Vegas Vista Academy Board Meeting Agenda Minutes
4660 N Rancho Dr, Las Vegas, NV 89130
6:30 PM; April 1, 2026
Approved by the Board of Directors on 05/13/26

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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 6:42 PM on Wednesday April 4th, 2026.

2. Attendance

- **Present:** Eric Duran Valle, Victor Tavares, Anthony Ruiz, Dr. Silvina Jover, Layla Medina
- **Absent:** Alejandra Rodriguez, Renee Cadaoas, Karl Catarata, Charis Garcia
- **Others Present:** Dr. Benjamin Feinstein, Dr. McClain, Angel Scotch, Sophie Johnson, Scott O'campo

3. Public Comment (if any)

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

4. Consent Agenda (For Discussion and Possible Action/Approval)

1. Approval of Minutes - Motion to approve the meeting minutes made by Victor Tavares. Seconded by Dr Silvina Jover. Motion passed unanimously (5-0).
    a. 03/04/26 Board Meeting Minutes
    b. 10/14/24 Finance Committee Meeting Minutes

c. 10/17/24 Finance Committee Meeting Minutes
d. 12/08/24 Board Meeting Minutes
e. 01/16/25 Meeting Minutes
f. 11/19/25 Special Board Meeting Minutes
g. 11/26/25 Development Committee Minutes

5. Ongoing Items (All Items For Discussion and Possible Action/Approval)

A. Executive Director's Report (For Discussion and Possible Action/Approval) presented by Dr. Benjamin Feinstein
   a. Community Engagement/Enrollment Update
      Latest information on Vegas Vista Academy student enrollment for upcoming school year and matters relating to VVA's partnerships with outside organizations.
      i. The total number of enrolled students is 406.
      ii. We have 146 new students enrolled.
      iii. We are looking at a 98% retention rate.
      iv. We are looking to over enroll in case not all families enrolled show up on day 1
      v. The team has run or attended over 30 events to engage families since 1st of January.
   b. Facility Update
      Latest information on facility matters of the school, such as campus improvements, development, and construction.
      i. We are working on finishing up the permitting and processing of the early years program
      ii. Doc has applied for another expansion grant.
      iii. We are on track for August opening.
      iv. Owners of neighboring lot still have proposals to respond to.
   c. Finance Update
      Latest information on financial matters and health of the school. A more in-depth presentation and discussion of this is in the Finance Report in item V.B.
      i. We had a capacity interview for a CSP Grant today.
      ii. A transportation grant has been submitted.
      iii. All of our title grants have been submitted.
      iv. We have applied for two additional grants for early childhood literacy and early childhood expansion grant.
      v. It is crucial for the board to fundraise for needed playgrounds.

d. Governance Update
Latest information on Vegas Vista Academy's governance, such as high-level administration and matters related to the Board of Directors.
   i. We have already received grant that will cover all cost to open pre school
   ii. We have been approved for an NV Ready Grant for 4 year olds.
   iii. NV Ready does not cover 3 year olds.
   iv. We are looking to fund 3 year old early childhood program

e. HR Update
Latest information on hiring for upcoming school year and other personnel matters.
   i. We have hired 14 new teachers for next school year.
   ii. We have 27 of our 29 staff that are planning to return which is 93%.

f. Testing Update
Latest information on student body academic progress as measured by standardized testing.
   i. We have put targeted support in place for Reading and Math in all grades.
   ii. We are focusing school wide in test taking strategies.
   iii. SBAC starts later this month.
   iv. Final MAP assessments are in May

g. School Update
Latest information on the school's general development and execution of its mission, such as recent accomplishments or areas that require attention.
   i. We have submitted the final application for IB Authorization.
   ii. We have made a little over $4000 for the school in scholastic bucks for books.
   iii. Our first graders are sponsoring a bears, bags, and blankets drive for foster homeless youth.
   iv. Monthly hiking with hoot will be at the Henderson bird preserve
   v. We have started a gifted and talented pilot program.
   vi. Soccer and cheer have started back up.
   vii. We have 4 soccer teams.
   viii. Folklorico has started back up.
   ix. Tutoring is still going strong every week.
   x. K-2 robotics has a tournament Saturday.
   xi. We are planning for a three week summer program.
   xii. We are sponsoring an in service conference for UNLV College of Education
   xiii. The Gala is in 17 days. Asking to get more silent auction items in.

