



## Voices College-Bound Language Academies

### Minutes

#### Board Meeting

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##### **Date and Time**

Tuesday October 29, 2024 at 3:00 PM

##### **Location**

715 Hellyer Ave., San Jose, CA 95111

14271 Story Rd., San Jose, CA 95127

201 28th St., Richmond CA 94804

321 E. Weber St., Stockton CA 95202

16505 Monterey Rd, Morgan Hill, CA 95037

40 Henderson PA, Palo Alto, CA 94306

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**Directors Present**

A. Miller (remote), D. Koren, J. Nguyen, K. Wisckol, M. Ruiz, P. Carreño, S. Rocha

**Directors Absent**

S. Sandoval

**Directors who arrived after the meeting opened**

D. Koren, M. Ruiz

**Guests Present**

A. Ramirez

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**I. Opening Items**

**A. Record Attendance and Guests**

**B. Call the Meeting to Order**

K. Wisckol called a meeting of the board of directors of Voices College-Bound Language Academies to order on Tuesday Oct 29, 2024 at 3:05 PM.

**C. Approve Order of Agenda**

P. Carreño made a motion to Approve the agenda with the elimination of the last item.  
J. Nguyen seconded the motion.  
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

**Roll Call**

M. Ruiz	Absent
A. Miller	Aye
K. Wisckol	Aye
P. Carreño	Aye
S. Sandoval	Absent
S. Rocha	Aye
D. Koren	Absent
J. Nguyen	Aye

**D. Public Comment (on items not on the Agenda)**

No public comment.

**II. School Presentation**

**A. VCBLA Morgan Hill**

Vicky López, principal of Voices Morgan Hill, presented about the school's current activities and focus areas.

D. Koren arrived at 3:18 PM.

**III. Board Business: Consent Items**

**A. Approve Minutes**

A. Miller made a motion to approve the minutes from Annual and Regular Board Meeting on 08-09-24.

D. Koren seconded the motion.

Dena Koren asked the Board President, Kim Wisckol, to pull item B from the consent agenda items for further discussion. The Board proceeded to vote on the consent items with the exception of item B.

Item B - Motioned by Judy, Dena seconds.

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

**Roll Call**

M. Ruiz	Absent
J. Nguyen	Aye
P. Carreño	Aye
K. Wisckol	Aye
A. Miller	Aye
D. Koren	Aye
S. Sandoval	Absent
S. Rocha	Aye

**B. Consent Agenda**

A. Miller made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda with the exception of the overnight field trip.

D. Koren seconded the motion.

Dena Koren asked the Board President, Kim Wisckol, to pull item B from the Consent Agenda for further discussion for further discussion.

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

**Roll Call**

A. Miller	Aye
P. Carreño	Aye
S. Rocha	Aye
K. Wisckol	Aye
M. Ruiz	Absent

**Roll Call**

D. Koren     Aye  
S. Sandoval   Absent  
J. Nguyen     Aye

**C. Approval of Overnight Science Camp Field Trip**

J. Nguyen made a motion to approve the Overnight Science Camp Field Trip.  
D. Koren seconded the motion.  
Dena asked the staff to inquire if the Board is required to approve overnight field trips.

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

**Roll Call**

A. Miller     Aye  
J. Nguyen     Aye  
S. Sandoval   Absent  
K. Wisckol     Aye  
D. Koren     Aye  
M. Ruiz       Absent  
P. Carreño     Aye  
S. Rocha     Aye

**IV. Board Business: Discussion/Action Items**

**A. Voices Academic Update**

Elizabeth Aguilar presented the academic outcomes and focus areas for the 2023-2024 school year.

She discussed the multi-year priority.

1. Our students will become bilingual and literate through rigorous, grade-level content rooted in data analysis and differentiation.

Dena asked for Academic Training for the Board.

M. Ruiz arrived at 3:49 PM.

**B. Committee/Work Group Goals & Updates**

Academic Achievement Working Group -  
Judy shared that they are in the starting stages and are excited to partner with Elizabeth. They have looked at a resource on BoardOnTrack for the role of the Academic Achievement Working Group and the Board in general. They would like to have data at every meeting to build the Board's muscle around data.

#### Board Effectiveness Group

Dena shared that they had the first meeting of the year. Members were brought up to speed on what they were able to accomplish last year. There are draft goals; the next step is to map those to the Board goals. They will push on new Board member buddies. They mentioned that Aldo and Felipe's packet was very useful. They would like to share with the community who they are and what we do. They would like to look at the broader publication of the meetings and highlight a board member a month. They also want to think of additional ways to help parents feel connected. The team has revised the Board member job descriptions and they are a lot cleaner and tighter. Judy invited folks to review and provide feedback.

#### Finance Committee

Alice shared that the committee met to review the budget to actuals. Some adjustments due to ADA were made, and some of them have been offset by total salaries. Alice recommended staff review the documents posted to Board-on-Track.

### C. Update of Committee Membership

J. Nguyen made a motion to add Jaime Mata to the Board Finance Committee.

A. Miller seconded the motion.

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

#### Roll Call

D. Koren	Aye
M. Ruiz	Aye
S. Sandoval	Absent
J. Nguyen	Aye
P. Carreño	Aye
S. Rocha	Aye
K. Wisckol	Aye
A. Miller	Aye

### D. COO Update

Jaime presented his background. He shared what he has done in the first 30 days. Dena asked that the next COO update include his thoughts on areas of risk and further thought.

### E. Approve Unaudited Actuals for Voices FS, MH, MP, ST, and WCC

P. Carreño made a motion to approve the Unaudited Actuals for Flagship.

J. Nguyen seconded the motion.

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

#### Roll Call

S. Sandoval	Absent
D. Koren	Aye

**Roll Call**

M. Ruiz      Aye  
K. Wisckol   Aye  
A. Miller     Aye  
P. Carreño   Aye  
J. Nguyen    Aye  
S. Rocha     Aye

**V. Reconvene Open Session**

**A. Report on action taken in closed session**

Kim Wisckol reconvened the open session and reported that no action was taken in the closed session.

**VI. Closing Items**

**A. Adjourn Meeting**

P. Carreño made a motion to to adjourn.  
J. Nguyen seconded the motion.  
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

**Roll Call**

K. Wisckol   Aye  
M. Ruiz      Aye  
D. Koren     Aye  
P. Carreño   Aye  
J. Nguyen    Aye  
A. Miller     Aye  
S. Rocha     Aye  
S. Sandoval   Absent

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 6:16 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
K. Wisckol