

# Ventura Charter School of Arts and Global Education

## Minutes

### Board Meeting

October Regular Board Meeting

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**Date and Time**

Thursday October 15, 2020 at 6:00 PM

**Location**

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84961281988?pwd=ZTd4b1I3eHFMT1JMcU9JQ1V6aXp6UT09>

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1. Agendas are available to all audience members at the door to the meeting.
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”.

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#### **Directors Present**

Adam Meyers (remote), Cecilia Johnston (remote), Deanna Weik (remote), Liz Smiley (remote), Tom Mc Nerney (remote), Tricia McClain (remote)

#### **Directors Absent**

None

#### **Directors who arrived after the meeting opened**

Deanna Weik

#### **Ex Officio Members Present**

Lisa Hildebrand (remote)

#### **Non Voting Members Present**

Lisa Hildebrand (remote)

#### **Guests Present**

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Benny Martinez (remote), Laura Bingham (remote), Marlo Hartsuyker (remote), Tony Biasotti (remote)

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## **I. Opening Items**

### **A. Call the Meeting to Order**

Tricia McClain called a meeting of the board of directors of Ventura Charter School of Arts and Global Education to order on Thursday Oct 15, 2020 at 6:03 PM.

### **B. Record Attendance and Guests**

Deanna Weik arrived.

### **C. Mission Statement**

*VCS engages every student in meaningful and supportive learning experiences to grow resilient, educated, and socially intelligent human beings.*

Read by Tom McNerny

### **D. Approve the Agenda**

Liz Smiley made a motion to approve the agenda.

Adam Meyers seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

#### **Roll Call**

Liz Smiley Aye

Tom Mc Nerney Aye

Adam Meyers Aye

Cecilia Johnston Aye

Tricia McClain Aye

Deanna Weik Absent

### **E. Approve Minutes from Regular Board Meeting on 9-17-20**

Adam Meyers made a motion to approve the minutes from Regular Board Meeting on 09-17-20.

Cecilia Johnston seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

#### **Roll Call**

Deanna Weik Absent

Adam Meyers Aye

Tom Mc Nerney Aye

Cecilia Johnston Aye

**Roll Call**

Tricia McClain Aye  
Liz Smiley Aye

**F. Consent Agenda**

Adam Meyers made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda items.

Liz Smiley seconded the motion.

--Ratification of attached check register, purchase orders, summary of revenue and expenditures for the month of September, 2020

--Gifts to School: Deanna Weik: \$400; Farmbox: \$1200.

--Credit Cards: MGalvin:\$1350.66 credit (40.34 purchases) Lisa Hildebrand: \$815.33

--Personnel:

--Ratification of the hiring of Shannon LeBreau as a long term substitute.

--The Ratification of the termination of the noon duty aides: Ray Mini, Chris Hearst, Benicia Smith.

The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

**Roll Call**

Tricia McClain Aye  
Deanna Weik Absent  
Adam Meyers Aye  
Tom Mc Nerney Aye  
Cecilia Johnston Aye  
Liz Smiley Aye

**G. Upcoming Events**

October 14: Board Governance/Brown Act Training 5:30-8:30

October 15: Board Meeting 6pm

October 26-30: Fall Break

November 12: PAC Meeting 6:30pm

November 19: Regular Board Meeting 6pm

March 15-19, 2021: CCSA Virtual Conference

**II. Communications**

**A. Public Comments**

None

**B. President and Board Report**

None

**C.**

## **Board Committee Reports**

Governance Committee: Deanna Weik (Chair), Cecilia Johnston, Tricia McClain

Did Not Meet

Finance Committee: Tom McNerney (Chair), Tricia McClain

Tom shared the committee met on 10-1-2020 to discuss the 2020/2021 School Budget

CEO Support and Evaluation Committee: Tricia McClain (Chair), Deanna Weik, Cecilia Johnston

Did Not Meet

Development Committee: Adam Meyers (Chair), Liz Smiley

Did Not Meet

### **D. Parent Liaison Report**

Tony Biasotti reported on the PAC Meeting and the parent feedback on the possible return to

In-Person Learning.

### **E. Teacher Report**

Laure Bingham reported on the Teachers' perspective on the possible return to In-Person Learning.

### **F. Directors' Report**

Lisa Hildebrand shared information on Teachers' perspective on Distance Learning and EL's assistance as well as attendance.

### **G. VCOE Director of Charter School Support and Oversight Report**

Marlo Hartsuyker shared information about our Charter Renewal timeline and high rating from the California Department of Education which could give us a 7 year renewal. Marlo also thanked the Board members who attended the online Brown Act training in September.

## **III. Items Scheduled for Information, Discussion, and/or Action**

### **A. Board Governance Committee: Board Member Nomination**

Deanna Weik presented the Board Governance Committee Nominating Task Force recommendation of Dominic Aguirre as a candidate for the VCS Board. No action needed

### **B. Reopening of School Update**

Public Comment: Tony Biasotti shared his concerns as a VCS parent about reopening. Lisa presented the survey results from the VCS teachers and VCS parents regarding the return to school. The Board discussed possible reopening dates. After discussion the

Board decided to take No Action and to schedule a Special Board meeting on October 22, 2020 to vote on a reopening date no later than January 25, 2021.

**C. Student Use of Technology-Acceptable Use Policy**

Tom Mc Nerney made a motion to approve the Student Use of Technology-Acceptable Use Policy as presented.

Cecilia Johnston seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

**Roll Call**

Tricia McClain Aye

Cecilia Johnston Aye

Liz Smiley Aye

Adam Meyers Aye

Deanna Weik Aye

Tom Mc Nerney Aye

**D. Board Adjourns to Closed Session**

Board Adjourns to Closed Session at 7:59 pm.

Public Employment: Director of Operations

**E. Board Returns to Open Session**

Board Returns to Open Session at 8:17 pm.

**F. Board Report Out of Any Action Taken**

No Action Taken.

**IV. Other Business**

**A. Future Agenda Topics**

- Reopening of In-Person Learning
- Search and Seizure Policy
- Administration of Medication Policy
- Student Freedom of Speech Policy

**B. Board Meeting Check In**

2020-21 Annual Goals:

Goal 1: Develop a well-governed organization.-Governance Committee (Recruit diverse board members from the community)

Goal 2: Students progressing towards the highest level of achievement.

Goal 3: Develop a CEO Succession plan.--Governance Committee

Goal 4. Build financial capacity for a sustainable organization. (Fundraising/Marketing Plan)—Development Committee

## **V. Closing Items**

### **A. Adjourn Meeting**

Deanna Weik made a motion to Adjourn the meeting.

Cecilia Johnston seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

#### **Roll Call**

Tricia McClain Aye

Liz Smiley Aye

Tom Mc Nerney Aye

Cecilia Johnston Aye

Adam Meyers Aye

Deanna Weik Aye

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 8:19 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cecilia Johnston