

APPROVED

ventura charter school  
*of arts and global education*

# Ventura Charter School of Arts and Global Education

## Minutes

### Regular Board Meeting

November 18, 2021

---

#### Date and Time

Thursday November 18, 2021 at 6:30 PM

#### Location

#### Public Comments may be received at the following link:

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81840599812?pwd=alFCeTNocEdYWmVVME5qSzJSR3hFdz09>

Meeting ID: 818 4059 9812

Passcode: EwcY76

---

#### Directors Present

Cecilia Johnston (remote), Dominic Aguirre (remote), Liz Smiley (remote), Tom Mc Nerney (remote), Tricia McClain (remote)

#### Directors Absent

Adam Meyers

#### Ex Officio Members Present

Amanda Aragon (remote), Lisa Hildebrand (remote), Mary Galvin (remote)

#### Non Voting Members Present

Amanda Aragon (remote), Lisa Hildebrand (remote), Mary Galvin (remote)

#### Guests Present

---

Laura Bingham (remote), Rudy Calasin (remote), Tony Biasotti (remote)

---

## 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 Nov 18, 2021 at 6:31 PM.

### B. Record Attendance and Guests

### C. Virtual VCS Board Meeting

Board approval was requested to conduct the November board meeting virtually in compliance with AB 361.

*If there is a state of emergency proclaimed by the Governor, the same suspension of teleconferencing rules apply IF either state or local officials have imposed or recommended measures to promote social distancing or by Board vote finding imminent risk to health or safety of attendees.*

Liz Smiley made a motion to conduct the Regular November board meeting virtually.

Cecilia Johnston seconded the motion.

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

#### Roll Call

Cecilia Johnston Aye

Liz Smiley Aye

Dominic Aguirre Aye

Tricia McClain Aye

Adam Meyers Absent

Tom Mc Nerney Aye

### D. Mission Statement

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

### E. Approval of the Agenda

Dominic Aguirre made a motion to approve the agenda.

Tom Mc Nerney seconded the motion.

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

#### Roll Call

Liz Smiley Aye

Cecilia Johnston Aye

Tom Mc Nerney Aye

Tricia McClain Aye

**Roll Call**

Adam Meyers    Absent  
Dominic Aguirre    Aye

**F. Approval Minutes for the Regular Board Meeting 10/21/21.**

Dominic Aguirre made a motion to approve the minutes from October 21, 2021 as amended. Regular Board Meeting on 10-21-21.

Liz Smiley seconded the motion.

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

**Roll Call**

Tom Mc Nerney    Aye  
Adam Meyers    Absent  
Dominic Aguirre    Aye  
Liz Smiley    Aye  
Cecilia Johnston    Aye  
Tricia McClain    Aye

**G. Consent Agenda**

--Ratification of attached check register, purchase orders, summary of revenue and expenditures for the month of October, 2021.

--Gifts to School:

--Credit Cards: MGalvin: \$501.39 ; LHildebrand: \$4820.24; AAragon: \$172,00

--Personnel:

--Ratification of the hiring of Richard Jenkins, school psychologist .40 FTE

Cecilia Johnston made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda items as presented.

Tricia McClain seconded the motion.

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

**Roll Call**

Cecilia Johnston    Aye  
Tom Mc Nerney    Aye  
Adam Meyers    Absent  
Tricia McClain    Aye  
Liz Smiley    Aye  
Dominic Aguirre    Aye

**H. Upcoming Events**

--Thanksgiving Break Nov.24-26.  
--Annual Programmatic Audit, VCBE 6pm 11/29  
--PAC Meeting, Dec. 9th 6:30 pm  
--Regular Board Meeting Dec.16th 6:30 pm  
--Winter Break Dec.20th--31st.

**II. Communications**

## **A. Public Comments**

None

## **B. President and Board Report**

Tricia reported that she attended a virtual EL Education conference which was very well done, informative, and inspiring. She was very impressed with the student presenters. She was also able to attend a classroom walk-through with Lisa, Amanda, and Sarah and enjoyed meeting Sarah in person and seeing how the classroom activities have both changed yet fundamentally stayed the same.

## **C. Board Committee Reports**

**Governance Committee:** Cecilia Johnston (Chair), Dominic Aguirre, Tricia McClain: Cec reported that the Committee met this week and discussed some of the challenges this year has brought with COVID management and staffing changes/shortages. They also discussed board recruitment and will ask each board member to invite two community members to join the board.

**Finance Committee:** Tom McNerney (Chair), Tricia McClain: Did not meet.

**CEO Support and Evaluation Committee:** Tricia McClain (Chair), Liz Smiley, Cecilia Johnston

**Development Committee:** Adam Meyers (Chair), Liz Smiley: Did not meet.

## **D. Parent Liaison Report**

Tony reported that he attended the end of this month's PAC meeting when Thanksgiving Feast was discussed and stated that consensus was to ensure the event continues whole community no matter where it can be held.

## **E. Teacher Report**

Laura shared a slideshow of the 4th grade passion project culmination and another one of an update of everything Kindergarten has been working on including their Farm expedition launch.

## **F. Directors' Report**

Amanda gave an update on the COVID testing at school and what she has been working on with teachers, including their work on complexity lessons. Mary gave an update of the PAC meeting and of the search for a new Admin. Asst./Enrollment Coordinator. Lisa gave an update on staffing issues and concerns, their work with Sarah from EL Education, and the transition.

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

None

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

#### **A. 1st Interim Budget**

Rudy reviewed the 1st Interim Budget and noted that while enrollment numbers are down, one-time monies will help to backfill that loss in revenue.

Tom Mc Nerney made a motion to approve the First Interim Budget as presented.

Dominic Aguirre seconded the motion.

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

#### **Roll Call**

Cecilia Johnston Aye

Adam Meyers Absent

Dominic Aguirre Aye

Tom Mc Nerney Aye

Liz Smiley Aye

Tricia McClain Aye

#### **B. VCS Independent Study Master Agreement Revised**

Board approval of a revised Independent Study Master Agreement was requested.

Revisions reflect changes YMC made to comply with AB 167.

Liz Smiley made a motion to approve the revised Independent Study Master Agreement as presented.

Tricia McClain seconded the motion.

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

#### **Roll Call**

Liz Smiley Aye

Tom Mc Nerney Aye

Adam Meyers Absent

Tricia McClain Aye

Dominic Aguirre Aye

Cecilia Johnston Aye

#### **C. 2021 Educator Effectiveness Block Grant Plan**

The Board heard the plan for the 2021 Educator Effectiveness Block Grant Plan in a public hearing. Board approval will be requested at the December board meeting.

### **IV. Other Business**

#### **A. Future Topics**

--Board approval to conduct the December, 2021 Regular meeting virtually.

--Educator Effectiveness Grant plan approval.

#### **B.**

### **Board Meeting Check In**

2021-22 Annual Goals:

Goal 1: Develop a well-governed organization.-Governance Committee (Recruit diverse board members from the community, review policy for board member fundraising, review/revise annual board survey.)

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

Goal 3. Build financial capacity for a sustainable organization. (Fundraising/Marketing Plan)—Development Committee

### **V. Closing Items**

#### **A. Adjourn Meeting**

Cecilia Johnston made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Liz Smiley seconded the motion.

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

#### **Roll Call**

Tricia McClain Aye

Cecilia Johnston Aye

Tom Mc Nerney Aye

Liz Smiley Aye

Adam Meyers Absent

Dominic Aguirre Aye

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 7:44 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cecilia Johnston