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Regular Board Meeting - August

Date and Time

Thursday August 20, 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.
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.

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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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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
	VCS engages every student in meaningful and supportive learning experiences to grow resilient, educated, and socially intelligent human beings.			
D.	Approval of Minutes from June 23, 2026	Approve Minutes	Tom Mc Nerney	5 m
	Approval of the attached is requested.			
E.	Approval of the minutes from August 11, 2026	Approve Minutes	Tom Mc Nerney	5 m
	Approval of the attached is requested.			
F.	Approval of the Agenda	Vote	Tom Mc Nerney	1 m
G.	Consent Agenda	Vote	Lisa Hildebrand	5 m

Purpose Presenter Time

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; 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 months of June and July 2026.

--**Gifts to School**:

--**Credit Cards**:

June

LHildebrand: $1,429.69

CSandbach: $1,970.62

July

LHildebrand: $4,079.82

CSandbach: $47.84

-Personnel: none

Resignation of:

--Jennifer Barley

--Hannah Allen

--Alanna MacEnery

Hiring of:

--James Brinkley - 6-8 Grade Teacher/Math Intervention

--Haley Wells - 2/3 Teacher

--Helen Penaloza - ParaEducator - .61 FTE

--Emily Brent - ParaEducator - .61 FTE

--Cindy Ramos - ParaEducator - .61 FTE

--Logan Mitsuuchi - ParaEducator - .61 FTE

--Juliana Gonzalez - School Counselor - .6 FTE

--Sarah Jones - STEM Teacher - .2 FTE

*Salary correction for a teacher who had an error on their pay. Total cost: $18,584.

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H.	Upcoming Events		Lisa Hildebrand	2 m

Aug
  -27th - PAC Budget Meeting

Sept
  - 2nd - School Safety Seminar
  -7th - No School
  -15th - Back to School Night/PAC Meeting
  -17th - VCS Board Meeting

II. Communications — 6:49 PM

		Purpose	Presenter	Time
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

26/27 Board Committee Members:

Governance Committee: Tom McNerney (Chair) and Sam Estes
Finance Committee: Liz Smiley (Chair), Tom Mc Nerney, Seana-Marie Sesma
CEO Support and Evaluation Committee: Tom McNerney (Chair), Erika Dowd, and Sam Estes
Fundraising Liaison: Seana-Marie Sesma

D.	Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) Liaison Report	FYI	Stephanie Tauber	5 m

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

III. Items Scheduled for Information, Discussion, and/or Action **7:29 PM**

		Purpose	Presenter	Time
A.	VCS Board Goals	Vote	Sam Estes	15 m
B.	VCS Salary Schedule	Vote	Lisa Hildebrand	10 m
C.	OT Addendum	Vote	Lisa Hildebrand	10 m
D.	Consideration and Approval of Funding for 5th and 8th Grade Camping Trips	Vote	Rudy Calasin	5 m

A. VCS Board Goals

The Board will discuss and vote on its Board Goals.

B. VCS Salary Schedule

Approval of the attached is requested. Additions are:

- updated School Psychologist rates.
- new hourly School Counselor rate.
- new stipend for Collaborative Behavior Team member.

C. OT Addendum

Approval of the attached is requested. Due to a large increase in Special Education students (16% - 21%) and an unusual demand in attendance at IEP meetings for the OT, the contract from SELPA far exceeded the estimated costs by $27,000 for the 25/26 school year.

D. Consideration and Approval of Funding for 5th and 8th Grade Camping Trips

Over the past several years, VCS has increasingly provided funding to support the 5th and 8th grade camping trips to ensure that these educational experiences remain available to all eligible students.

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	Staff is requesting Board approval for VCS to continue funding the costs associated with the 5th and 8th grade camping trips. VCS will also continue to make a good faith effort to request voluntary donations from families to help offset the cost of these trips.			
E.	Exceptionally Good Leadership, LLC Agreement			5 m
	Ratification of the attached is requested for a coaching relationship between VCS and Ryan Maxwell.			
F.	VCS Cell Phone Policy	Vote	Lisa Hildebrand	5 m
	Approval of the attached is requested.			
G.	Executive Director Goals for the 2026/2027 School Year	Vote	Lisa Hildebrand	10 m
	Approval of the attached is requested.			
H.	Executive Director Succession Plan	FYI	Rudy Calasin	5 m
	Approval of the attached is requested.			
I.	VCS IRS Form 990	Vote	Rudy Calasin	5 m
	Approval of the attached is requested.			
J.	VUSD Lease Agreement	Vote	Lisa Hildebrand	15 m
	Approval of the attached is requested.			

IV. Other Business **8:54 PM**

		Purpose	Presenter	Time
A.	Future Topics	Discuss	Lisa Hildebrand	5 m
	--October 1 - Brown Act Training			
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.

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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			**9:04 PM**
A. Adjourn Meeting	Vote	Tom Mc Nerney	