

## Ventura Charter School of Arts and Global Education

### Minutes

#### Regular Board Meeting - November

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**Date and Time**

Tuesday November 14, 2023 at 6:30 PM

**Location**

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

Room 20

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#### **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](http://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
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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.
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#### **Directors Present**

Cecilia Johnston, Dominic Aguirre, Liz Smiley, Skye Stifel, Tom Mc Nerney, Tricia McClain

#### **Directors Absent**

*None*

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

Tricia McClain

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

Christi Sandbach, Lisa Hildebrand

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

Christi Sandbach, Lisa Hildebrand

#### **Guests Present**

Isabelle Rhode, Mahika Morin, Rudy Calasin, Tony Biasotti

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### **I. Opening Items**

**A. Call the Meeting to Order**

Liz Smiley called a meeting of the board of directors of Ventura Charter School of Arts and Global Education to order on Tuesday Nov 14, 2023 at 6:30 PM.

**B. Record Attendance and Guests**

Tricia McClain arrived at 6:37 PM.

**C. Mission Statement**

Tom McNerney read the VCS mission statement.

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

**D. Approval of Minutes for the Regular Board Meeting for October, 2023**

Cecilia Johnston made a motion to approve the minutes from Regular Board Meeting - October on 10-19-23.

Dominic Aguirre seconded the motion.

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

**E. Approval of the minutes from the Finance Committee Meeting - October 2023**

Removed from the Agenda

**F. Approval of the Agenda**

The Agenda was approved with the removal of item 1. E. Approval of the minutes from the Finance Committee Meeting - October 2023

Cecilia Johnston made a motion to approve the agenda.

Liz Smiley seconded the motion.

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

**G. Consent Agenda**

Approval was requested for the Consent Agenda:

*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 month of September 2023.

--**Gifts to School:** none

--**Credit Cards:**

October:  
LHildebrand: \$3,820.38  
CSandbach: \$4,708.71

**-Personnel:**

--Substitute Teacher: Tilford Jackson  
--50% Special Education Teacher: Sara Papagni  
Cecilia Johnston made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda.  
Dominic Aguirre seconded the motion.  
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

**H. Upcoming Events**

--Reminder to do a testimonial for our marketing team.  
--November 17th - Feast! - Arroyo Verde Park - Join at 11:30 if you'd like to Feast - Bring your own plates/utensils - Possibly canceled due to rain  
--November 22-24 - No School - Thanksgiving  
--November 29 - December 2 - EL Education National Conference  
--December 8 - Winter Boutique  
--December 25 - January 5 - Winter Break

**II. Communications**

**A. Public Comments**

There were no public comments

**B. President and Board Report**

There was no president or board report

**C. Board Committee Reports**

Cece reported that the Governance Committee has reached out to three interested potential Board members.

**D. Parent Liaison Report**

Tony reported on the PAC's discussion regarding feedback from the Campout and potentially using parent drivers for field trips again.

**E. Staff/Teacher Report**

Mahika shared pictures of the 1st-grade walking field trip to the Avenue library and Kellogg Park.

**F. Directors' Report**

The 5D+ Teacher Growth Plan program was discussed along with the Pre-Inquiry Conferences Christi and Lisa have held with each classroom teacher.

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

No report was given

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

**A. 1st Interim Budget**

The Board heard a presentation on the 1st Interim Budget by Isabelle Rhodes. The 1st Interim Budget includes a 3% on-schedule salary increase retroactive to July 1, 2023. Tricia McClain made a motion to approve the 1st Interim Budget. Skye Stifel seconded the motion. The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

**B. Updated 2023/2024 Salary Schedule**

The Board was asked to approve the updated 2023/2024 Salary Schedule which includes a 3% on-schedule salary increase retroactive to July 1, 2023. Tom Mc Nerney made a motion to approve the updated 2023/2024 Salary Schedule which includes a 3% on-schedule salary increase retroactive to July 1, 2023. Cecilia Johnston seconded the motion. The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

**C. 2024/2025 VCS School Calendar**

Skye Stifel made a motion to approve the 2024/2025 VCS School Calendar. Tom Mc Nerney seconded the motion. The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

**D. Data Team Stipend**

The Board is requested to approve a \$500 stipend per semester for credentialed teacher members of the Data Team. The team meets regularly to discuss data trends for VCS students by grade level and sub-groups and works with classroom teachers to make recommendations for individual student intervention plans. For the 2023/2024 school year this is a \$5,000 stipend. Tricia McClain made a motion to approve the Data Team stipend. Skye Stifel seconded the motion. The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

**E. Travel Reimbursement**

The Board was requested to approve the Travel Reimbursement rates changing the rate for daily food from \$50 per day to \$69 per day.

Cecilia Johnston made a motion to approve the travel reimbursement change for daily food allowance from \$50 per day to \$69 per day.

Dominic Aguirre seconded the motion.

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

**Roll Call**

Dominic Aguirre Aye

Tom Mc Nerney Aye

Liz Smiley Abstain

Skye Stifel Aye

Cecilia Johnston Aye

Tricia McClain Aye

**IV. Other Business**

**A. Future Topics**

Liz will miss the January meeting. Tom will act as President.

**B. Board Meeting Check In**

The Board checked in on their 2023/2024 Board Goals.

**VCS Board Goals for the 2023/2024 School Year**

Goal 1: Develop a well-governed organization- Governance Committee (Recruit diverse board members from the community, Develop Short & Long Term Executive Director Succession Plan. CEO Evaluation Committee: Redo CEO Evaluation Survey.)

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

Goal 3: Build community presence/outreach for a sustainable organization (Marketing plan, increase Home School Program enrollment and waiting list, create an online presence, promote VCS as a leader in education in Ventura County.)

**V. Closing Items**

**A. Adjourn Meeting**

Tricia McClain made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Dominic Aguirre seconded the motion.

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

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 7:42 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Cecilia Johnston