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

The Governing Council will meet remotely via Zoom. Members of the public wishing to attend and listen may do so via the phone number or meeting link below.

ZOOM Meeting Info:
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Meeting ID: 880 0393 6175

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	
Thomas Walmsley Jr.	Vice Chair		x
Ellen Argyres	Member		x
Jackie Kinnunen	Secretary	x	
Sandy Kraft	Member	x	
Debra Martin	Member	x	
Crystal Sanchez	Member		x

Other attendees: Julie Geldmacher – Principal; Samantha Gonzales - DMH Law, Gowan Hayes - Axiom

3. Pledge of Allegiance:

Council Chair Victor Marthe leads the Pledge of Allegiance

4. Vote to Approve 7/23/26 Agenda:
Council Chair Victor Marthe made a motion to approve the 7/23/26 agenda as presented. Secretary Jackie Kinnunen seconded the motion.

Roll call vote:

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

5. Vote to Approve Minutes from 6/25/26:
Council Chair Victor Marthe tabled the approval of the meeting minutes from the 6/25/26 meeting because a majority of council members were not present at the June meeting.

B. ACTION ITEMS

1. Monthly Finance Report
Gowan Hayes will be in charge of NVA finances moving forward. Due to this transition, there is no finance report for this month.

2. 3.c. Assurance Document – New Performance Framework
Samantha Gonzales (DMH Law) shared the new performance framework with the board. Gonzales and Geldmacher discussed the 3C annual compliance requirements, which are mandated by the school's charter and new performance framework which generally align with previous practices. An assurance will need to be signed by the board to ensure that the board is aware of new requirements of the performance framework which change annually.

Board Chair Victor Marthe motioned to accept the annual 3C Annual Compliance Requirements for NVA. Member Jackie Kinnunen seconded the motion.

Roll call vote:

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

C. DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Head Administrator Report

School administrator Julie Geldmacher shared that staff will return to campus next week and students will return to school on August 6th. Staff PD will include customer service training with a contractor to better serve families, parents, and students at NVA. The focus is to be on building positive relationships with the community. PD will also focus on high-quality math instructional materials. Gelmacher shared vision for the year ahead which include continued implementation of monthly data meetings and progress monitoring through the Amira assessment, special education training to support the student identification and support process, and the continuation of morning circles, which serve as a community-building practice and social-emotional learning tool.

2. Governing Council Training

The board discussed potential future training opportunities and DMH Law is planning to host board training in Santa Fe and Albuquerque, NVA board chair Victor Marthe expressed interest in hosting a governing council board training in the future. Gonzales will share information regarding training for new board members.

D. CLOSING BUSINESS

1. Agenda Items for Next Meeting

Gowan Hayes notified the board of upcoming deadlines for a lease assistance application and a

conflict of interest form related to the school's audit. Hayes will share these with board members via email.

2. Next Meeting - August 27, 2026, at 4:30 pm. The next meeting is in person at NVA campus on August 27 at 4:30 PM, which will include a campus tour for new members.

3. Adjourn:
Council Chair Victor Marthe adjourned the meeting.