

# Simple Vue Academy

## **Minutes**

## **SVA Governing Board Meeting**

#### **Date and Time**

Wednesday October 15, 2025 at 7:45 PM

#### Location

The Simple Vue Academy

3264 Brookmont Pkwy

Douglasville, GA 30135

### **Trustees Present**

C. Henderson, C. Thorbes, E. Estrada-Olufade, L. Curry, M. Wills Brown

#### **Trustees Absent**

A. Giles, A. Helton, D. Brown

#### **Guests Present**

M. Felts, N. Edouard

### I. Opening Items

#### A. Record Attendance

### B. Call the Meeting to Order

M. Wills Brown called a meeting of the board of trustees of Simple Vue Academy to order on Wednesday Oct 15, 2025 at 7:52 PM.

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### **Approval of Minutes**

Motion to approve the minutes from SVA Governing Board Meeting on 09-17-25. The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

#### **Roll Call**

C. Henderson Aye
A. Giles Absent
M. Wills Brown Aye
C. Thorbes Aye
D. Brown Absent
A. Helton Absent
E. Estrada-Olufade Aye
L. Curry Aye

### D. Adopt the Agenda

- M. Wills Brown made a motion to Adopt the amended agenda.
- L. Curry seconded the motion.

Add the following action items:

- New board member
- · Savings account
- Board meeting schedule adjustment
- Executive Session

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

#### **Roll Call**

M. Wills Brown Aye
D. Brown Absent
C. Thorbes Aye
A. Helton Absent
A. Giles Absent
E. Estrada-Olufade Aye
C. Henderson Aye
L. Curry Aye

#### **II. Executive Session**

### A. Vote to Enter Executive Session

- L. Curry made a motion to Enter Executive Session for the purpose of potential litigation/settlement.
- M. Wills Brown seconded the motion.

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

### Roll Call

C. Henderson Aye

#### Roll Call

A. Giles Absent
L. Curry Aye
D. Brown Absent
E. Estrada-Olufade Aye
M. Wills Brown Aye
C. Thorbes Aye
A. Helton Absent

#### **B.** Vote to Close Executive Session

M. Wills Brown made a motion to Close Executive Session.

L. Curry seconded the motion.

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

#### Roll Call

A. Helton Absent
L. Curry Aye
C. Henderson Aye
A. Giles Absent
M. Wills Brown Aye
E. Estrada-Olufade Aye
C. Thorbes Aye
D. Brown Absent

### **III. Executive Director's Report**

#### A. Executive Director's Report by Nandi Edouard

The Executive Director provided an overview of school operations and academic progress. Enrollment currently stands at 80 students, with a goal of reaching 83 by the end of the month to align with budget projections. The first trimester will conclude on October 31, coinciding with Spirit Week and a school-wide celebration. Student-led conferences are scheduled for the following week, during which students will share their academic growth and challenges with families.

Professional development sessions have recently focused on improving instructional clarity and rigor, making sure that teachers provide clear directions and set appropriately high expectations for students. The school continues to maintain a strong attendance rate of 95 percent. The Executive Director also reported that the Charter Schools Program (CSP) monitoring findings have been submitted, with only a few minor policy updates underway.

#### IV. Governance Committee Report

### A. Board Recruitment Update

The Governance Committee provided an update on ongoing recruitment efforts. One candidate, Mr. Win Roshelle, previously interviewed by the committee, is nominated for board approval at this meeting. His background and alignment with the school's mission were noted as strong assets to the board's composition. The committee also reiterated the importance of adding members with academic expertise to strengthen oversight and support the school's growth. The Board unanimously approved the nomination of Mr. Rochelle as a new member of the Simple Vue Academy governing board.

### V. Financial Committee Report

### A. August 2025 Financials

The Finance Committee presented the financial report for August 2025. Total revenue for the month was approximately \$144,000, primarily from QBE funding. Total expenses amounted to roughly \$194,000, resulting in an anticipated operating deficit of \$50,000 for the period. Salaries and benefits are trending slightly below budget due to open staff positions.

The committee noted that cash flow remains tight but manageable, with additional revenue from upcoming grant disbursements expected to improve liquidity. Vendor payments are being closely monitored, with special attention to accounts payable aging.

### **B.** Fundraising Update

The Fundraising Committee shared that a final call for entrepreneur nominations was sent earlier in the week. Discussion also centered on the "Paint & Sip" event proposal. The board evaluated several options and determined that the paid model, which required a per-person cost, was not financially feasible at this time. Instead, efforts will shift toward planning the February fundraising event, which is expected to generate greater participation and donor engagement. A mid-year donor check-in will be scheduled for January to assess progress toward fundraising goals.

### VI. Academic Committee Report

### A. Meeting Schedule Update

The Board approved a change to its meeting schedule and committee structure. Beginning in November, the Board will meet on the third Wednesday of each month at 6:30 PM, incorporating academic reporting into the regular meeting agenda.

The Academic Committee will be temporarily absorbed into the full board meeting to streamline reporting and maintain continuity during this transition period. This structure is intended as a short-term solution while additional board members are onboarded and the board builds the capacity and availability to reinstate the Academic Committee as a standing committee in the future.

#### VII. Action Items

### A. Enrollment Marketing Contract

- L. Curry made a motion to Adopt the Mariposa Consulting contract.
- C. Henderson seconded the motion.

After speaking with the Mariposa team, they are not willing to engage in a yield contract tagged to enrollment numbers as enrollment variance is not dependent on their work (transportation, distance from school, family circumstances, and SVA experience factors), however, she would be wiling to engage in a contract tagged to **applications numbers** (the step before full enrollment).

