VAUGHN | NEXT CENTURY LEARNING CENTER

**BOARD MEETING**
**OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS**
**4:00 p.m., Wednesday**
**October 22, 2025**
**APPROVED MINUTES**

**Public Comment**

Members of the public have the right to provide input to the Board regarding agenda & non-agenda items either before or during the meeting for Board consideration of an agenda item. The public is encouraged to raise their hand, sign in for public comment and or submit a chat request for public comment.

**Please note the following:**

- Speakers will be announced by an independent representative and will be allotted 3 minutes to speak.
- The board reserves the right to mute or remove a participant from the meeting if the participant unreasonably causes disruption to the meeting.

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**This agenda contains a brief description of each item to be considered. Except as otherwise provided by law, no action shall be taken on any item not appearing in the following agenda:**

**All board meeting documents may be accessed here: Documents**

Call to Order

**A.** Establish Quorum:

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| Luis Cervantes | Present |
| David Cory | Present |
| Steve Holle | Present |
| Anthony Jackson | Present |
| Anahi Lara | Present |
| Suzanne Llamas | Present |
| Lucia Mier | Present |
| Leland Tang | Absent |
| Gabriel Ylo | Present |

*Advisory Student Members (non-voting)*

Jonathan Chan Absent

Gradys Cordova Present

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Teachers: Zachary Cash, Caitlin Feury, Hillary Hinson, Jasmin Guerrero, Nicole Mohr and office manager Christine Perez addressed the board regarding their opposition to board agenda item B1-Vacation Policy. They each shared the questions around 12 month employees receiving paid time off when there is no funding for it and teachers and staff have not received a raise in the last couple of years due to the continued funding and budgetary constraints.

Prior Board Meeting Minutes - Board member Anthony Jackson motioned to approve the minutes, board member Gabriel Ylo seconded the motion

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**Governance (45 minutes)**

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| G1 | **CEO Report:** The CEO will give a presentation of the school's progress, deliverables and school enrollment numbers and attendance rates. | Informational Item | CEO, Fidel Ramirez shared enrollment and ADA update with the board inclusive of continued outreach events. Fidel Ramirez also highlighted continued community workshops and events the school is participating in. |
| G2 | **Board of Directors, Officer Elections-** The Board will elect the offices of Board President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary. | Action Item | Board Vice Chair, Steve Holle presented the officer elections and the following elections took place:<br><br>**Board Chair**<br>Steve Holle, nominated Luis Cervantes<br>David Cory nominated Suzanne Llamas<br><br>Both candidates accepted the nomination |

Board member, Anthony Jackson motioned for the vote in favor of Luis Cervantes, board member Steve Holle seconded the nomination,

The vote for Board Chair in favor of Luis Cervantes was:

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Board member David Cory motioned the vote in favor of board member Suzanne Llamas, Steve Holle seconded the vote,

The vote in favor of Suzanne Llamas as board chair was:

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Based on the vote results, the elected board president is Luis Cervantes.

Vice Chair
Board Chair, Luis Cervantes nominated Steve Holle for the role of vice chair.

Board chair, Luis Cervantes motioned the vote in favor of Steve Holle, board member Anahi Lara seconded the vote,

The vote in favor of Steve Holle as the board vice chair was

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Treasurer
Steve Holle nominated Lucia Mier for board treasurer

Vice chair, Steve Holle motioned to vote for the vice chair role, board member David Cory seconded the motion

The vote for board treasurer in favor of Lucia Mier was:

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Board Secretary
Steve Holle nominated Suzanne Llamas

Mrs. Llamas accepted the nomination clarifying that she would like to request the minutes continue being transcribed by Claudia Flores.

Vice chair, Steve Holle motioned for the vote of board secretary, board chair, Luis Cervantes seconded the motion

The vote results for Secretary in favor of Suzanne Llamas were:

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| Luis Cervantes | | |
| David Cory | | |
| Steve Holle | | |
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<td>G3</td>
<td>Board Bylaws Amendments – The Board will review LAUSD’s recommendations and move to approve the proposed amendments to the bylaws.</td>
<td>Action Item</td>
<td>The board was presented with the recommended updates to the charter bylaws per the charter renewal committee review by LAUSD. Upon approval the changes would be incorporated into the document.<br><br>Board member David Cory motioned to approve the action item, board member Luis Cervantes seconded the motion<br><br>
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<td>G4</td>
<td>AB1234/AB1258 - Ethics and Brown Act training- The board will receive information on completing the required 2 hour Ethics training inclusive of Brown Act Training<br><br>Training can be accessed here: webinar<br>Training slides: handouts</td>
<td>Informational Item</td>
<td>Claudia Flores, shared with the board the updated Ethics and Brown Act training requirements effective January 1, 2026. The board was provided with access to virtual training to be completed by all Vaughn Board members.</td>
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| G5 | **AB2449 sunsetting/Adoption of SB707-** The board will receive an update on AB2449 sunsetting and the adoption of SB707 effective January 1, 2026 | Informational Item | Claudia Flores informed the board that AB2449 is ending per recent legislative initiatives and future board meetings will be governed by SB707 which takes effect January 1, 2026. |

