North Valley Academy
Governing Council Agenda – Regular Meeting
7939 4th Street NW, Los Ranchos de Albuquerque, NM 87114
April 23, 2026, at 4:30 PM

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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; Samantha Gonzales and Dan Hill - DMH Law, Tammy Hernandez, Gowan Hays - Axiom

3. Pledge of Allegiance:

Council Chair Victor Marthe leads the Pledge of Allegiance

4. Vote to Approve 4/23/26 Agenda:

Board Chair Victor Marthe requested that two modifications be made to the agenda: moving the contract review to the beginning and striking the closed session regarding the safety plan. Vice Chair

Thomas Walmsley Jr. motioned to approve the 4/23/2026 agenda with the requested changes. Board Chair Victor Marthe seconded the motion.

Roll call vote:

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

5. Vote to Approve Minutes from 3/19/26:

Member Ellen Argyres motioned to approve the minutes from the 3/19/26 meeting. Council Chair Victor Marthe seconded the motion.

Roll call vote:

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

B. ACTION ITEMS

1. NVA Charter Contract 2026-2031

Sam Gonzales reports that the school completed its charter renewal. The board reviewed the performance framework and mission-specific goals for the 2026-2031 charter term. Tammy

Hernandez shared that the framework and mission goals were reviewed with staff, and the staff approved. Vice Chair Thomas Walmsley moved to approve the contract performance framework and mission-specific goal for the 2026-2031 charter contract term. Council Chair Victor Marthe seconded the motion.

Roll call vote:

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

2. Resolution of NVA Governing Board 2026 Charter Contract Documents

Sam Gonzales reviewed the resolution 2026 Charter Contract Documents with the board. Vice Chair Thomas Walmsley motioned to approve the resolution for the contract documents. Council Chair Victor Marthe seconded the motion.

Roll call vote:

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

3. Budget Adjustment Requests

Gowan Hayes presented one BAR to the board. BAR 504-000-2526-0017-I represents an increase for the final SEG allocation.

Vice Chair Thomas Walmsley Jr. motioned to approve BAR 504-000-2526-0017-I. Member Ellen Argyres seconded the motion.

Roll call vote:

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

4. IDEA B

Gowan Hayes shared IDEA B with the board. One universal application is being used for all federal funding. IDEA B requires review and approval of the board members. The school has a decrease in funding, which is true of most schools across the state. Council Chair Victor Marthe made a motion to approve the IDEA B budget for the fiscal year of 26-27. Vice Chair Thomas Walmsley Jr. seconded the motion.

Roll call vote:

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

5. Child Find and Response to Requests for Special Education Evaluation

Julie Geldmacher reviewed the Child Find and Response to Requests for Special Education Evaluation documents. In this policy, the school must provide a written, documented response within 15 days and share it with the student's family. After consent for the evaluation, the evaluation must happen within 60 calendar days. Vice Chair Thomas Walmsley Jr. made a motion to approve the Child Find and Response to Requests for Special Education Evaluation Policy. Member Ellen Argyres seconded the motion.

Roll call vote:

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

6. NVA Child Find Procedures Manual

Julie Geldmacher presented the Child Find Procedures Manual to the staff. This manual will be required to post this manual on the NVA website. Annual training will be held for staff members to review all details of Child Find procedures and timelines. Council Chair Victor Marthe made a motion to approve the NVA Child Find Procedures Manual. Vice Chair Thomas Walmsley Jr. seconded the motion.

Roll call vote:

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

C. DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Head Administrator Report

School administrator Julie Geldmacher on recent successful school events, including "Doorway to the Arts," a kids' cooking program, a jogathon, and a book fair. End-of-year assessment data will be presented at the next meeting.

2. Head Administrator Evaluation

School administrator Julie Geldmacher shared the Head Administrator Evaluation template provided by PCSNM. Geldmacher completed and shared her PDP and provided school data to assist board members in completing the evaluation. An evaluation committee for the head administrator was formed, consisting of Victor Marthe and Ellen Argyres.

3. Governing Council Member Recruitment

The board discussed the recruitment of new members to replace departing individuals by the end of the year, noting interest from a potential candidate named Sandy Craft.

4. Governing Council Training

Training requirements were discussed, with confirmation that present members have fulfilled their required hours. 5 hours of training are needed. Training needs to be completed by June 30th.

5. Safe Schools Plan

D. CLOSING BUSINESS

1. Agenda Items for Next Meeting

Chair Victor Marthe suggested having students and staff attend the monthly meeting to share updates or experiences with the board. Test scores/academic performance. Send items for the agenda to Julie.

2. Next Meeting - May 28, 2026, at 4:30 pm in person

3. Adjourn:

Council Chair Victor Marthe adjourned the meeting.