North Valley Academy
Governing Council Agenda – Regular Meeting
7939 4th Street NW, Los Ranchos de Albuquerque, NM 87114
December 10, 2025, at 4:30 PM

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ZOOM Meeting Info:
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A. OPENING BUSINESS

1. Call to Order:

Council Chair Victor Marthe calls the meeting to order at 4:30 pm

2. Roll Call:

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

Other attendees: Julie Geldmacher – Principal; Sam Gonzales - DMH Law, Gowan Hays - Axiom

3. Pledge of Allegiance:

Council Chair Victor Marthe leads the Pledge of Allegiance

4. Vote to Approve 12/10/25 Agenda:

Vice Chair Thomas Walmsley Jr. motioned to approve the 12/10/2025 agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by the council chair Victor Marthe.

Roll call vote:

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

5. Vote to Approve Minutes from 10/23/25 :
Council member Ellen Argyres motioned to approve the minutes from the 10/23/25 meeting. The motion was seconded by Council Chair Victor Marthe.

Roll call vote:

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

B. ACTION ITEMS

1. Monthly Finance Report
Gowan Hays presented bank reconciliations from October and November. Several outstanding checks are reported, and reported that a few voided checks were reissued. Hays also presented the check register. The register was reviewed with the finance committee; the largest amounts were for ancillary services, substitute teachers, and SPED coordination/compliance contract support services. Minor change in payroll for tutoring, a grant will be used to pay for this after-

school tutoring service. Hayes discussed additional RFR submissions for additional grants (structured literacy grant for literary interventionist, out-of-school tutoring, community schools).

Council member Jackie Kinnunen joined the meeting during the monthly finance report.

Vice Chair Thomas Walmsley Jr. motioned to approve the finance report for December 2025 with the corrections described by Gowan Hayes. The motion was seconded by council chair Ellen Argyres.

Roll call vote:

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

C. DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Head Administrator Report

School administrator Julie Geldmacher acknowledged the community schools coordinator for exceptional work engaging with and supporting the community. The Veterans Day pancake breakfast celebration was a huge success. Julie and Tami attended the Safe Schools Conference; the new plan for NVA is almost ready to submit. Julie acknowledged Liz for her work on the school's cultural celebrations.

Julie reported that NVA's renewal meeting in Santa Fe provided significant positive feedback and acknowledgement for the school's work, progress and success. The state renewed the school for 5 years without any conditions.

2. Governing Council Training

Julie Geldmacher shared that the GC meeting will be moved to an in-person meeting. The date will be discussed in the January meeting. Victor Marthe made a motion to move this discussion to

the next meeting in January. Vice Chair Thomas Walmsley Junior seconded the motion. The vote passed unanimously.

D. CLOSING BUSINESS

1. Agenda Items for Next Meeting

Scheduling of Governing Council Training.

2. Next Meeting - January 22, 2026, at 4:30 pm

3. Adjourn:

Council Chair Victor Marthe adjourned the meeting.

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