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Minutes

Regular Board Meeting - August

Date and Time
Thursday August 20, 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

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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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5. When addressing the Board, speakers are requested to state their name and affiliation with the School.
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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, Seana-Marie Sesma, Tom Mc Nerney

Directors Absent
None

Ex Officio Members Present
Christi Sandbach, Lisa Hildebrand

Non Voting Members Present
Christi Sandbach, Lisa Hildebrand

Guests Present
Elyse Martin, Leesander Almaraz, Stephanie Tauber

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 Aug 20, 2026 at 6:32 PM.

B. Record Attendance and Guests

C. Mission Statement

The VCS Mission Statement was read by Liz Smiley.

D. Approval of Minutes from June 23, 2026

Erika Dowd made a motion to approve the minutes from Regular Board Meeting - June on 06-23-26.
Liz Smiley seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

E. Approval of the minutes from August 11, 2026

Sam Estes made a motion to approve the minutes from Annual Retreat - August on 08-11-26.
Liz Smiley seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

F. Approval of the Agenda

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

G. Consent Agenda

Liz Smiley made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda.
Sam Estes seconded the motion.
Correction to Consent Agenda: Jennifer Butler, not Jennifer Barley resigned.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

H. Upcoming Events

Upcoming Events were discussed.

II. Communications

A. Public Comments

None

B. President and Board Report

None

C. Board Committee Reports

None

D. Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) Liaison Report

Stephanie Tauber presented a PAC report.

E. Teacher Report

Elyse Martin presented a teacher slide show introducing the teaching teams.

F. Directors' Report

The Assistant Director and Executive 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. VCS Board Goals

Liz Smiley made a motion to approve the 2026/2027 VCS Board Goals.
Erika Dowd seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

B. VCS Salary Schedule

Sam Estes made a motion to approve the VCS Salary Schedule.
Liz Smiley seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

C. OT Addendum

Liz Smiley made a motion to approve the SELPA OT Addendum.
Erika Dowd seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

D. Consideration and Approval of Funding for 5th and 8th Grade Camping Trips

Liz Smiley made a motion to approve adding funding for the 5th and 8th grade camping trips to the annual budget.
Sam Estes seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

E. Exceptionally Good Leadership, LLC Agreement

Sam Estes made a motion to approve the Exceptionally Good Leadership, LLC Agreement.
Liz Smiley seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

F. VCS Cell Phone Policy

It was agreed that this policy should be brought to lawyers during renewal before being voted on.

G. Executive Director Goals for the 2026/2027 School Year

Liz Smiley made a motion to approve the Executive Director Goals for the 2026/2027 School Year.
Tom Mc Nerney seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

H. Executive Director Succession Plan

This will be brought to the September Board meeting due to the clerical error of it being listed as a FYI item instead of a vote.

I. VCS IRS Form 990

Sam Estes made a motion to approve the IRS Form 990.
Liz Smiley seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

J. VUSD Lease Agreement

Erika Dowd made a motion to approve the VUSD Lease Agreement.
Liz Smiley seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

IV. Other Business

A. Future Topics

--October 1 - Brown Act Training
--October Board Meeting - Marlo Governance Training

B. Board Meeting Check In

The Board checked in about their 2026/2027 Board Goals.

V. Closing Items

A.

Adjourn Meeting

Sam Estes made a motion to adjourn the meeting.
Tom Mc Nerney 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 8:02 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Erika Dowd