

Ventura Charter School of Arts and Global Education

Regular Board Meeting - March

Date and Time

Thursday March 19, 2026 at 6:30 PM PDT

Location

Ventura Charter School of Arts and Global Education
2060 Cameron Street
Ventura, CA 93001

Room 20

INSTRUCTIONS FOR PRESENTATIONS TO THE BOARD BY PARENTS AND THE COMMUNITY

The Ventura Charter School of Arts and Global Education ("School") welcomes your participation at the School's Board meetings. The purpose of the public meeting of the Board of Directors ("Board") is to conduct the affairs of the School in public. We are pleased that you are in attendance and hope that you will visit these meetings often. We honor our partners in education. We recognize that we are a collective group of teachers, parents, students, and community. We encourage written and verbal communication. Your participation is vital to the healthy operation of our school. Our guidelines:

1. Agendas are available to all audience members at the door to the meeting and online at venturacharterschool.org
 2. "Request to Speak" forms are available to all audience members who wish to speak on any agenda item(s) or under the general category of "Oral Communications".
 3. "Public Comments" is set aside for members of the audience to address the Board. However, due to public meeting laws, the Board can only listen to your issue, not respond or take action. These presentations are limited to five (5) minutes each and total time allotted to non-agenda items that will not exceed thirty (30) minutes. The Board may give direction to staff to respond to your concern or you may be offered the opinion of returning with a community-requested item.
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4. With regard to items that are on the agenda, you may specify that agenda item on your request form and you will be given an opportunity to speak for up to five (5) minutes when the Board discusses that item.
5. When addressing the Board, speakers are requested to state their name and affiliation with the School.
6. Community members may request that a topic related to School business be placed on future agenda in accordance with the guidelines in Board Governance Policy. Once such an item is properly agendized and publicly noticed, the Board can discuss, respond, and possibly act upon such an item.
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9. Board agendas for regular meetings are posted 72 hours in advance at www.venturacharterschool.org and at 2060 Cameron Street, Ventura, CA 93001.

Agenda

	Purpose	Presenter	Time
I. Opening Items			6:30 PM
Opening Items			
A. Call the Meeting to Order		Tom Mc Nerney	
B. Record Attendance and Guests		Tom Mc Nerney	
C. Mission Statement		Tom Mc Nerney	1 m
<i>VCS engages every student in meaningful and supportive learning experiences to grow resilient, educated, and socially intelligent human beings.</i>			
D. Approval of Minutes from February 19, 2026	Approve Minutes	Tom Mc Nerney	5 m
Approval of the attached is requested.			
E. Approval of the Agenda	Vote	Tom Mc Nerney	1 m
F. Consent Agenda	Vote	Lisa Hildebrand	5 m
<i>All items listed under consent are considered to be routine and may be enacted by approval of a single motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items;</i>			

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however, any item may be removed from the consent agenda upon request of any member of the Board and acted upon separately.

--**Ratification** of attached check register, purchase orders, summary of revenue and expenditures for the month of February 2026.

--**Gifts to School:**

--**Credit Cards:**

January

LHildebrand: \$1,486.92

CSandbach: \$4,185.43

-**Personnel: none**

Resignation of:

Hiring of:

--Ceasar Bernal - Custodian, FTE ,9583

--Angelica Schiffer - Certificated Sub

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G. Upcoming Events

Lisa Hildebrand

2 m

--March

-19, 20, 23, 24 - Parent/Student/Teacher Conferences

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-27 - Middle School Dance			
--March 30 - April 6 - Spring Break			
--April			
-1 - 700 Forms DUE from ALL Board Members			

II. Communications 6:44 PM

A. Public Comments	FYI	Tom Mc Nerney	5 m
B. President and Board Report	FYI	Tom Mc Nerney	5 m
C. Board Committee Reports	FYI	Tom Mc Nerney	5 m

25/26 Board Committee Members:

Governance Committee: Tom McNerney (Chair) and Tricia McClain

Finance Committee: Liz Smiley (Chair), Sam Estes, and Tricia McClain

CEO Support and Evaluation Committee: Tom McNerney (Chair), Erika Dowd, and Sam Estes

Fundraising Liaison: Sam Estes

D. Teacher Report	Discuss		10 m
Teacher Report Slide Show			
E. Directors' Report	FYI	Lisa Hildebrand	5 m
The Board will hear a report from the Assistant Director and the Executive Director.			
F. VCOE Director of Charter School Support and Oversight Report	FYI	Marlo Hartsuyker	5 m

III. Items Scheduled for Information, Discussion, and/or Action 7:19 PM

A. Approval of the Prop 28 Annual Certification	Vote	Rudy Calasin	5 m
Approval of the attached is requested.			
B. Decision to Match the VUSD Start and End Dates Beginning in 2027/2028	Vote	Lisa Hildebrand	10 m

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A Board vote is requested to decide if VCS should change the calendar to better match the VUSD calendar for start and end dates beginning in the year 2027/2028.			
C. St. Paul Lease Agreement	Vote	Lisa Hildebrand	5 m
Approval of the attached is requested.			
D. VCS Student and Family Surveys	FYI	Lisa Hildebrand	20 m
The Board will hear a presentation of the VCS Student and Family mid-year surveys.			

IV. Other Business

7:59 PM

A. Future Topics	Discuss	Lisa Hildebrand	5 m
B. Board Meeting Check In	Discuss	Tom Mc Nerney	5 m

VCS Board Goals for the 2025/2026 School Year:

2025/26 VCS Board Goals

1.) Students progressing towards the highest level of achievement

a. Support and monitor student growth so that students are consistently progressing toward mastery of grade-level standards, with increasing numbers achieving proficiency and advanced performance across all learning areas.

2.) Oversee and Manage the School Budget Responsibly

a. Approve a balanced annual budget, 2026/27 fiscal year, that reflects academic priorities and long-term financial sustainability.

3.) Improve School Facilities to Support Learning

a. Develop a sustainable facilities plan by working with Ventura Unified to complete a comprehensive facilities assessment by December 31, 2025, to identify safety, maintenance, capacity, and facility improvement needs.

4.) Build and Strengthen Board Capacity

a. Increase board capacity by adding 3 board members to the board by June 30th, 2026.

b. Actively recruit board members with diverse professional expertise that aligns with the school's strategic priorities, including areas such as fundraising, facilities management, finance, legal, and education.

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V. Closing Items

8:09 PM

A. Adjourn Meeting

Vote

Tom Mc Nerney