

VMCS REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, September 10, 2025, 5:30 p.m.
1450 E. La Palma Ave.
Anaheim, CA 92805

1. OPEN GENERAL SESSION

Procedural: 1.1 Call to Order

5:58 p.m. (Late Start Due to Late Arrival of Board Members)

Procedural: 1.2 Establishment of Quorum

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

Procedural: 1.3 Pledge of Allegiance

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: Bonenberger	
Roll Call			Nay
Anderson	Absent		
Bonenberger	X		
Farukhi	X		
Nelson	X		
Rhee	X		
Item Passes – Vote: 4/4			
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

LaValle presented on behalf of the SSC. At the last SSC Meeting on September 4, 2025, the three topics involved a Community School update, a construction update, and a report on the success of requiring uniformity with outerwear. There was also a discussion of plans for increased security, including the sharing of camera feeds from the Church's system and the more consistent locking of the parking lot gate to the school's section. There will also be an initial soft start to Pick My Kid for increased efficiency and security during the pick-up times.

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

Servin presented on behalf of ELAC. The first ELAC Meeting for the school year occurred on September 9, 2025. Eight parents were in attendance. Parents were interested in participating in the Latino Family Literacy Project with the provision of bilingual English/Spanish books, as well as the Leapfrog resources so scholars could play and learn at home. Parents are excited to work on their English skills with their scholars. Additional time was given to help parents with the data confirmation process, which was challenging for them to complete.

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

LaValle presented on behalf of F.A.S.T. There is a need for a new V.P. due to the promotion of the daughter. The main topic involved the major F.A.S.T. fundraiser -- Cow Chip Bingo. For the first time, all tickets were distributed, and there was a waiting list for additional tickets if any families returned theirs.

3. CONSENT (ONE VOTE)

Action (Consent): 3.1 Wednesday, August 13, 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: Bonenberger	
Roll Call			Nay
Anderson	Absent		
Bonenberger	X		
Farukhi	X		
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 Kirt Gilliland/Kimberly DeLuca of JLL

Schroeder read from a written report provided by DeLuca. At this time, the construction project is projected to be over budget. This is primarily due to infrastructure challenges with HVAC and plumbing. There is an effort to reduce costs in other less crucial areas. Also, some of the school's reserves are being set aside for possible construction needs.

Discussion, Information: 4.2 Enrollment Challenges for 2025-2026

Schroeder discussed some factors related to the challenge in meeting the projected enrollment. The goal was an aggressive one based on waiting list numbers. However, the families on the list did not convert into actual enrollment. There is a need to check in on families on the waiting list more frequently and via a phone call rather than

electronically. Other challenges included:

- The addition of another charter school in Anaheim, which resulted in a total loss of 13 scholars
- Concerns about immigration and ICE, which resulted in a loss of 5 scholars
- The general pattern of an exodus from the area due to high cost of living
- Need for better recruitment strategies

Discussion, Information: 4.3 Annual Certification for Proposition 28

Schroeder presented the budgetary plan for the expenditure of Proposition 28 funds, which supports the hiring of staff to teacher VAPA during the school day, which also provides Collaboration and Planning Time for the classroom teachers.

5. ASSISTANT DIRECTOR REPORT -- CHAMMARRA NGUYEN

Information: 5.1 Enrollment for 2025-2026

Nguyen provided the enrollment numbers per grade level based on the day's data. However, the number were still in flux and did not include the enrollment of new scholars.

Information: 5.2 Waiting List for 2025-2026

Refined data will be presented at the next Board Meeting. However, the rebuilding of waiting list numbers will be gradual and will be part of the improved recruitment process.

6 ICON SCHOOL MANAGEMENT REPORT -- ROY KIM

Reports: 1 July 2025 Financials

Kim provided the July financial report via a PowerPoint Presentation. Based on the Board's questions about the impact of the lower enrollment on the budget for 2025-2026 school year, Kim shared that most likely it will be a break-even year, whereas in the past there was typically an increase in the reserve.

Information, Reports: 2 Financial Update -- State and Federal

Nothing new to report at this time.

7 ACTION ITEMS

Action: 1 Approval of the Proposition 28 Certification Report

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the VMCS Board approves the Proposition 28 Certification Report.

RATIONALE: The Proposition 28 Certification Report serves as evident that these funds are used to support the teaching of Visual and Performing Arts (VAPA).

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

8 BOARD COMMENTS

Procedural: 1 General Comments

Nelson brought up the need for the Board to be involved since there are so many important decisions at play due to the construction project. Oversight is the responsibility of the Board. He also asked whether charter schools tended to have a CFO on staff. It was shared that this is a role Icon partially fulfills for us. When something looks out of alignment, Icon monitors and asks questions.

Information: 2 Next Board Meeting: Wednesday, October 8, 2025

9 BOARD ADJOURNMENT

Procedural: 1 Board Adjournment: 7:45 p.m.

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