

Vista Real Charter High School

Minutes

Operated by Vista Real Public Charter, Inc.

A California Non-Profit Public Benefit Corporation

Date and Time

Wednesday May 19, 2021 at 3:30 PM

Location

Conference Line: (661) 249-6805 Code:525676

MEETING LOGISTICS

On March 17, 2020, Governor Newsom issued Executive Order N-29-20 related to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Executive Order allows state bodies covered by the Brown Act to hold public meetings via teleconferencing. The public is encouraged to participate in the meeting telephonically by dialing the conference line listed above and may submit written comments for prior consideration to the board members. Comments can be submitted to vmendoza@vrchs.org. Public comment on the day of the meeting can also be given during the "Public Comment" section of the meeting agenda.

REASONABLE ACCOMMODATION WILL BE PROVIDED FOR ANY INDIVIDUAL WITH A DISABILITY

Please see the "Accommodations" notice below.

Directors Present

Ernie Villegas (remote), Marybeth Jacobsen (remote), Randell Lawrence (remote), Victoria Hancock (remote)

Directors Absent

None

I. Opening Items

A. Call the Meeting to Order

Board President Lawrence read aloud the notices regarding meeting logistics and accommodations.

Randell Lawrence called a meeting of the board of directors of Vista Real Charter High School to order on Wednesday May 19, 2021 at 3:30 PM.

B. Roll Call and Establishment of Quorum

C. Pledge of Allegiance

Board Member Jacobsen led the pledge of allegiance

D. Staff Introductions

Corrine Manley, CEO and Area Superintendent
Sharie Strasburger, Principal
Bill Thompson, Legal Counsel
Michelle Lopez, Legal Counsel, LLAC

E. Approve Agenda for the May 19, 2021, Regular Public Meeting of the Board of Directors

Victoria Hancock made a motion to approve the agenda for the May 19, 2021, Regular Public Meeting of the Board of Directors.

Marybeth Jacobsen seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

Victoria Hancock Aye
Marybeth Jacobsen Aye
Ernie Villegas Aye
Randell Lawrence Aye

F. Approve Minutes of the April 14, 2021, Special Public Meeting of the Board of Directors

Ernie Villegas made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 14, 2021, Special Board Meeting Operated by Vista Real Public Charter, Inc. on 04-14-21.

Victoria Hancock seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

Randell Lawrence Aye
Victoria Hancock Aye
Ernie Villegas Aye
Marybeth Jacobsen Aye

G. Approve Minutes of the April 27, 2021, Regular Public Meeting of the Board of Directors

Marybeth Jacobsen made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 27, 2021, Regular Public Meeting of the Board of Directors, Operated by Vista Real Public Charter, Inc. on 04-27-21.

Victoria Hancock seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

Marybeth Jacobsen Aye
Victoria Hancock Aye
Ernie Villegas Aye
Randell Lawrence Aye

II. Consent Agenda

A. Consent Agenda Item

Board President Lawrence announced the consent agenda and asked if any member would like to discuss any item on the agenda for action separately. Hearing none, Board President Lawrence asked for a motion to approve the consent agenda.

Corrine Manley informed the board the changes to the revised COVID-19 Plan for Resuming In-person Instruction are outlined in the board packet and follow the state and local health and safety guidelines.

Ernie Villegas made a motion to approve the consent agenda.

Victoria Hancock seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

Ernie Villegas Aye
Randell Lawrence Aye
Marybeth Jacobsen Aye
Victoria Hancock Aye

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

A. Public Comment

Board President Lawrence read the following announcement for members of the public:

At this time, members of the public may address the Board on any item within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Board, whether or not the item is on the agenda. If you would like to participate in public comment, you must have signed in before the commencement of the meeting. Also, our teleconference line is open to members of the public who wish to participate in public comment. The time allotted per presentation will not exceed three (3) minutes, except in the case where a member of the public utilizes a translator, in which case the time allotted will not exceed six (6) minutes. The total time allotted for public comments will not exceed eighteen (18) minutes per agenda item, or ten (10) minutes for non-agenda items. In accordance with the Brown Act, no action may occur at this time but it is the Board's prerogative to hold a brief discussion, provide information to the public, provide direction to staff, or schedule the matter for a future meeting.

Board President Lawrence asked if there were any members of the public who wished to offer public comment. There were no members of the public who offered public comment or submitted written comment.

