

**VIBRANT MINDS CHARTER SCHOOL
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
412 W. Carl Karcher Way
Anaheim, California 92801
Wednesday, March 19, 2025, 5:30 p.m.**

1. OPEN SESSION

Procedural: 1.1 Call to Order

5:35 P.M.

Procedural: 1.2 Establishment of Quorum

Roll Call	Present	Absent
Anderson	X	
Bonenberger	X	
Farukhi		X
Nelson	X	
Rhee	Late	

Procedural: 1.3 Pledge of Allegiance

Led by two scholars.

Action: 1.4 Approval of the Agenda

Recommended Action: This agenda has been posted within the 72 hours required by the Brown Act for a Regular Board Meeting.

Motion: Nelson		Second: Anderson
Roll Call	Aye	Nay
Anderson	X	
Bonenberger	X	
Farukhi	Absent	
Nelson	X	
Rhee	Late	
Item Passes Vote: 3/3		
Item Does Not Pass Vote:		

Procedural: 1.5 Public Comment

None

2. PARENT REPORTS

Reports: 2.1 School Site Council (SSC) Report by Parent/Staff Representative

Yvette LaValle presented on behalf of the SSC. The SSC Meeting was held on March 6, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. Agenda/discussion items included a new location update, the Comprehensive Threat Assessment Policy, and the Volunteer Handbook. The members were also asked if they had any input on the LCAP. There was no input at this time.

Reports: 2.2 English Learner Advisory Committee (ELAC) Report by Parent/Staff Representative

Debbie Schroeder spoke on behalf of the ELAC. We are in the midst of a reset with ELAC to increase the participation level of the parents of English Learners, including the offering of literacy training with the support of Anaiss Servin. There will be more information at the next VMCS Board Meeting.

Reports: 2.3 Family and Staff Team (F.A.S.T.) Report by Parent/Staff Representative

We had a successful Read Across America event, which included the participation of James Vanderpool, the City Manager; Natalie Rubalcava, District Council Member; and Rick Armendariz, Chief of Police. It is helpful to have leaders in Anaheim visit VMCS. In April, events will include the Talent Show, Lunch with a Loved One, Color Run, CPR, etc. There are also two overnight field trips -- Riley's Farm for Grade 4 and AstroCamp for Gradee 6.

3. CONSENT (ONE VOTE)

Action (Consent): 3.1 Wednesday, February 26, 2025, 5:30 p.m., Board Meeting Minutes

Recommended Action: Consent section items are for routine matters that do not require discussion or deliberation by the Board. The consent calendar permits the Board to approve multiple items by one action. All Board members have the right to remove a consent item from the consent calendar so that normal discussion and deliberation may take place.

Motion: Nelson		Second: Rhee
Roll Call	Aye	Nay
Anderson	X	
Bonenberger	X	
Farukhi	Absent	
Nelson	X	
Rhee	X	
Item Passes Vote: 4/4		
Item Does Not Pass Vote:		

4. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT -- DEBRA J. SCHROEDER

Discussion, Information: 4.1 Presentation by Will Fossel of HilltopSecurities

Will Fossel presented to the Board via Zoom. He has transitioned to working for HilltopSecurities instead of Ziegler, which are both underwriters. It will be determined by the Board if we should seek a partial termination from Ziegler so we can continue to work with Will Fossel. He has been our only point-of-contact with Ziegler, and he deeply knows

the school and our plans for the future. The acquisition of the bond would be co-managed by the two organizations with a split fee. This structure could minimize disruption in the process.

Discussion, Information: 4.2 Presentation by Kirt Gilliland of JLL

The main accomplishment is the City of Anaheim signed off on the Lot Line Adjustment Agreement, which was a major hurdle. There continues to be dialogue about the plans. There have been comments from Anaheim, which have been addressed, with new comments in the next round. We are currently on our third round. This is an unusual process for a City. Additionally, there are still questions about a lift vs. elevator. Sandy, our ADA consultant, is still helping us to push back.

Discussion, Information: 4.3 Update on Lease with St. Anthony Mary Claret for 2025-2026 School Year

The lease is in place, and it will provide us our temporary home for the entire 2025-26 school year if needed. It appears as if this is a needed span of time.

Information: 4.4 Contract with Silva & Silva -- Auditor

It will be determined by the Board if we should continue with Silva & Silva for our annual audit.

Discussion, Information: 4.5 LCAP Input

The Board had no input at this time.

Discussion, Information: 4.6 Update for California Community Schools Partnership Program

We should find out the results of our grant submission in April. We remain optimistic. In the meantime, we continue to pilot a variety of activities, including swimming lessons, CPR/first aid for families, networking, partnerships with other entities, etc.

Discussion, Information: 4.7 Comprehensive Threat Assessment Policy

This plan is different from the Comprehensive Safe School Plan. A procedural process is needed to analyze a threat and determine if it is substantive. This is what a Comprehensive Threat Assessment Policy offers.

5. ASSISTANT DIRECTOR REPORT -- CHAMMARRA NGUYEN

Information: 5.1 Current Enrollment

- TK -- 24
- K - 30
- 1 -- 32
- 2 -- 32
- 3 -- 32
- 4 -- 33
- 5 -- 32
- 6 -- 32

Information: 5.2 Current New Enrollee/Waiting List

It appears as if we will have full enrollment for all classes. We are in the process of having parents complete their Enrollment Packets for new enrollees.

Discussion, Information: 5.3 Bloodborne Pathogens Procedures and Training

VMCS continues to focus on keeping scholars and staff safe. There needs to be a procedure in place when there is exposure to blood. This includes access to a Hepatitis B vaccination. Staff members can opt out of the vaccination, but we must make it accessible.