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

#### Roll Call

A. Giles	Absent
L. Curry	Aye
A. Helton	Absent
E. Estrada-Olufade	Aye
C. Thorbes	Aye
M. Wills Brown	Aye
C. Henderson	Aye
D. Brown	Absent

### B. Employee Handbook

- L. Curry made a motion to Adopt the Employee Handbook.
- M. Wills Brown seconded the motion.

The policy was approved as presented, with formatting and other non-material updates to be made following the vote.

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

#### Roll Call

C. Henderson	Aye
A. Helton	Absent
C. Thorbes	Aye
D. Brown	Absent
A. Giles	Absent
L. Curry	Aye
E. Estrada-Olufade	Aye
M. Wills Brown	Aye

### C. Family Handbook

- L. Curry made a motion to Adopt the amended Family Handbook.
- M. Wills Brown seconded the motion.

The policy was approved as presented, with formatting and other non-material updates to be made following the vote.

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

#### **Roll Call**

C. Thorbes Aye
D. Brown Absent
E. Estrada-Olufade Aye
L. Curry Aye
A. Giles Absent
M. Wills Brown Aye
A. Helton Absent
C. Henderson Aye

#### D. Financial Manual

- L. Curry made a motion to Adopt the amended Financial Manual.
- C. Henderson seconded the motion.

The Board reviewed the Financial Manual and discussed a proposed change regarding the school's debit/credit card procedures. Following discussion, the Board voted to approve the Financial Manual as presented, with the debit/credit card change incorporated and formatting and other non-material updates to be made following the vote.

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

#### **Roll Call**

A. Helton Absent
C. Henderson Aye
C. Thorbes Aye
A. Giles Absent
E. Estrada-Olufade Aye
M. Wills Brown Aye
L. Curry Aye
D. Brown Absent

#### E. Infectious Disease Policy

- L. Curry made a motion to Adopt the Infectious Disease Policy.
- C. Henderson seconded the motion.

The policy was approved as presented, with formatting and other non-material updates to be made following the vote.

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

#### **Roll Call**

A. Helton Absent
C. Henderson Aye
A. Giles Absent
M. Wills Brown Aye
D. Brown Absent
C. Thorbes Aye

#### Roll Call

E. Estrada-Olufade Aye

L. Curry Aye

### F. Volunteer Policy

- L. Curry made a motion to Adopt the Volunteer Policy.
- C. Thorbes seconded the motion.

The policy was approved as presented, with formatting and other non-material updates to be made following the vote.

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

#### **Roll Call**

E. Estrada-Olufade AyeD. Brown AbsentM. Wills Brown AyeC. Henderson AyeL. Curry Aye

L. Curry Aye
A. Helton Absent
C. Thorbes Aye
A. Giles Absent

### **G.** Nursing Policy

- L. Curry made a motion to Adopt the Nursing Policy.
- C. Thorbes seconded the motion.

The policy was approved as presented, with formatting and other non-material updates to be made following the vote.

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

#### **Roll Call**

C. Thorbes Aye
A. Helton Absent
L. Curry Aye
C. Henderson Aye
E. Estrada-Olufade Aye
A. Giles Absent
M. Wills Brown Aye
D. Brown Absent

### H. Stakeholder Grievance Policy

- L. Curry made a motion to Adopt the Stakeholder Grievance Policy.
- C. Thorbes seconded the motion.

The policy was approved as presented, with formatting and other non-material updates to be made following the vote.

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

#### **Roll Call**

C. Henderson Aye
E. Estrada-Olufade Aye
A. Giles Absent
M. Wills Brown Aye
C. Thorbes Aye
A. Helton Absent
D. Brown Absent
L. Curry Aye

### I. 504 Grievance Policy

- L. Curry made a motion to Adopt the 504 Grievance Policy.
- C. Thorbes seconded the motion.

The policy was approved as presented, with formatting and other non-material updates to be made following the vote.

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

#### **Roll Call**

C. Henderson Aye
M. Wills Brown Aye
L. Curry Aye
D. Brown Absent
C. Thorbes Aye
A. Helton Absent
A. Giles Absent
E. Estrada-Olufade Aye

#### J. Board Member Nomination

- C. Thorbes made a motion to Approve a new board member, Mr. Win C. Roshell.
- L. Curry seconded the motion.

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

#### **Roll Call**

A. Helton Absent
C. Henderson Aye
E. Estrada-Olufade Aye
D. Brown Absent
L. Curry Aye
C. Thorbes Aye
M. Wills Brown Aye
A. Giles Absent

### K. Savings Account

E. Estrada-Olufade made a motion to Approve the ability to open a savings account at South State Bank.

C. Thorbes seconded the motion.

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

#### **Roll Call**

E. Estrada-Olufade Aye
D. Brown Absent
C. Henderson Aye
A. Helton Absent
L. Curry Aye
M. Wills Brown Aye
A. Giles Absent
C. Thorbes Aye

### L. Board Meeting Schedule Adjustment

M. Wills Brown made a motion to Adopt a new regular board meeting schedule and cancel Committee of the Whole for FY26.

L. Curry seconded the motion.

The Board discussed the current committee structure and overall meeting cadence to improve efficiency and ensure consistent academic reporting. After consideration, the Board voted to adjust the meeting schedule so that regular board meetings will be held on the third Wednesday of each month at 6:30 PM, beginning in November.

As part of this change, the Academic Committee will be temporarily absorbed into the full board meeting to allow for comprehensive academic updates within the regular agenda.

This adjustment is intended as a short-term solution

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

#### **Roll Call**

C. Thorbes Aye
A. Helton Absent
E. Estrada-Olufade Aye
L. Curry Aye
M. Wills Brown Aye
A. Giles Absent
C. Henderson Aye
D. Brown Absent

### VIII. Closing Items

#### A. Adjourn Meeting

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 9:28 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

M. Wills Brown