h. Upcoming Events
Informational report on upcoming public events, governance gatherings, deadlines and other events pertinent to Vegas Vista Academy
    i. Presented a list of upcoming events.

B. Finance Report
    a. 2025-26 Financial Update
        i. February Revenue
            1. Total revenue for February is $278K
        ii. February Expenses
            1. Total expenses for February is $244K
        iii. 2025-26 Forecast Update
            1. Our approved budget has a total of $443K for the year.
            2. The current forecast is $369K
            3. We are looking at an improvement of $48K
            4. There is no big difference from prior forecast to current forecast.
        iv. 2025-26 Cash Flow Projection
            1. Cash flow is on track. We are looking to have cash on hand needed for the bond covenants.
            2. The balance sheet is remaining stable.
            3. Nandini presented budget timeline
        v. CSP Grant Tracker
            1. Grants are being spent on track.
            2. Some reimbursements have been lagging.
            3. Main concerns are State Transportation and EC Infrastructure Expansion. We need to get invoicing done to not lose it by the deadline.

C. Gala Update (For Discussion and Possible Action/Approval) presented by Treasurer Charis Garcia
Update, Discussion, and Possible Action regarding the VVA Owls Gala on April 18, 2026.
    a. Charis was not able to attend the present update.
    b. We are less than 18 days from Gala.
    c. If you haven't already, please get your ticket and fill your table.
    d. Doc named all silent auction items we currently have.

D. Land Acquisition Update (For Discussion and Possible Action/Approval) presented by Dr. Benjamin Feinstein
Update, Discussion, and Possible Action regarding the acquisition of the adjoining land on 4600 N Rancho Dr
    a. There is nothing to add. We are waiting to hear back regarding the lease.

6. New Business (All Items For Discussion and Possible Action/Approval) Chair Eric Duran-Valle

A. Approval of the Vegas Vista Academy Pre-School for 2026-2027 (For Discussion and Possible Action/Approval)
Presented and Discussion led by Dr. Benjamin Feinstein Approval to commence a companion Vegas Vista Academy Pre-school in the academic year of 2026-2027.
    a. 1 class of 4 year olds will be 20 kids
    b. Motion to approve the Vegas Vista Academy Pre-School for 2026-2027 presented by Victor Tavares. Seconded by Dr Silvina Jover. Motion passed unanimously (5-0)

B. Approval of the Vegas Vista Academy FY27 Tentative Budget (For Discussion and Possible Action/Approval)
Presented and Discussion led by Nandini Vaishnav, Vertex
Approval of the tentative budget for Vegas Vista Academy FY27 due to SPCSA on April 15, 2026.
    a. State Assumption: $4,476,158
    b. Federal Assumption: $408,361
    c. Local Assumption: $45,407
    d. Nandini presented a Federal Grant breakdown of amounts coming in and allocation of funds.
    e. We have approximately $1.8M and $647K in benefits
    f. Nandini presented Expense assumptions.
    g. Motion to approve the tentative budget for Vegas Vista Academy FY27 made by Dr Silvina Jover. Seconded by Victor Tavares. Motion passed unanimously (5-0)

7. Public Comment (if any)

Dr Benjamin Feinstein - The charter board advised against Pre-K and appreciates the support of the board with starting up Pre-K and another pillar of the model into place.

9. Closing

Motion to adjourn made by Dr Silvina Jover. Seconded by Eric Duran Valle. Motion passed unanimously (5-0). The meeting adjourned at 7:53PM on Wednesday April 1st, 2026.