VEGAS VISTA ACADEMY

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

June 3, 2026

Location: Vegas Vista Academy, 4660 N. Rancho Dr., Las Vegas, Nevada 89130
Meeting Date: June 3, 2026
Call to Order: 6:34 p.m.
Adjournment: 8:23 p.m.
Presiding Officer: Eric Duran-Valle, Chair

1. Call to Order and Welcome

Chair Eric Duran-Valle called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m. on Wednesday, June 3, 2026.

2. Attendance

Board members:

- Eric Duran-Valle, Chair
- Victor Tavares, Secretary
- Charisse Garcia, Treasurer
- Silvina Jover
- Anthony Ruiz
- Kristina Lowrey

Staff/others present or participating included:

- Dr. Benjamin Feinstein, Executive Director
- Nandini Vaishnav, Vertex Education
- Scout O'Campo, Vertex Education
- VVA staff
- Ryan Holden, Concord, VVA modular-project representative
- Rick Holden, architect/consultant participating remotely
- Dr. Janna Bernstein-Rogers, prospective Board member

3. Public Comment

Chair Duran-Valle opened the first public comment period and invited members of the public to speak. No members of the public requested to speak. Public comment was closed without comment.

The posted agenda provided for public comment at the beginning and end of the meeting and stated that the Board would not deliberate or take action on matters raised during public comment unless the matter was already specifically agendized for action.

4. Consent Agenda — Approval of May 13, 2026 Board Meeting Minutes

The Board considered approval of the May 13, 2026 Board meeting minutes.

Motion: Anthony Ruiz moved to approve the consent agenda, including the May 13, 2026 Board meeting minutes.
Second: Charis Garcia seconded the motion.
Vote: Motion carried. No opposition was stated.

5. Ongoing Business

A. Executive Director's Report

Dr. Benjamin Feinstein presented the Executive Director's Report.

Enrollment and Community Engagement:
Dr. Feinstein reported strong enrollment for the upcoming school year, including expansion of second-grade capacity and 40 Nevada Ready grant preschool seats. He reported total enrollment of approximately 488 students, including preschool, and discussed expected enrollment and the school's enrollment strategy.

Dr. Feinstein also reported on an upcoming staff meet-and-greet and two Opportunity 180 awards for which VVA had been nominated.

Facility Update:
Dr. Feinstein reported that the modular classrooms would not be available at the beginning of the school year as previously anticipated. The project schedule was affected by the determination that the modular structures would be treated as permanent structures because they would remain in place for more than 120 days, requiring additional underground facilities, civil work, drawings, and permitting.

The Board heard from Ryan Holden of Concord and an architect/consultant regarding the permitting and construction schedule. The representatives explained that the project schedule had been aggressive and that the project team had initially anticipated a temporary permitting process. They reported that the civil-design and permitting process was now expected to extend into the fall, with the permit potentially being received in October under the schedule discussed.

Board members asked questions concerning the project timeline, engagement with Concord, permitting, responsibility for the delay, and possible assistance with costs associated with temporary preschool accommodations.

The Board discussed the impact of the delay on the preschool program and families. Dr. Feinstein reported that VVA was evaluating alternatives for preschool, including a possible temporary off-site location, a late start, or other arrangements. He reported that the K–6 program had a plan to proceed despite the modular delay.

The Board requested additional project information, including a timeline of the engagement and project process and related contract information. Concord representatives agreed to provide a timeline and reported that owner-architect-contractor meetings would occur weekly going forward.

Security/Property Update:
Dr. Feinstein reported that VVA had received Opportunity 180 funding to enhance campus security, including additional access controls, gates, and integration with the existing camera system. He also reported that VVA was awaiting a response regarding its proposal concerning the neighboring property.

Dr. Feinstein reported that the modular-project cost had increased by approximately $650,000 and that VVA was exploring financing options for the resulting funding gap.

Governance:
Dr. Feinstein reported on an upcoming Bellwether governance training opportunity and requested that the Board establish a date for an August Board retreat.

Human Resources:
Dr. Feinstein reported positively on staffing and the summer institute and invited Board members to the staff meet-and-greet.

Testing:
Dr. Feinstein reported that student testing was complete and that VVA was working with Raising the Bar to analyze the data. A more detailed testing report was anticipated for August.

School/IB Update:
Dr. Feinstein reported that VVA's International Baccalaureate site visit had gone well and that the school expected an authorization decision later in June.

He also reported on recent kindergarten and fifth-grade graduations, an upcoming summer program, summer operating hours, upcoming parent and staff events, and the August school calendar.

The Board discussed and received the report. No action was taken on the Executive Director's Report. The agenda identifies the Executive Director's Report as an item for discussion and possible action/approval.

B. Finance Report

Nandini Vaishnav presented the FY2025-26 financial update on behalf of Vertex Education.

The presentation included:

- May revenue of approximately $377,000;
- May expenses of approximately $421,000;
- A projected improvement of approximately $215,000 compared with the approved budget;
- A revised projected net income of approximately $423,000;
- Grant status and reimbursement deadlines;
- The $800,000 CSP award and anticipated uses;
- Cash-flow projections showing more than 35 days cash on hand;
- Balance-sheet and bond-covenant information; and
- Upcoming FY2027 budget and grant-submission deadlines.

The Board discussed the early childhood infrastructure grant, including the need to spend and document approximately $85,000 before the applicable deadline. The Board also discussed the use of grant funds for facility costs and preschool furniture.