**Business (60 minutes)**

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| B1 | **Vacation Policy for Full-Time 12-Month Employees** - The Board will receive an update on the research conducted regarding a vacation policy and will move to approve policy. | Action Item | HR Director, Luis Carbajo informed the board that the action item was not ready to be presented as they are still waiting on feedback from Legal. Therefore the item has been tabled for a later meeting. |
| B2 | **Incorporating a New College Culture into the Expanded Learning Opportunity Program (ELOP) –** The Board will receive a presentation on the proposed New College Culture ELOP and will move on the approval of the program. | Action Item | Special programs Manager, Vanessa Montano and former Gear Up Director, Cesar Perez shared a proposal for consideration to the board. However, job descriptions have not yet been finalized and therefore the action item has been changed to "informational". Therefore, a more solidified and final proposal will be presented at a future board date for consideration to be approved and implemented. |
| B3 | **ELOP- Program Plan Revisions -** The board will receive an update on the ELOP program plan revisions and move to approve the plan. | Action Item | The action item has been tabled for a future meeting date in alignment with the previous action item. |
| B4 | **The Yvonne Chan Academic Achievement Fund-** The Board will receive an update on the draft resolution establishing the Yvonne Chan Academic Achievement Fund. | Information Item | Board member Jackson shared with the board how the concept of this Academic Achievement Fund came about. This came about as a quest to determine what else could be done to further support the continued growth for students and how the endowments could be capitalized on to free up money and target areas of low student achievement. The role of the board would be to review the initial funding amount and determine if that amount is adequate based on market fluctuations and the overall needs. It was brought forth to have the board share comments and or concerns prior to finalization and approval at a later meeting. |

**Curriculum and Instruction (60 minutes)**

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<td>C1</td>
<td>Approval of the Renewal Petition for Vaughn Next Century Learning Center- The Board will receive an update on the approval of Vaughn's Renewal Petition by LAUSD, October 14, 2025.</td>
<td>Informational Item</td>
<td>Directors of Instruction, Sadie Edemann and Heather Yoshioka, shared with the board the charter renewal petition timeline, inclusive of submissions, feedback response and LAUSD board meeting public hearing, recommendation for approval, vote and benchmarks identified. Vaughn was successfully approved for a 5 year period on October 14, 2025.</td>
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<td>EL Progress- The Board will receive a report of Vaughn's 24-25 Summative ELPAC results and EL Reclassification outcomes.</td>
<td>Informational Item</td>
<td>Director of English Language, Ana Martinez shared with the board the results of the 24-25 Summative ELPAC, the reclassification outcomes, the obstacles and the strategies being implemented to further support and promote reclassification.</td>
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<td>English Learner Master Plan- The Board will hear a presentation of the 25-26 EL Master Plan and consider approval.</td>
<td>Action Item</td>
<td>Director of English Language, Ana Martinez shared the EL Master plan with the board. The EL Master Plan is brought forward annually to the board for consideration and approval. The plan outlines the objectives and strategies for ensuring EL growth and reclassification.<br><br>Board member David Cory motioned to approve the action item, board member Luis Cervantes seconded the motion
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<td>California State Preschool Program Continued Funding Application (CFA) Board Resolution- The Board will hear a presentation of and consider a Board Resolution approving the submission of the 26-27 CFA for our Preschool Program.</td>
<td>Action Item</td>
<td>Pandaland administrators, Ruby Aparicio, Rosa Gomez, and teachers Claudia Banuelos, Ms. Moreno, and Ms. Gutierrez, brought forward the application for continued funding to the board. The team also shared the enrollment projections and the number of classrooms needed to meet the enrollment numbers as well as sharing the shift in the school calendar.<br><br>Board member Anthony Jackson motioned to approve the action item, board member Suzanne Llamas seconded the motion
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**Partnership and School Site Council (10 minutes)**

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| P1 | **Governance Committee Updates-** The Curriculum and Instruction, Business, and Partnership committee chairs will provide the Board an update on committee initiatives. | Informational Item | Partnership chair, David Cory shared updates on fundraising event policies and approved events. Campus representatives also received training on fundraising protocols and procedures. Also shared that 13 fundraising events were approved.<br><br>Budget chair, Gabriel Ylo shared discussions around interim assessments, curriculums and materials used at the schools. Also discussed additions of criteria to the evaluations, salary comparisons and agreed to table the discussion and |

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| | | | discuss it as an overall committee rather than separately at personnel.<br><br>Curriculum Chair, Anahi Lara shared that the committee continued to review data from the prior year and identifying the growth. She is also part of the PBIS effort and focused on student engagement and how they feel across the campuses. They have identified a trend of inclusion and no bullying campaigns. |
| P2 | **Student Board Member Update-** The Student Board Members will provide the Board an update of student activities. | Informational Item | Student Board member - Gradys Cordova shared her experience being a student board member. Also shared the insight provided on how to address concerns and look for solutions. |

**Board member comments/future agenda items**

**Adjournment:**

**Next Board Meetings:**

**November 19, 2025**

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