IV. Action Items

A. The Board will be asked to approve the Expanded Learning Opportunities Grant Plan

Corrine Manley informed the board that the California legislature provided \$6.6 billion in the Assembly Bill 86 COVID-19 relief package, \$4.6 billion of which has been allocated for the Extended Learning Opportunities Grant.

Eligibility ELO Grant Funds: LEAs must implement a learning recovery program that provides supplemental instruction, support for social and emotional well-being, and meals and snacks to specified sub-groups who have faced adverse learning and social-emotional circumstances. The plan will explain how the LEA will use the funds to implement a learning recovery program for at least the students included in one or more of the following groups: low-income students, English learners, foster youth, homeless students, students with disabilities, students at risk of abuse, neglect, or exploitation, disengaged students, and students who are below grade level, including, but not limited to, those who did not enroll in kindergarten in the 2020–21 school year, credit-deficient students, high school students at risk of not graduating, and other students identified by certificated staff.

Approval and Submission of ELO Grant Plan: The school must complete an ELO grant plan with input from stakeholders and have the plan adopted by the school board by June 1st. Once the plan is approved, Ms. Manley will forward a copy of the approved plan to the school's authorizer within 5 business days. Ms.

Manley informed the board of the amount Vista Real will receive. Ten percent of the school's ELO grant funds must be spent on paraprofessionals.

Vista Real ELO Grant Plan Stakeholder Feedback: Ms. Manley explained the ELO Grant Plan was developed with stakeholder feedback from students, staff, family members and the community. Parent and guardian feedback was solicited during Parent Advisory Committee and English Learner Advisory Committee meetings. Parents and students were able to provide feedback via google survey and Learn4Life Connect and staff also solicited additional feedback through conversations with parents/guardians of students in the sub-groups specified above.

Feedback from stakeholders indicated that 72% felt as though the number one need is for students to catch up on credits, followed by 52% of respondents recognizing the need for students to receive additional support in math skills. 44% responded with seeing a need for support in study skills and 40% see a need for additional mental health support for students.

Additionally, 46% of respondents expressed extended on-site appointment times is essential and 36% feel that on-site access to a quiet place to work for extended periods of time would be beneficial to close learning gaps created by the COVID-19 pandemic. 36% of respondents would also like to see an option for continued distance learning.

ELO Grant Use of Funds: Based on feedback from the stakeholders listed above, ELO grant funds will be used to offer supplemental instruction which includes, but is not limited to, additional evening and weekend tutoring hours from both tutors and certificated staff, additional access to EL, SPED, counseling, and bilingual paraprofessionals, additional support for pregnant and parenting teen students in the form of a tutor specifically for those students, and the possibility for the expansion of intervention programs, such as Read 180 and Math 180. In addition, funds will be used to provide additional mental health support from additional school counselors, and also the possibility of a contracted mental health clinician, bus passes and hop/skip/drive to assist with transportation to and from learning centers, the expansion of the school's Care-A-Van program, and a nutrition program that will provide additional meals and snacks.

Professional development will also be included in the plan to provide training for school staff on strategies to engage students and families in addressing social-emotional and academic needs.

Ms. Manley then asked for Board Member feedback on the school's ELO Grant Plan.

Board Member Villegas asked if the amount of the grant is contingent on how many students participate. Ms. Manley informed the board that the funds are based on the number of students being served.

Board Member Jacobsen is pleased to see the plan addresses CTE and asked about hiring a college counselor. Ms. Manley informed the board they are in the process of hiring a full-time college-career counselor who will focus on CTE, growing partnerships, and WIOA.

Victoria Hancock made a motion to approve the Expanded Learning Opportunities Grant Plan.

Marybeth Jacobsen seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

Randell Lawrence Aye

Roll Call

Victoria Hancock Aye
Marybeth Jacobsen Aye
Ernie Villegas Aye

V. Additional Corporate Officers and Board Members' Observations and Comments.

A. Observations and Comments

Board President Lawrence thanked Ms. Manley and her staff for all of their work.

Board Member Villegas requested to continue the discussion of an additional board member. Bill Thompson informed the board they are aware of interested parties and agreed it would be a good idea to continue the discussion. There was further discussion on the process and steps to move forward.

VI. Closing Items

A. Next Regular Board Meeting Date: June 7, 2021, 4:00pm

B. Adjourn Meeting

Ernie Villegas made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Victoria Hancock seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

Randell Lawrence Aye
Ernie Villegas Aye
Victoria Hancock Aye
Marybeth Jacobsen Aye

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 3:52 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Victoria Hancock

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