The Finance Report was received and discussed. No separate Board action was taken on the Finance Report.

6. Old Business

A. Renewal of Agreement with Vertex

The Board returned to the agenda item concerning renewal of VVA's agreement with Vertex, formerly EdTec, for back-office services.

The Executive Director reported that the matter had been addressed in the preceding discussion. The Board proceeded to the next agenda item.

No motion or vote was taken on this item during the meeting.

The agenda expressly identified the Vertex agreement renewal as an item for discussion and possible action/approval.

7. New Business

A. FY2027–2029 Executive Director Employment Agreement

Chair Duran-Valle presented the proposed multi-year employment agreement for Executive Director Dr. Benjamin Feinstein.

The Board discussed the proposed three-year agreement, including compensation for FY27, FY28, and FY29 and restrictive-covenant provisions. The proposed agreement included a five-year non-compete provision. Board members discussed the length of that provision, and the Board agreed that the non-compete should be reduced to 24 months.

Vertex representatives provided input regarding the financial impact of the proposed compensation.

Motion: Anthony Ruiz moved to approve the multi-year Executive Director employment agreement with all proposed terms, modified so that the non-compete period is 24 months.
Second: The motion was seconded by Silvina Jover
Vote: Motion carried; no opposition was stated.

The agreement provides for a three-year term, as reflected in the discussion following the vote.

B. Admission of Dr. Janna Bernstein-Rogers to the Board of Directors

Chair Duran-Valle introduced the nomination of Dr. Janna Bernstein-Rogers for admission to the Board of Directors.

Dr. Bernstein-Rogers introduced herself and described her background in higher education administration, resource development and grants, and teaching. Board members had an opportunity to ask questions and provide comments regarding her qualifications and interest in VVA.

Motion: Silvina Jover introduced a motion to admit Dr. Janna Bernstein-Rogers to the Vegas Vista Academy Board of Directors.
Second: Kristina Lowrey seconded the motion.
Vote: Motion carried; no opposition was stated.

Dr. Bernstein-Rogers was welcomed to the Board and informed that onboarding requirements would follow.

C. Board Reappointments

Chair Duran-Valle reported that the terms of Eric Duran-Valle, Victor Tavares, and Karl Catarata were scheduled to expire June 30, 2026.

Mr. Tavares had indicated that he would retire from the Board at the end of his term. Mr. Catarata had indicated that he wished to be reappointed, and Chair Duran-Valle indicated that he wished to be reappointed.

Motion: Charis Garcia introduced a motion to reappoint Eric Duran-Valle and Karl Catarata to three-year Board terms.
Second: Anthony Ruiz seconded the motion.
Vote: Motion carried. Chair Duran-Valle disclosed that he was recusing himself from the vote concerning his own reappointment. No opposition was stated.

D. Officer Elections

Secretary Victor Tavares presided over the officer-election portion of the meeting because the Chair's term was under consideration.

Board Chair:
Mr. Tavares opened nominations for Board Chair. Eric Duran-Valle was nominated and accepted the nomination. No other nomination was made.

Motion: Victor Tavares introduced a motion to nominate and elect Eric Duran-Valle as board chair
Second: Silvina Jover seconded the motion
Vote: The Board voted by voice/raised hand. The ayes prevailed, with no opposition stated. Eric Duran-Valle was elected Board Chair.

Board Secretary:
The Board opened nominations for Secretary. No nomination was made.

Motion: Silvina Jover moved to table the election of Secretary until the next Board meeting.
Second: Charis Garcia seconded the motion
Vote: Motion carried; no opposition was stated.

The Chair stated that the Secretary election would be revisited at the August Board meeting.

E. Board Retreat — Information Only

Treasurer Charis Garcia presented potential dates and venue information for the August Board retreat.

The Board discussed August 22 and August 29 as possible dates and Camp Alamo as a potential venue. Board members indicated that August 29 appeared to be the preferred tentative date, but the Board agreed that a poll should be sent to Board members who were not present before finalizing the date.

No motion or vote was taken.

The agenda designated the Board Retreat as “For Information Only.” The Chair expressly stated that no motion was needed because the item was informational.

F. Gala Planning — Information Only

Treasurer Charis Garcia reported on planning for the 2027 VVA Gala. The next Gala planning meeting was scheduled for June 10, 2026, at 1:00 p.m. at VVA, with a virtual option available. Additional volunteers were invited to participate.

No motion or vote was taken.

The agenda designated Gala Planning as “For Information Only.”

8. Public Comment

Chair Duran-Valle opened the second public comment period.

Public Comment — Isela Ramirez:
Isela Ramirez commented on the anticipated temporary classroom arrangement and requested accountability measures and regular progress updates to ensure that the temporary arrangement remains temporary and that permanent classroom space becomes available as soon as possible. Ms. Ramirez noted the importance of the classroom environment to student learning.

Public Comment — Dee Avila Roa:
Ms. Avila Roa stated that she agreed with the preceding comments and would appreciate updates regarding the facility situation. She expressed support for the multi-year Executive Director agreement, stating that continuity in school leadership was important. She also asked whether there was an update concerning a Vice Principal position.

The Board did not deliberate or take action on the matters raised during public comment.

9. Adjournment

Motion: Charisse Garcia moved to adjourn the meeting.
Second: A second was made by Silvina Jover
Vote: Motion carried; no opposition was stated.

The meeting was adjourned at **8:23 p.m.**

Submitted by:
Vegas Vista Academy Board of Directors

Date of Approval: ________08/05/26_________________