

## Ventura Charter School of Arts and Global Education

### Minutes

#### Regular Board Meeting - February

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**Date and Time**

Thursday February 20, 2025 at 6:30 PM

**Location**

Ventura Charter School of Arts and Gloval 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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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.
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 agendaized 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](http://www.venturacharterschool.org) and at 2060 Cameron Street, Ventura, CA 93001.

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#### **Directors Present**

Erika Dowd, Liz Smiley, Sam Estes, Tom Mc Nerney, Tricia McClain

#### **Directors Absent**

Skye Stifel

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

Christi Sandbach, Lisa Hildebrand

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

Christi Sandbach, Lisa Hildebrand

#### **Guests Present**

Isabelle Rhode, Jenny Barley

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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 Thursday Feb 20, 2025 at 6:35 PM.

**B. Record Attendance and Guests**

**C. Mission Statement**

The VCS Mission Statement was read:

*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 January 16, 2025**

Sam Estes made a motion to approve the minutes from Regular Board Meeting - January on 01-16-25.

Erika Dowd seconded the motion.

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

**E. Approval of the Agenda**

Tricia McClain made a motion to approve the agenda.

Sam Estes seconded the motion.

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

**F. Consent Agenda**

Approval of the Consent Agenda was requested.

--**Ratification** of attached check register, purchase orders, summary of revenue and expenditures for the month of January, 2025.

--**Gifts to School:**

--**Credit Cards:**

January

LHildebrand: \$5,370.37

CSandbach: \$2,935.71

--**Personnel:**

\*\*none

Tom Mc Nerney made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda.

Liz Smiley seconded the motion.

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

## **G. Upcoming Events**

These upcoming events were discussed:

- February 21 - VCS Lottery for 25/26 Student Enrollment
- March 11-13 - CCSA Conference in Sacramento
- March 11 - 4:00-7:30 - VCOE Equity Conference
- March 24-28 - Spring Break

## **II. Communications**

### **A. Public Comments**

None

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

None

### **C. Board Committee Reports**

The Finance Committee met to discuss the 2nd Interim Budget and the 2024-2026 Business Services Authority/VCS annual contract.

### **D. Teacher Report**

Jenny Barley presented a slide show on the activities, events, and curriculum happening in our K-8th grade classrooms.

### **E. Directors' Report**

The Board heard the progress on the VCS School Goals through the EL Education Work Plan.

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

None

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

### **A. VCS 2024 SARC**

Board approval of the attached VCS 2024 SARC was requested.  
Erika Dowd made a motion to approve the VCS 2024 SARC.  
Sam Estes seconded the motion.  
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

### **B.**

### **LCAP Mid-Year Report**

Approval of the VCS LCAP Mid-Year Report was requested.

Tricia McClain made a motion to approve the VCS LCAP Mid-Year Report.

Tom Mc Nerney seconded the motion.

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

### **C. Approval of the VCS 2nd Interim Budget**

Approval of the VCS 2nd Interim Budget was requested.

Sam Estes made a motion to approve the VCS 2nd Interim Budget.

Liz Smiley seconded the motion.

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

### **D. VCS Safety Plan**

The Board was asked to adopt the VCS Safety Plan. Approval will take place before the October deadline.

Tricia McClain made a motion to adopt the VCS Safety Plan.

Liz Smiley seconded the motion.

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

### **E. BSA Service Agreement 2024-2026**

The Board was asked to approve the BSA Service Agreement for the 2024-2026 school years.

Tricia McClain made a motion to approve the BSA Service Agreement for the 2024-2026 school years with the addition of an indemnification clause.

Sam Estes seconded the motion.

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

## **IV. Other Business**

### **A. Future Topics**

### **B. Board Meeting Check In**

The Board discussed progress on the 2024-2025 Board Goals.

## **V. Closing Items**

### **A. Adjourn Meeting**

Tricia McClain made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Liz Smiley 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 8:10 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Tom Mc Nerney