



Vegas Vista Academy Board Meeting APPROVED Minutes 6:30 PM; January 3, 2024

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

I. Call to Order and Welcome

Interim chair Eric Duran-Valle called the meeting to order at 6:38 PM



II. **Attendance**

Eric Duran-Valle, Dr Benjamin Feinstein, Nicholas Mawad, Elena Fabunan, Cody Clarke, Victor Tavares, Dee Sull, Karl Catarata

III. **Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting**

IV. **Ongoing Items**

A. Executive Director Report - Dr. Feinstein

Major concerns; Finances/Fundraising and Board growth.

Enrollment opened; 14 families.

Covered goals for number of enrollments.

Covered strategies to reach goals.

Ask of board members; zip codes to canvas as businesses.

Update on facilities, lease will be signed soon.

Overview of Planning year timeline.

B. Finance Update – EdTec

Dr Feinstein has updated on current balance and potential grants.

Dr Feinstein updated Payroll has begun.

Nicholas Mawad reviewed grants and reimbursables

Reviewed cash tracker of money coming in and out.

Bank balance; \$63,000

Nicholas reviews current expenses.

Possible early start to train staff.

Run down of what he will present in future meetings.

C. New Board Members - Individual Board Member Progress Reports

1. Karl Catarata

Possible LVMPD contact

Potential Latin Chamber of Commerce contact.

2. Cody Clark

3. Eric Duran-Valle

4. Elena Fabunan

Provided 2 names to Dr Feinstein for potential board members

5. Dee Sull

6. Victor Tavares

D. Fundraising Update - Individual Board Member Progress Reports

1. Karl Catarata

Presented idea to hire fundraising on commission

2. Cody Clark

Will follow up with contacts to get updates on donations.



3. Eric Duran-Valle

Has 2 potential fundraising contacts.

Gained donations from social media post

Arranged for VVA to be beneficiary of a charity show.

4. Elena Fabunan

Provided leads to Dr Feinstein for potential fundraising.

5. Dee Sull

6. Victor Tavares

E. Community Engagement Report (Included within Executive Director's Report)

II. **Old Business**

E. Approvals

F. Open Meeting Law

G. Fundraising Discussion

H. Define and Approve Annual Outcomes, Self-Governance Policies, Interactions and Limitations With School Staff, and Record Keeping Procedures

I. Attend Battle Born Academy Board Meeting (Required for Opportunity 180)

1. January 10

- a) Eric Duran-Valle
- b) Karl Catarata
- c) Benjamin Feinstein
- d) Victor Tavares
- e) Cody Clarke

2. February 14

- a) Eric Duran-Valle
- b) Elena Fabunan
- c) Benjamin Feinstein

VI. **New Business**

A. Approvals

1. Revised Bylaws due January 15

2. 2024-25 School Calendar/Schedule

Eric Duran-Valle introduced motion to approve calendar. Motion was seconded by Elena Fabunan. The motion was approved unanimously.

3. VVA Background Check Policy

Eric Duran-Valle introduced motion to tentatively approve background



check policy on grounds that is reviewed by VVA's attorney. Motion was seconded by Cody Clarke. The motion was approved unanimously.

B. Nevada SPCSA Check-ins

1. First Tuesday of every month

Interim Chair Eric Duran-Valle will represent the board at the monthly check-ins and encouraged other board members to join.

A. [Board Neighborhood Outreach](#)

- A. Interim Secretary (Tabled)

- B. Note on Special Education from Interim Chair (Tabled)

VII. **Action Items for Next Meeting**

- A. Review and Approve MOUs

- B. Planning Document Items

VIII. **Upcoming Events**

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| A. | 1/31/24 | Initial Job Positions Close |
| B. | 2/5/24 | VVA Enrollment Lottery; Families Notified |
| A. | 2/7/24 | VVA Board Approval of Hiring Packages for 2024-25 School Year |
| B. | 2/8/24 | Begin Formal Employment Offers for 2024-25 School Year |
| C. | 2/23/24 | VVA Staff Event |
| D. | 3/1/24 | SPCSA Board Meeting Presentation |

II. **Closing**

Interim chair Eric Duran-Valle adjourned the meeting at 8:33 p.m.