

Ventura Charter School of Arts and Global Education

Minutes

Regular Board Meeting - May

Date and Time

Thursday May 21, 2026 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
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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.
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 agendized 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 and at 2060 Cameron Street, Ventura, CA 93001.

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, Leesander Almarez, Li Chen, Rudy Calasin, Stephanie Tauber

I. Opening Items

A. Call the Meeting to Order

B.

Record Attendance and Guests

C. Mission Statement

Tricia McClain read the VCS Mission Statement.

D. Approval of Minutes from April 16, 2026

Sam Estes made a motion to approve the minutes from Regular Board Meeting - April on 04-16-26.

Liz Smiley seconded the motion.

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

E. Approval of the Agenda

Liz Smiley made a motion to approve the agenda.

Tom Mc Nerney seconded the motion.

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

F. Consent Agenda

Erika Dowd made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda.

Tom Mc Nerney seconded the motion.

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

G. Upcoming Events

Lisa Hildebrand presented the Upcoming Events

II. Communications

A. Public Comments

There were three Public Comments all regarding staff asking for cost of living raises

B. President and Board Report

None

C. Board Committee Reports

None

D. Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) Liaison Report

Stephanie Tauber reported on the May PAC meeting.

E. Teacher Report

Elyse Martin gave a teacher report which reported on what the classrooms have been focused on in May.

F. Directors' Report

The Executive Director and Assistant Director presented their reports.

G. VCOE Director of Charter School Support and Oversight Report

None

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

A. Board Nominating Committee

Tricia McClain presented Seana-Marie Sesma a committee recommendation for nomination to the Board in June.

B. 2026/2027 Local Control Accountability Plan

The Board was presented the 2026/2027 LCAP.

C. SELPA Contracts 26-27

Liz Smiley made a motion to approve the 26/27 SELPA Contracts.

Tricia McClain seconded the motion.

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

D. Year End Resolutions

Tricia McClain made a motion to approve the Year End Resolutions.

Erika Dowd seconded the motion.

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

E. Certificate of Signatures

Tricia McClain made a motion to approve the Certificate of Signatures.

Sam Estes seconded the motion.

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

F. CalSTRS Certification (Form 0765); Required Amendments to Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws

Sam Estes made a motion to approve the CalSTRS Certification (Form 0765).

Erika Dowd seconded the motion.

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

IV. Other Business

A. Future Topics

--LCAP

- Tricia McClain's last Board Meeting
- Con App
- 26/27 Proposed Budget

B. Board Meeting Check In

The Board checked in on their 25/26 goals.

V. Closed Session

A. Motion to go to Closed Session

Tricia McClain made a motion to go to Closed Session at 7:57 pm.
Tom Mc Nerney seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

B. Return to Regular Session

Erika Dowd made a motion to return to Regular Session at 8:44 pm.
Sam Estes seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

C. Report of Action Taken in Closed Session

No action taken

VI. 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 10:45 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Erika Dowd