

# Vida Charter School

## Minutes

### Board Meeting

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#### Date and Time

Tuesday May 26, 2026 at 6:30 PM

#### Location

120 E Broadway Gettysburg, PA 17325

<https://zoom.us/j/97876447561?pwd=WFpKaFJ0RDFKNVdwRTFaU3MwN0ZUdz09>

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An executive session was held from 5:30 to 6:25pm to discuss personnel matters.

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#### Trustees Present

J. George, J. Lewis (remote), M. Harple, P. Miller (remote), T. Arias

#### Trustees Absent

*None*

#### Ex Officio Members Present

C. Miller, M. Turner

#### Non Voting Members Present

C. Miller, M. Turner

#### Guests Present

Annaly Blanco, K. Byron

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### I. Opening Items

#### A. Record Attendance

#### B. Call the Meeting to Order

J. George called a meeting of the board of trustees of Vida Charter School to order on Tuesday May 26, 2026 at 6:32 PM.

### **C. Approve Minutes**

J. George made a motion to approve the minutes from Board Meeting on 04-27-26.

M. Harple seconded the motion.

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

## **II. Public Comment**

### **A. Annaly Blanco**

Offered considerations for staffing during the upcoming 26-27 budget cycle.

### **B. Kristen Byron**

Came to address salary discussions. Discussed secretary role including a variety of responsibilities with deposits, reconciliations, invoicing, employee forms, expense reimbursements, board requirements, field trips, food program

## **III. Executive Director Report**

### **A. Executive Director Monthly Report**

Dr. Miller provided a report on Ghost Writer activities, including paid ads to advertise Kindergarten positions. The board is invited to the 6th grade graduation and parade.

The alumni reunion included nearly 100 attendees. The Wellness Walk to Culp's Hill was held in May. 9 students earned the Seal of Biliteracy and 12 additional sixth graders will earn a Pathway to Award.

## **IV. Finance**

### **A. Monthly Financials**

M. Harple made a motion to approve the monthly financials from April.

T. Arias seconded the motion.

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

#### **Roll Call**

P. Miller Aye

T. Arias Aye

J. Lewis Aye

M. Harple Aye

J. George Aye

### **B. Draft Budget**

J. George made a motion to approve posting of the draft budget for public review.

J. Lewis seconded the motion.

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

**Roll Call**

J. George Aye

T. Arias Aye

P. Miller Aye

M. Harple Aye

J. Lewis Aye

**C. Rental Reimbursement**

J. George made a motion to Be it resolved that the board approves the submission of the rental reimbursement forms for the 2025-2026 school year to the PA Department of Education when the forms become available.

M. Harple seconded the motion.

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

**Roll Call**

J. Lewis Abstain

P. Miller Aye

T. Arias Aye

M. Harple Aye

J. George Aye

**D. Contracts**

J. George made a motion to Approve the following contracts: Transportation: Jacoby Custodial: Elite Shine Benefits: Cap Blue Renewal, VBA vision (4 years) Consultants: Phoenix Counseling, Vertex (3-year) Liability: Guide One.

J. Lewis seconded the motion.

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

**Roll Call**

J. Lewis Aye

J. George Aye

M. Harple Aye

T. Arias Aye

P. Miller Aye

**E. Non-exempt Salary Scale Proposal**

J. Lewis made a motion to approve Non-exempt Salary Scale Proposal outlined by Vertex.

J. George seconded the motion.

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

**Roll Call**

P. Miller Abstain

**Roll Call**

J. Lewis Aye

M. Harple Aye

T. Arias Aye

J. George Aye

**V. Governance**

**A. Vida Cheetah Foundation**

T. Arias made a motion to Approve the following individuals to the Vida Cheetah Foundation: Darren Glass Samantha Brandauer Alecia Lair Jennifer Yablonsky.

M. Harple seconded the motion.

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

**B. Vida Board Engagement**

Joselyn Lewis term ending June 2026, up for board reappointment at June meeting

Committee met with a potential Board Candidate and is in the process of obtaining background clearances, SOFI - elections tentatively scheduled for August

Ongoing board member recruitment

**C. Policy Action**

J. George made a motion to Approve 220 Donor Confidentiality Policy.

P. Miller seconded the motion.

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

**D. Policy Review**

Governance committee provided the following policies for initial review:

863 Field Trip Policy

525 Generative Artificial Intelligence (AI) Policy

831 Anti Weapons Policy

**VI. Other Business**

**A. Personnel Report**

J. George made a motion to approve the May personnel report.

P. Miller seconded the motion.

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

**VII. 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 8:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
J. George