



**Vegas Vista Academy Board Meeting Minutes
5355 Madre Mesa Drive, Las Vegas, NV 89108
6:30 PM; August 8, 2024**

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All items are action or possible action items if denoted as such.

I. Call to Order and Welcome

The meeting was called to order at 6:37 p.m. by Chair Eric Duran-Valle.



II. Attendance

Roll Call (Secretary)

Eric Duran-Valle: Present

Elena Fabunan: Present

Lina Fabunan: Present

Victor Tavares: Present

Karl Catarata: Present

Anthony Ruiz: Present

Matt Turner: Present

Dr. Benjamin Feinstein: Present

Nadine Bentis: Present

Absent: Cody Clarke, Layla Medina, Hardeep Sull

III. Public Comment (if any)

There was no public comment at the beginning of the meeting.

IV. Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting (07/03 and 07/23)

- Matt Turner motioned to approve minutes. Victor Tavares seconded motion. Motion approved unanimously.

V. Ongoing Items

A. Executive Director Report - Dr. Feinstein

- Update on current enrollment numbers.
- October 1st is the target to be fully enrolled.
- Pre opening checklist has been complete
- Fingerprinting still needed from Anthony, Victor, and Karl.
- LV Hawaiian Civic Club would like to be an addition or extension to VVA.
- Kindergarten Teacher is needed.
- Transportation has had issues all week. Dr. Feinstein will debrief with the provider.

B. Finance Update

- Ed Tech manager, Nicholas Mawad, was not in attendance.

C. Fundraising Initiative

- Keep reaching out to donors.

VI. Old Business

A. Board Agreement



- Chair Duran-Valle will make sure to get signatures from who it's needed. Vice Chair Elena Fabunan discussed possibility of members needing to sign again after Governance committee meeting.

B. Ribbon Cutting

C. Five-year Strategic Plan

- Will be worked on at board retreat.

D. Fingerprinting

- Mentioned in Executive Director report

VII. New Business

A. Adjusted New School Financial Plan

- Budget was revised to work with 125 students.
- The Finance Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday 15th of August.
- Eric Duran Valle motioned to approve a new financial workbook. Lina Fabunan seconded motion to approve. Motion was carried unanimously.

B. TEACH Las Vegas

- HVAC system and a total inspection will be done at the new facility.

VIII. Action Items for Next Meeting

- A. Eric Duran-Valle will send out the board agreement for signatures.
- B. Dr. Benjamin Feinstein will provide an update on what a potential Las Vegas Hawaiian Civic Club partnership might look like.
- C. The Equity and Justice Committee Chair (Victor Tavares) will convene the Equity and Justice Committee.
- D. Dr. Benjamin Feinstein will coordinate with the family organization to organize a community garage sale.

IX. Upcoming Events

- 08/12/24 Governance Committee Meeting
- 08/15/24 Finance Committee Meeting
- 08/16/24 Latin Chamber Luncheon with Golden Knights and A's
- TBD September Resource Fair (Clark County Family Center)
- TBD October Open house for Potential 2025-26 families

X. Public Comment (if any)

- Lina mentioned a garage sale where the money would go to the school, organized by VVAFO.
- Dr Feinstein mentioned 8/8 will be the first Friday with staff. VVAFO will do a slurpee and sandwiches for lunch for staff.



XI. Closing

- Chair Duran-Valle introduced a motion to close the meeting. Anthony Ruiz seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:41 p.m.