- a. Charter Goals Progress Update**
 - i. 4-PBL; CLR; Digital Portfolio; Crew**
- b. Academic Achievement Focus**
 - i. BOY Testing complete**
 - ii. PSAT in October**
 - iii. Interventions for ELA and Math**
- c. Update on Recruitment and Enrollment**
 - i. Current Student Enrollment #'s**
 - ii. Advertising efforts: PSA's, Radio ads, outreach to business and community organizations, movie theater ad, Taos News 'Anuncios'**
- d. Other updates from School**
 - i. Traffic Pattern Committee and follow up**
 - ii. Update on Charter Renewal and CSD Visit**
 - iii. Cornhole Tournament on Sept. 24**
 - iv. Rocky Mountain Youth Corps presentation**
 - v. Recharter Application update**

xv. Next Meeting Agenda Items

xvi. Next Regular Meeting: October 20, 2026

xvii. Adjournment:

***Agenda posted on website 09/11/26**

***Announcement posted on front doors at VGHS on 09/11/26**