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## Ventura Charter School of Arts and Global Education

### Minutes

#### Regular Board Meeting - February

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**Date and Time**

Thursday February 19, 2026 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**

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1. Agendas are available to all audience members at the door to the meeting and online at [venturacharterschool.org](http://venturacharterschool.org)
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  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
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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.
5. When addressing the Board, speakers are requested to state their name and affiliation with the School.
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#### **Directors Present**

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

#### **Directors Absent**

*None*

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

Christi Sandbach, Lisa Hildebrand

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

Christi Sandbach, Lisa Hildebrand

#### **Guests Present**

Elyse Martin, Rudy Calasin, Stephanie Tauber

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### **I. Opening Items**

#### **A.**

**Call the Meeting to Order**

Tom Mc Nerney called a meeting of the board of directors of Ventura Charter School of Arts and Global Education to order on Thursday Feb 19, 2026 at 6:32 PM.

**B. Record Attendance and Guests**

**C. Mission Statement**

Liz Smiley read the VCS Mission Statement.

**D. Approval of Minutes from January 15, 2026**

Tricia McClain made a motion to approve the minutes from Regular Board Meeting - January on 01-15-26.

Erika Dowd seconded the motion.

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

**E. Approval of the Agenda**

Erika Dowd made a motion to approve the agenda.

Sam Estes seconded the motion.

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

**F. Consent Agenda**

Erika Dowd made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda.

Sam Estes seconded the motion.

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

**G. Upcoming Events**

Lisa Hildebrand announced the Upcoming Events.

**II. Communications**

**A. Public Comments**

None

**B. President and Board Report**

None

**C. Board Committee Reports**

None

**D. Teacher Report**

Elyse Martin went over her Board Report

**E. Directors' Report**

The Directors went over their Board Reports.

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

None

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

**A. Approval of the VCS 2nd Interim Budget**

Liz Smiley made a motion to approve the VCS 2nd Interim Budget.

Sam Estes seconded the motion.

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

**B. Approval of the 2025 VCS SARC**

Tricia McClain made a motion to approve the 2025 VCS SARC.

Liz Smiley seconded the motion.

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

**C. Approval of the VCS AB 153 - POLICY ADDRESSING STUDENT BEHAVIORAL HEALTH REFERRAL PROTOCOLS**

Liz Smiley made a motion to approve the VCS AB153 Policy addressing student behavioral health referral protocols.

Erika Dowd seconded the motion.

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

**D. Approval of the VCS 2026 LCAP Mid-Year Report for the 2025-26 LCAP**

Sam Estes made a motion to the VCS 2026 LCAP Mid-Year Report.

Tom Mc Nerney seconded the motion.

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

**E. Approval of the VCS Safety Plan**

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

Liz Smiley seconded the motion.

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

**Roll Call**

Tom Mc Nerney Aye

Sam Estes No

Tricia McClain Aye

Erika Dowd Aye

Liz Smiley Aye

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

Liz Smiley seconded the motion.

Vote was 4/5 with Sam Estes voting No

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

**Roll Call**

Erika Dowd Aye

Liz Smiley Aye

Tom Mc Nerney Aye

Tricia McClain Aye

Sam Estes No

**F. VCS Policy Regarding Immigration Enforcement Activity**

Sam Estes made a motion to approve the VCS Policy Regarding Immigration Enforcement Activity.

Erika Dowd seconded the motion.

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

**G. Information on the VCS Calendar Decision for the 2027/2028 VCS Calendar**

The Board heard information for a March vote on VCS aligning with the VUSD Calendar beginning in the 2027/2028 school year. All stakeholders, including classified and certificated staff and parents, voted yes to proceed with changing the VCS calendar to match the VUSD calendar.

**IV. Closed Session**

**A. Closed Session – Conference with Legal Counsel (Anticipated Litigation)**

Sam Estes made a motion to adjourn to closed session at 8:02 pm.

Liz Smiley seconded the motion.

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

Tricia McClain made a motion to return to open session at 8:17.

Erika Dowd seconded the motion.

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

There was nothing to report from Closed Session

**V. Other Business**

**A. Future Topics**

--700 Forms due April 1st

--Vote on VCS Calendar

--Family and Student Survey

**B.**

### **Board Meeting Check In**

The Board checked in on their 2025/2026 Goals.

### **VI. Closing Items**

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

Sam Estes 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 8:18 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Erika Dowd