North Valley Academy
Governing Council Agenda – Regular Meeting
7939 4th Street NW, Los Ranchos de Albuquerque, NM 87114
April 24, 2025, at 4:30 PM

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A. OPENING BUSINESS

1. Call to Order:

Will Duran, Council Chair, calls the meeting to order at 4:54 pm

2. Roll Call:

Name	Title	Present	Absent
Victor Marthe	Vice-Chair	x	
Crystal Sanchez	Member	x	
Ellen Argyres	Member	x	
William Duran	Council Chair	x	
Jackie Kinnunen	Secretary	x	
Thomas Walmsley Jr.	Member		x

Other attendees: Julie Geldmacher – Principal; Kimberly Gonzales, Veronica - DMH Law LLC/Legal Counsel, Derek

Will Duran, council chair, announced that a quorum was present.

3). Pledge of Allegiance:

4. Vote to Approve Agenda:
Vice-chair Victor Marthe motioned to approve the 4/23/25 agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by the Council Chair, Will Duran.

Roll call vote:

Name	Title	Yay	Nay	Abstain
Victor Marthe	Vice-Chair	x		
Crystal Sanchez	Member	x		
Ellen Argyres	Member	x		
William Duran	Council Chair	x		
Jackie Kinnunen	Secretary	x		
Thomas Walmsley Jr.	Member	N/A		

5. Vote to Approve Minutes:
Vice-chair Victor Marthe motioned to approve the minutes from the 3/27/25 meeting. The motion was seconded by Council Chair Will Duran.

Roll call vote:

Name	Title	Yay	Nay	Abstain
Victor Marthe	Vice-Chair	x		
Crystal Sanchez	Member	x		
Ellen Argyres	Member	x		
William Duran	Council Chair	x		
Jackie Kinnunen	Secretary	x		
Thomas Walmsley Jr.	Member	N/A		

B. ACTION ITEMS

1. Bank Reconciliations:
Kimberly Gonzales presented bank reconciliations from March. There are no JEs for the month. There are several outstanding payments that they are still working on clearing up.

2. Budget Adjustment Requests

Kimberly Gonzales presented BARS 504-000-2425-0023-IB to fund 24109, an initial budget BAR. BARS 504-000-2425-0022-I to increase operational funding for student transportation, food services, and capital outlay, BARS 504-000-2425-0021-IB mini-grant that was received from the PEC or CSD.

Council chair Will Duran made a motion to approve the bank reconciliations listed above. Council member Victor Marthe seconded the motion.

Roll call vote:

Name	**Title**	**Yay**	**Nay**	**Abstain**
Victor Marthe	Vice-Chair	x		
Crystal Sanchez	Member	x		
Ellen Argyres	Member	x		
William Duran	Council Chair	x		
Jackie Kinnunen	Secretary	x		
Thomas Walmsley Jr.	Member	N/A		

3. AED Policy
Julie Geldmacher asked the council to table the AED policy on the action items.

Council Chair Will Duran made a motion to table the AED policy on action items. Council Member Ellen Argyres seconded the motion.

Roll call vote:

Name	**Title**	**Yay**	**Nay**	**Abstain**

Victor Marthe	Vice-Chair	x		
Crystal Sanchez	Member	x		
Ellen Argyres	Member	x		
William Duran	Council Chair	x		
Jackie Kinnunen	Secretary	x		
Thomas Walmsley Jr.	Member	N/A		

4. Leave Policy:

Julie Geldmacher discussed the changes made to the staff leave policy. This included how staff report their absences to the administration and office coordinator. Leave time was consolidated to Days off and 12 days off if employees have been employees for more than 5 years. Covid-leave policy was updated.

Council Chair Will Duran made a motion to approve the leave policy as presented. Vice-Chair Victor Marthe seconded the motion.

Roll call vote:

Name	**Title**	**Yay**	**Nay**	**Abstain**
Victor Marthe	Vice-Chair	x		
Crystal Sanchez	Member	x		
Ellen Argyres	Member	x		
William Duran	Council Chair	x		
Jackie Kinnunen	Secretary	x		
Thomas Walmsley Jr.	Member	N/A		

5. Closed Campus Policy

Council Chair Will Duran requested to table the closed campus policy. Council Chair Will Duran made a motion to table action item #5, closed campus policy. Victor Marthe seconded the motion.

Roll call vote:

Name	Title	Yay	Nay	Abstain
Victor Marthe	Vice-Chair	x		
Crystal Sanchez	Member	x		
Ellen Argyres	Member	x		
William Duran	Council Chair	x		
Jackie Kinnunen	Secretary	x		
Thomas Walmsley Jr.	Member	N/A		

C. DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Head Administrator Report:

Julie Geldmacher discussed the renewal application process. She is working with Sam to ensure a successful renewal.

Julie is working with Kimberly to finalize the budget.

Julie reports that the state is offering additional funding ($480,000) for schools that move to a 4-day school week with 10 professional development days. Will Duran expressed concern with the drop in student population if the school moves to a 4-day school week. Remaining members discussed the pros and cons of moving to a 4-day school week.

2. Finance Report

Kimberly Gonzales delivers a financial presentation for March and April. An increase in revenues due to an increase in SEG and slight increases in SB9 and HB33. 2 stipends occurred this Spring. The school maintains a strong fund balance. The school maintains a strong cash flow. BARS, check register, and bank reconciliation were approved in this meeting. Next month, Pre-K stipends are expected to be expended.

3. Governing Council Training

Dan and Sam from DMH Law will be available May 17, 2025. Ellen will not be able to attend. Lunch will be provided. Governing Council Training is planned for May 17, 2025, 1 pm - 5 pm. A recording will be provided for Ellen.

D. CLOSING BUSINESS

1. Agenda Items for Next Meeting:

Will Duran will be stepping down as council chair. A vote will need to take place on who will take place as the council chair.

2. Next Meeting:

May 22, 2025, at 4:30 pm

3. Adjourn:

Victor Marthe adjourned the meeting @ 5:27 pm.

The Council may take any agenda item out of order, to facilitate business-at-hand.
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