



# **Vegas Vista Academy Board Meeting Minutes**

## **4660 N Rancho Dr, Las Vegas, NV 89130**

### **6:30 PM; August 6, 2025**

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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 6:35 PM on Wednesday August 6, 2025.

## **2. Attendance**

- **Present:** Eric Duran Valle, Victor Tavares, Dr. Silvina Jover, Machel Rasmussen, Renee Cadaoas, Karl Catarata, Margie Llorente-Gonzales, Layla Medina
- **Absent:** Anthony Ruiz
- **Others Present:** Dr. Benjamin Feinstein, Nandini Vaishnav, Uriel Campo, Dee Avila Roa

## **3. Public Comment (if any)**

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

## **4. Approval of Minutes**

Motion to approve the 06/11/2025 meeting minutes made by Victor Tavares.

Seconded by Margie Llorente-Gonzales.

Motion Passed unanimously. (6-0)



## 5. Ongoing Items

### A. Executive Director's Report

#### 1. Community Engagement/Enrollment Update - Current students enrolled (303)

The bond covenant requires enrollment of 280. Ribbon cutting and back to school night will be tomorrow at 5:30, with guests and performances. We will have community partners and vendors.

#### 2. Facility Update

- Current projects include classroom staging, front gate, landscaping, painting, picnic table repair.
- We are in contact with the owner of the next door lot and are interested in selling or leasing property, only to VVA. Raymond James and Michael Hiltz team are heading initiative to either purchase the lot or engage in lease.
- A credit enhancement of up to 1 million dollars.
- O108 also has a lease guarantee available.
- Proposal to bond holder to engage property is being written up.

#### 3. Finance Update

- We have received AB 398 funding to raise teacher compensation. It needs to be voted on.
- Transportation grant was approved.
- We did not receive the Kaboom grant. We still have 11,000 to fix the new playground.
- Wells Fargo account has been closed.

#### 4. Governance Update

- The Board must approve SPCSA Organizational Framework Self Certification.
- The board will vote tonight on engaging Centegix for a campuswide Security system.
- The \$54,900 includes systems install and other services.
- If approved, the total cost is considered campus improvement.

#### 5. HR Update

- There has been staff training all week.
- We are fully staffed with 30 employees.
- Assistant director will be 60% paid for by O180
- We have engaged SLA for food service again this year.
- Millennial Health services will return this year.

#### 6. Testing Update

- SBAC is required in the state of Nevada for all students in grades 3-8
- The scores came in with a level 2.
- We have 5 times the amount of kids this year.

#### 7. School Update

- English language arts, Science, Spanish, and Social Emotional Learning.
- Specials include Art, Community Service Learning, Experiential Education, Library, Music, Technology.



- We are looking forward to starting extracurricular activities.

## **8. Upcoming Events**

- Dr. Feinstein presented dates of upcoming events.

**Questions:** Eric Duran Valle asked about enrollment regarding 5th grade possibly looking into a 2nd class. Dr. Feinstein advised we don't have numbers to open a second 5th grade class unless enrollment makes sense.

Eric Duran Valle also asked for clarification on cash enhancement. Dr. Feinstein explained how the cash enhancement works as a line of credit reimbursement, not cash on hand. Eric Duran Valle asked about the bond holder for property next door.

Margie asked about building structure and considered the cost of construction. Dr. Feinstein advised refinancing and plans for the area would not cost so much if leased.

Margie asked if we considered having school police. Dr. Feinstein states campus monitor will be security on campus.

## **B. Finance Report**

### **1. 2024-25 Financial Update**

#### a) May Revenue

- May Revenue was broken down from revenue sources, totaling \$141,617

#### b) May Expense

- Expenses were broken from expense reports, totaling \$229,000

#### c) 2024-25 Forecast Update

#### d) 2024-25 Cash Flow Projection

- The minimum 25 day cash on hand was not looking likely. Spending was limited and vendors were asked for incremental invoicing.

### **2. FY26 Overview**

- Net income is looking in the positive

### **3. CSP Grant Tracker**

- Total budget for CSP reimbursement is 1,200,000 and the remaining budget is \$286,906.

## **6. New Business/For Discussion and Possible Action**

### **A. Approval of Plan for AB398 Allocations for VVA Staff (For Discussion and Possible Action)**

- Funding requirement is to support staff raises. There is no guarantee AB 398 will come back after this year and will be in the compensation.

- Each salaried teacher will receive \$2500-\$1750 plus PERS benefit covered.

- Support and hourly staff will receive \$400-\$500 plus PERS benefit.

**Questions:** Dr. Silvina Jover is asking if we are aware about SB115 to give a \$2500 stipend for dual language teachers with endorsement.



**Motion of approval of Plan for AB398 Allocations for VVA Staff** made by Eric Duran Valle.

Seconded by Dr. Silvina Jover.

Motion Pass unanimously. (8-0)

**B. Centegix Campuswide Security System (For Discussion and Possible Action)**

Motion to use bon school improvement funds for the purchase of Centegix security system made by Dr. Silvina Jover.

Seconded by Victor Tavares.

The motion passed unanimously. (8-0)

**C. Executive Director FY25 Performance Bonus (For Discussion and Possible Action)**

Motion to approve Executive Director FY25 Performance Bonus made by Victor Tavares.

Seconded by Karl Catarata.

The motion passed unanimously. (8-0)

**D. Approval of SPCSA Organizational Framework Self Certification Form (For Discussion and Possible Action)**

Motion of Approval of SPCSA Organizational Framework Self Certification Form made by Victor Tavares.

Seconded by Margie Gonzales.

The motion passed unanimously. (8-0)

## **7. Public Comment (if any)**

Margie Llorente Gonzales asked if executive board positions change frequently.

## **8. Closing**

Motion to adjourn made by Victor Tavares.

Seconded by Dr Silvina Jover.

Motion passed unanimously. (7-0)

Meeting adjourned at 7:55PM on 8/6/2025.