



**Vegas Vista Academy Board Meeting
6:30 PM; April 2, 2025
5355 Madre Mesa Dr. Las Vegas, NV 89108**

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By law, no one may willfully disrupt the meeting to the extent that its orderly conduct becomes impractical.

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

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Eric Duran Valle at 6:36 PM 04/02/2025.

2. Attendance

- **Present:** Eric Duran Valle, Victor Tavares, Adelina Fabunan, Matt Turner, Machel Rasmussen
- **Absent:** Karl Katarata, Layla Medina, Anthony Ruiz, Nadine Bentis, Elena Fabunan, Dr. Silvina Jover, Renee Cadaoas.
- **Others Present:** Dr. Benjamin Feinstein, Matthew Gramke, Nicholas Mawad, Uriel "Scout" Ocampo

3. Public Comment

The public comment period was opened, but no one came forward to speak.

4. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

- **03/01/25 Board Retreat**
- **03/12/25 Special Board Meeting**
- **[03/10/25 Governance Committee Meeting](#)**



- Motion to approve the agendas for 03/01, 03/10, 03/12 made by Matt Turner. Seconded by Victor Tavares. Motion was approved unanimously. (5-0)

5. Ongoing Items

- **Executive Directors Report:**
 - Presented current new enrollment numbers for all grades
 - Presented full enrollment numbers for each grade
 - Goals were set for enrollment numbers for next year including approved and partial enrollments.
 - The director attended Carson City to present for charter schools.
 - Urging involvement and assistance with Gala to sell tickets.
 - Presented facility updates with Aguilas Update, New Facility Set Up, and Repairs and improvements still in progress.
 - Presented proposals from audit firms for state required audit.
 - Presented Gala updates.
 - Presented Governance Updates
 - Presented HR updates for new hires and interviews.
 - Presented Testing Updates
 - Presented School Updates for Heart Walk and first soccer game.
- **Financial Report:**
 - Nicholas Mawad presented a January and February Revenue report including grants, reimbursements and federal funding.
 - Presented January and February expense reports with salaries, benefits, and property expenses.
 - Presented 2024-25 current Forecast with projected income.
 - Presented 2024-25 cash flow projection
 - CSP Grant has been completed.
 - Presented Year-End Financial Position of the School
- **Committee Reports:**
 - There were no reports presented by any committees.

6. New Business

- **Rename Equity and Diversity Committee**
 - Dr. Jover recommended the committee be renamed to Equity and Inclusion.
 - There was no vote on the item. Tabled for a future meeting.
- **Board Professional Development Training:**



- April: [Tools You Can Use: End of Year Charter School Leader Evaluation Simplified](#) by Eric Duran-Valle and Elena Fabunan
- May: [Solve the Recruiting Puzzle, Finding, Recruiting New Board Members](#) by Renee Cadaoas
- June: [Financial Performance Framework](#) by Eric Duran-Valle
- July: [Annual Board Calendar](#) by Victor Tavares and Sophie Johnson
- August: [Open Meeting Law Essentials](#) by Layla Medina

7. Old Business

8. Action Items (if applicable)

- 2025-26 School Year Budget (For Discussion and Possible Action)
 - Nicholas Mawad presented the 2025-26 tentative budget including expense assumptions.
 - Matt Turner asked about half payment for administrators.
 - Chair Eric Duran-Valle asked about federal money being decreased.
 - Chair Eric Duran-Valle He also asked about Title 1 money not being allotted.
 - Chair Eric Duran-Valle is asking about the \$2000 bonus being accounted for in the current budget.
 - **Approval of 2025-26 School Year Tentative Budget As Presented.** Motion made by Secretary Victor Tavares. Seconded by Treasurer Adelina Fabunan. Motion passed unanimously. (5-0)
 - **Approval of Dr. Feinstien to engage with Valles with the independent audit of the school.** Motion made by Chair Eric Duran-Valle. Seconded by Matt Turner. Motion Passed unanimously. (5-0)
- Updates on board member compliance
 - Fingerprints still need to be done by some board members.
 - Adelina reminded chair fingerprints for Karl have not been turned in. The Executive Director will confirm with the Office Manager if fingerprints have been turned in.
 - **Approval of** Motion made by . Seconded by . Motion .
- [Executive Directors Evaluation](#)
 - Executive Dir. contract concludes at the end of the fiscal year.
 - Metrics for Evaluation have to be set.
 - **Approval of** Motion made by . Seconded by . Motion .



9. Public Comment

The public comment period was opened, but no one came forward to speak.

10. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn meeting made by Secretary Victor Tavares.

Seconded by Matt Turner.

Motion Approved unanimously. (5-0)

Meeting adjourned at 8:18 PM April 2, 2025.