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Minutes

Regular Board Meeting - June

Date and Time
Thursday June 26, 2025 at 6:30 PM

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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9. Board agendas for regular meetings are posted 72 hours in advance at www.venturacharterschool.org and at 2060 Cameron Street, Ventura, CA 93001.

Directors Present
Liz Smiley, Sam Estes, Tom Mc Nerney, Tricia McClain

Directors Absent
Erika Dowd

Ex Officio Members Present
Christi Sandbach, Lisa Hildebrand

Non Voting Members Present
Christi Sandbach, Lisa Hildebrand

Guests Present
Isabelle Rhode, Rudy Calasin

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 Jun 26, 2025 at 6:37 PM.

B. Record Attendance and Guests

C. Mission Statement

Liz 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 May 29, 2025

Tricia McClain made a motion to approve the minutes from Regular Board Meeting - May on 05-29-25.
Liz Smiley seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

E. Approval of the Agenda

It was requested that Item M be moved to the beginning.
Tricia McClain made a motion to approve the agenda after moving Item M to the beginning of the agenda.
Liz Smiley seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

F. Consent Agenda

Sam Estes made a motion to approve the consent agenda.
Liz Smiley seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

G. Upcoming Events

--July 1 - July 31 - VCS Office Closed
--August 1 - VCS Office Reopens
--August - Board Retreat (TBD)

II. Communications

A. Public Comments

None

B. President and Board Report

None

C. Board Committee Reports

Finance Committee met to discuss the 2025/2026 adopted budget which will be presented to the Board at this meeting.

CEO Support and Evaluation Committee met in closed session at the May Board Meeting to discuss the Executive Director's Evaluation.

D. Teacher Report

None.

E. Directors' Report

The Board heard Director's reports which included information regarding the closing of the school for the year and the work that VUSD will be performing on the portables that have floors that are breaking due to sinking into the shifting dirt they are sitting on.

F. VCOE Director of Charter School Support and Oversight Report

None.

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

A. Board Nominating Committee

The Board Nominating Committee recommended that Tricia McClain extend her term for one more year.

B. Approval of the 2025-2026 Local Control Accountability Plan

Sam Estes made a motion to approve the 2025-2026 Local Control Accountability Plan.
Tricia McClain seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

C. Approval – 2025 Comprehensive School Safety Plan (CSSP) Update, including Extreme-Weather Annex & Instructional Continuity Plan (ICP)

Sam Estes made a motion to approve the 2025 Comprehensive School Safety Plan Update, including the Extreme-Weather Annex and Instructional Continuity Plan.
Liz Smiley seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

D. Approval of the 2025-2026 Adopted Budget

Sam Estes made a motion to approve the 2025-2026 Adopted Budget.
Tricia McClain seconded the motion.

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

E. Appproval of the 2025-2026 Proposition 30 Spending Plan

Tricia McClain made a motion to approve the 2025-2026 Proposition 30 Spending Plan.
Sam Estes seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

F. Approval of the 2025-2026 Salary Schedule

Liz Smiley made a motion to approve the 2025-2026 Salary Schedule.
Sam Estes seconded the motion.
This salary schedule adds more steps to the Speech Language Pathologist position, which previously had only one step.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

G. Approval of the L:ocal Agency Executive Compensation Report

Sam Estes made a motion to approve the Local Agency Executive Compensation Report.
Liz Smiley seconded the motion.
Executive Director is on Step 8.
Assistant Director is on Step 6.
Both Directors receive the full annual health and welfare cap.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

H. Approval of the 2025-2026 Consolidated Application (Spring Release)

Tricia McClain made a motion to approve the 2025-2026 Consolidated Application (Spring Release).
Liz Smiley seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

I. Approval of the 2024-25 Proposition 28 Annual Report

Sam Estes made a motion to approve the 2024-2025 Proposition 28 Annual Report.
Liz Smiley seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

J. Approval of the EL Education 25/26 Contract

Liz Smiley made a motion to appprove the EL Education 25/26 Contract.
Tricia McClain seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

K. Approval of the Charter Safe Contract Renewal

This item was tabled for August.

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Apollo 25/26 Contract

Tricia McClain made a motion to approve the 25/26 Apollo Afterschool Care Contract.
Liz Smiley seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

M. Resignation of a Board Member

This was moved to the first item. Skye resigned before the meeting began.

IV. Other Business

A. Future Topics

--St. Paul Lease Agreement
--Charter Safe Agreement

B. Board Meeting Check In

The Board checked in on their goals.

VCS Board Goals for the 2024/2025 School Year:

Goal 1: Develop a well-governed organization- Governance Committee (Recruit diverse board members from the community, review/revise annual board survey.)
Goal 2: Students progressing towards the highest level of achievement.
Goal 3: Build community presence/outreach for a sustainable organization (Marketing plan, increase enrollment and a waiting list, promote VCS as a leader in education in Ventura County)

V. Closed Session

A. Motion to go to Closed Session

Liz Smiley made a motion to go to Closed Session at 7:58 PM.
Tricia McClain seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

B. Return to Regular Session

Tricia McClain made a motion to return to Regular Session at 8:43 PM.
Liz Smiley seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

C. Report of Action Taken in Closed Session

No action was taken.

VI. Closing Items

A. Adjourn Meeting

Tricia McClain made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:44 PM.
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 7:44 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Tom Mc Nerney