



Vegas Vista Academy Board Retreat Agenda
4660 N Rancho Dr, Las Vegas, NV 89130
8:30 AM; August 29, 2026

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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.

- I. 8:30 a.m. Arrival, Welcome, and Call to Order** - Chair Eric Duran-Valle
- II. Attendance** - Chair Eric Duran-Valle
- III. 8:31 a.m. Public Comment** - Chair Eric Duran-Valle
Public comment is welcomed during this meeting and is limited to [three (3)] minutes per person. Per Nevada Open Meeting Law (NRS 241.020), the public body may restrict comments-by-the-general-public based on reasonable time, place, and manner restrictions, but comments will not be restricted based on viewpoint. No action may be taken upon a matter raised during a period devoted to comments by the general public until the matter itself has been specifically included on an agenda as an item upon which action may be taken.
- IV. 8:40 a.m. Board Business** - Chair Eric Duran-Valle
 - A. Consent Agenda (For Discussion and Possible Action/Approval)**
 - 1. Approval of Minutes
 - a) 05/13/26 Budget Hearing Minutes
 - b) 08/05/26 Board Meeting Minutes
 - 2. Organizational Performance Framework Self-Certification for SYE26
 - 3. Annual Test Security Plan
 - 4. Employee Handbook Adjustment of Staff Time Off Policy
- V. 9:00 a.m. Opening Activity** - Chair Eric Duran-Valle
A brief, informal activity where board members and staff present will introduce themselves to each other and explain why Vegas Vista Academy is important to



them.

- VI. The VVA Model** - Dr. Benjamin Feinstein and Chair Eric Duran-Valle
An informational overview of the structure of the VVA Staff and Board, Board Roles and Responsibilities, and the Nevada State Public Charter School Authority Leadership. No action is to be taken during this item.
- VII. 10:30 a.m. IB 101** - Ruby Howell & Tracy Baldwin
An informational overview of the International Baccalaureate (IB) program for the education of board members and all present. Board members are allowed to ask questions for clarification. No action is to be taken during this item.
- VIII. 11:00 a.m. Charter School Finance 101** - Nandini Vaishnav, Vertex
An informational presentation of charter school finance and best practices for the education of board members and all present. Board members are allowed to ask questions for clarification. No action is to be taken during this item.
- IX. 11:30 a.m. Good Governance** - Jackson Olsen, Opportunity 180
An informational presentation of best practices for the charter school governance model for the education of board members and all present. Board members are allowed to ask questions for clarification. No action is to be taken during this item.
- X. 12:30 p.m. Working Lunch** - Prusela Philips and Treasurer Charis Garcia
Board members and staff will have lunch and discuss plans for the 2027 Vegas Vista Academy Gala. Discussion will be included on the record. No action will be taken on this item.
- XI. 1:30 p.m. Strategic Plan (For Discussion and Possible Action)** - Kristina Lowrey
Board members and staff will; 1.) review sample strategic plans from other schools; 2.) break into five working groups (Wellness, Finance, Partnership & Outreach, Education Experience, Governance); 3.) Determine and assign graphic design of strategic plan document; 4.) Decisions; 5.) Finalize Draft for Approval in September Meeting.



XII. 3:20 Reflection - Chair Eric Duran-Valle

A brief opportunity for board members and staff to reflect on the gathering. No action is to be taken during this item.

XIII. 3:30 p.m. Public Comment - Chair Eric Duran-Valle

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XIV. Adjournment