



Ventura Charter School of Arts and Global Education

Regular Board Meeting - September

Date and Time

Thursday September 18, 2025 at 6:30 PM PDT

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 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.
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 agendaized and publicly noticed, the Board can discuss, respond, and possibly act upon such an item.
7. In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and upon request, the School may furnish reasonable auxiliary aids and services to qualified individuals with disabilities. Individuals who require appropriate alternative modification of the agenda in order to participate in Board meetings are invited to contact the Director's office. To request assistance contact (805) 648-5503.
8. Public requests for agenda and materials should be directed in writing to the Executive Director at lisa.h@venturacharterschool.us
9. Board agendas for regular meetings are posted 72 hours in advance at www.venturacharterschool.org and at 2060 Cameron Street, Ventura, CA 93001.

Agenda

	Purpose	Presenter	Time
I. Opening Items			6:30 PM
Opening Items			
A. Call the Meeting to Order		Tom Mc Nerney	
B. Record Attendance and Guests		Tom Mc Nerney	
C. Mission Statement		Tom Mc Nerney	1 m
<i>VCS engages every student in meaningful and supportive learning experiences to grow resilient, educated, and socially intelligent human beings.</i>			
D. Approval of Minutes for the Annual Retreat, August 11, 2025	Approve Minutes	Tom Mc Nerney	5 m
Board approval of the attached minutes is requested.			
E. Approval of Minutes from August 21, 2025	Approve Minutes	Tom Mc Nerney	5 m
Approval of the attached is requested.			
F. Approval of the Agenda	Vote	Tom Mc Nerney	1 m

	Purpose	Presenter	Time
G. Consent Agenda	Vote	Lisa Hildebrand	5 m

All items listed under consent are considered to be routine and may be enacted by approval of a single motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items; however, any item may be removed from the consent agenda upon request of any member of the Board and acted upon separately.

--**Ratification** of attached check register, purchase orders, summary of revenue and expenditures for the months of June and July, 2025.

--**Gifts to School:**

* \$1,000 donation from Lewis Family for the Cross Country Team.

--**Credit Cards:**

August

LHildebrand: \$4,249.44

CSandbach: \$3,275.14

--**Personnel:**

Resignation of:

-Sarah Johnson - .60 Art Teacher

-Violet Ballestros - Para

Hiring of:

-Alanna McEnry - Para

-Kristen Bates - Sub

-Devon Delaney - Sub

-Dalton Ventimiglia - Sub

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H. Upcoming Events		Lisa Hildebrand	2 m
--September 2-29 - Beginning of Year Academic Screening			
--October 2 - No School (Board Holiday)			
--October 8-10 - VCS Campout			
--October 16, 17, 20,21 - Parent/Teacher Conferences			
--October 27 - 31 - Fall Break			

II. Communications 6:49 PM

A. Public Comments	FYI	Tom Mc Nerney	5 m
B. President and Board Report	FYI	Tom Mc Nerney	5 m
C. Board Committee Reports	FYI	Tom Mc Nerney	5 m

25/26 Board Committee Members:

Governance Committee: Tom McNerney (Chair) and Tricia McClain

Finance Committee: Liz Smiley (Chair), Sam Estes, and Tricia McClain

CEO Support and Evaluation Committee: Tom McNerney (Chair), Erika Dowd, and Sam Estes

Fundraising Liaison: Sam Estes

D. Teacher Report	Discuss		10 m
Teacher Report Slide Show			
E. Directors' Report	FYI	Lisa Hildebrand	5 m
The Board will hear a report from the Assistant Director and the Executive Director.			
F. VCOE Director of Charter School Support and Oversight Report	FYI	Marlo Hartsuyker	5 m

III. Items Scheduled for Information, Discussion, and/or Action 7:24 PM

A. VCS Workplan	FYI	Christi Sandbach	15 m
The Board will hear a presentation of the VCS Workplan.			

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B. Approval of VCS Participation in the Ventura County Schools Cross Country (VCSXC) League Approval for the VCS Middle School to participate in the VCSXC League is requested. This league just opened its participation to private schools and charter schools. The season starts at the beginning of the school year and goes into mid-October. The meets are every Friday during that time. The Board will hear a presentation by Leah Kahler, VCS Special Education Teacher and Cross Country Coach.	Vote	Lisa Hildebrand	10 m
C. Approval of 2024-25 Unaudited Actuals Approval of the attached is requested	Vote	Rudy Calasin	10 m
D. Approval of Final 2024-25 Prop 30 Report Approval of the attached is requested.	Vote	Rudy Calasin	10 m
E. Approval of the Clifton Larson Allen Agreement for the 2025/2026 school year. Approval of the attached is requested.	Vote	Lisa Hildebrand	5 m
F. Approval of the VCOE Nursing Contract for services in the 2025/2026 school year Approval of the attached is requested.	Vote	Lisa Hildebrand	5 m
G. Board discussion on board make-up. The Board will discuss parents on the Board who have less than two years of experience at VCS.	Discuss	Tricia McClain	15 m

IV. Other Business

8:34 PM

A. Future Topics --Marlo presents on Board Governance --Coverlty Pro presentation	Discuss	Lisa Hildebrand	5 m
B. Board Meeting Check In	Discuss	Tom Mc Nerney	5 m

VCS Board Goals for the 2025/2026 School Year:

2025/26 VCS Board Goals

- 1.) Students progressing towards the highest level of achievement**
 - a. Support and monitor student growth so that students are consistently progressing toward mastery of grade-level standards, with increasing numbers achieving proficiency and advanced performance across all learning areas.
- 2.) Oversee and Manage the School Budget Responsibly**
 - a. Approve a balanced annual budget, 2026/27 fiscal year, that reflects academic priorities and long-term financial sustainability.
- 3.) Improve School Facilities to Support Learning**
 - a. Develop a sustainable facilities plan by working with Ventura Unified to complete a comprehensive facilities assessment by December 31, 2025, to identify safety, maintenance, capacity, and facility improvement needs.
- 4.) Build and Strengthen Board Capacity**
 - a. Increase board capacity by adding 3 board members to the board by June 30th, 2026.
 - b. Actively recruit board members with diverse professional expertise that aligns with the school's strategic priorities, including areas such as fundraising, facilities management, finance, legal, and education.

V.	Closing Items		8:44 PM
A.	Adjourn Meeting	Vote	Tom Mc Nerney