Discussion, Information: 5.4 Plan for Expanded Learning Opportunities Program (ELOP)

It has been challenging to plan for the Extended Learning Opportunity Plan (ELOP) due to the transition to the temporary site in 2025-2026, and then the permanent site in 2026-2027. We will have a plan to present for the Board at the next meeting.

6. ICON SCHOOL MANAGEMENT REPORT -- ROY KIM

Reports: 6.1 Second Interim Financial Report and January 2025 Financials

Roy Kim presented the financials for January 2025. The ADA is based on the enrollment of 247 scholars. Additionally, the 2nd Interim Attendance Report was submitted to the Anaheim Elementary School District prior to its due date.

7. ACTION ITEMS

Action: 7.1 Approval of Termination of Contract with Ziegler as Our Bond Underwriter

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the VMCS Board terminates the contract with Ziegler as our Bond Underwriter.

RATIONALE: For continuity of support, it makes sense to transition to HilltopSecurities as our Bond Underwriter with the support of Will Fossel.

Motion: Nelson		Second: Bonenberger
Roll Call	Aye	Nay
Anderson	X	
Bonenberger	X	
Farukhi	Absent	
Nelson	X	
Rhee	X	
Item Passes Vote: 4/4		
Item Does Not Pass Vote:		

Action: 7.2 Approval of Initiation of Contract with HilltopSecurities as our Bond Underwriter.

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the VMCS Board terminates the contract with Ziegler as our Bond Underwriter and transitions to HilltopSecurities.

RATIONALE: For continuity of support, it makes sense to transition to HilltopSecurities as our Bond Underwriter with the support of Will Fossel.

Motion: Bonenberger		Second: Nelson
Roll Call	Aye	Nay
Anderson	X	
Bonenberger	X	

Farukhi	Absent	
Nelson	X	
Rhee	X	
Item Passes Vote: 4/4		
Item Does Not Pass Vote:		

Action: 7.3 Approval of Lease with St. Anthony Mary Claret as a Temporary Site for VMCS

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the VMCS Board of Directors approves a lease with St. Anthony Mary Claret as a Temporary Site for VMCS. When the lease is available, it will be vetted by our legal counsel prior to signing.

RATIONALE: Because our new site will not be available on time for the 2025-2026 school year and our current facility is being sold, we must find a temporary site for nine months to a year.

Motion: Anderson		Second: Nelson
Roll Call	Aye	Nay
Anderson	X	
Bonenberger	X	
Farukhi	Absent	
Nelson	X	
Rhee	X	
Item Passes Vote: 4/4		
Item Does Not Pass Vote:		

Action: 7.4 Approval of Silva & Silva as our Auditors for the 2024-2025 School Year

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the VMCS Board of Directors approves a contract with Silva & Silva to continue with their auditing support.

RATIONALE: An annual audit is a requirement for charter schools/districts, and Silva & Silva have been responsive and conscientious in fulfilling this need.

Motion: Anderson		Second: Rhee
Roll Call	Aye	Nay
Anderson	X	
Bonenberger	X	
Farukhi	Absent	
Nelson	X	
Rhee	X	
Item Passes Vote: 4/4		
Item Does Not Pass Vote:		

Action: 7.5 Approval of the Comprehensive Threat Assessment Procedures and Policy

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the VMCS Board approves the Comprehensive Threat Assessment Procedures and Policy.

RATIONALE: In California, employers must implement a comprehensive workplace violence prevention plan, including threat assessments, in accordance with SB 553. This document and its implementation fulfill this requirement.

Motion: Rhee		Second: Bonenberger
Roll Call	Aye	Nay
Anderson	X	
Bonenberger	X	
Farukhi	Absent	
Nelson	X	
Rhee	X	
Item Passes Vote: 4/4		
Item Does Not Pass Vote:		

Action: 7.6 Approval of Bloodborne Pathogens Procedures and Training

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the VMCS Board of Directors approves the Bloodborne Pathogens Procedures and Training.

RATIONALE: This is in compliance with requirements for any work settings where contact with blood is a distinct possibilities. A school environment falls under this umbrella.

Motion: Bonenberger		Second: Rhee
Roll Call	Aye	Nay
Anderson	X	
Bonenberger	X	
Farukhi	Absent	
Nelson	X	
Rhee	X	
Item Passes Vote: 4/4		
Item Does Not Pass Vote:		

Action: 7.7 Approval of Expanded Learning Opportunities Program (ELOP)

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the VMCS Board of Directors approves the ELOP Plan for the 2025-2026 school year.

RATIONALE: As a requirement of the ELOP Funding, we must offer at least 30 days of expanded learning, which will come under the form of a Summer Academy and Winter Academy for the new school year

Motion: Rhee		Second: Nelson	
Roll Call	Aye		Nay
Anderson	X		
Bonenberger	X		
Farukhi	Absent		
Nelson	X		
Rhee	X		
Item Passes Vote: 4/4			
Item Does Not Pass Vote:			

8. BOARD COMMENTS

Procedural: 8.1 Board Comments

Nelson mentioned a possible need for a quorum check for the April Board Meeting. Schroeder indicated she would send out a message to confirm everyone's availability.

Information: 8.2 Next Board Meeting: Wednesday, April 9, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. this meeting will be in-person.

9. BOARD ADJOURNMENT

Procedural: 9.1 Board Adjournment

7:19 p.m.

Motion: Bonenberger		Second: Anderson	
Roll Call	Aye		Nay
Anderson	X		
Bonenberger	X		
Farukhi	Absent		
Nelson	X		
Rhee	X		
Item Passes – Vote: 4/4			
Item Does Not Pass – Vote:			