North Valley Academy
Governing Council Meeting Minutes – Regular Meeting
7939 4th Street NW, Los Ranchos de Albuquerque, NM 87114
November 12, 2026 at 4:30 PM

ZOOM Meeting Info:
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A. OPENING BUSINESS

1. Call to Order:

Board Chair Victor Marthe calls the meeting to order.

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 – Head Administrator; Samantha Gonzales and Dan Hill - DMH Law, Gowan Hays

3. Pledge of Allegiance:

Board Chair Victor Marthe leads the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Vote to Approve 11/12/26 Agenda:

Member Ellen Argyres made a motion to approve the 11/12/26 agenda as presented. Chair Victor Marthe seconded the motion.

Roll call vote:

Name	Title	Yay	Nay	Abstain
Victor Marthe	Council Chair	x		
Thomas Walmsley Jr.	Vice Chair		N/A	

Ellen Argyres	Member	x		
Jackie Kinnunen	Member	x		
Sandy Kraft	Secretary		N/A	
Debra Martin	Member	x		
Crystal Sanchez	Member		N/A	

5. Vote to Approve Minutes from October 22, 2026
Board chair Victor Marthe made a motion to approve the 10/22/26 meeting minutes as presented. Member Ellen Argyres seconded the motion.

Roll call vote:

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

B. PRESENTATIONS

1. **Robert M. Apodaca, Owner/CEO (RMA Advisory Group, LLC)**
   Robert Apodaca, a consultant with RMA Advisory Group, introduced himself and his firm, explaining their work in lobbying and consulting. He shared his ongoing work with NVA to support the school, which includes lobbying efforts and relationship building with local legislators to secure funding for facility improvements and security technology. Apodaca noted efforts to engage local legislators and highlighted the importance of personal relationships and student involvement in advocacy. Apodaca also shared the legislative initiatives for 2027 with the board.

2. **Tyler Sisneros | SVP | TM and Card Sales Officer (UMB Bank)**
   A representative from UMB Bank discussed the bank's services, proposing an "insured cash sweep" to earn interest on operating funds while providing 100% FDIC insurance. He also recommended "positive pay" fraud prevention solutions for checks and electronic transactions. This transition would ensure 100% FDIC insurance on deposits, compared to the current 50% collateralized coverage, and allow the school to earn interest on its operating funds.

C. ACTION ITEMS

1. **December Meeting Date**
   The board discussed scheduling the December meeting, tentatively proposing December 10, 2026, to accommodate the holiday season. Julie will check with Thomas and Sandy regarding the date.

2. **Monthly Finance Committee Report to include a review of net position, net position, a budget to an actual statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balance, cash flow.**

   o October 2026 check register
   Gowan Hays reviewed the October check register with the board. Check listing was reviewed in detail, including the additional insurance coverage and petty cash.

   o October 2026 bank reconciliation
   Gowan Hays reviewed the October 2026 bank reconciliation. Hays reported the unencumbered balance on the budget is negative due to the lease and when the lease reimbursement is complete, the funds will be moved. Capital funds will be distributed in May or June.

   Member Ellen Argyres made a motion to approve the October 2026 bank reconciliation and check register as presented. Board chair Victor Marthe seconded the motion.

Roll call vote:

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

o BARS:
Several budget adjustment requests (BARs) were presented as maintenance items to ensure balanced budgets.

- **504-000-2627-0018:** maintenance BAR
- **504-000-2627-0019:** maintenance BAR
- **504-000-2627-0020:** maintenance BAR
- **504-000-2627-0020:** maintenance BAR
- **504-000-2627-0021:** maintenance BAR
- **504-000-2627-0022:** maintenance BAR

- **504-000-2627-0023-I:** increase for insurance recoveries

- **504-000-2627-0024-IB:** for a garden grant

Board chair Victor Marthe made a motion to approve BARS 504-000-2627-0018, 0019, 0020, 0021, 0022, 0023, and 0024-IB. 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	
Ellen Argyres	Member	x		
Jackie Kinnunen	Member	x		
Sandy Kraft	Secretary		N/A	
Debra Martin	Member	x		
Crystal Sanchez	Member		N/A	

C. Discussion Items

1. **Head Administrator Report**
   The head administrator, Julie Geldmacher, reported on recent campus activities, including a harvest festival and Halloween parade, highlighting the value of family involvement. Geldmacher shared a video with the board highlighting campus activities.

2. **Governing Council Training**
   Board chair Victor Marthe reported that two members have completed the required training. The board discussed potential options for remaining members to complete theirs and new members have a separate training to complete.

D. CLOSING BUSINESS

1. Agenda Items for Next Meeting

- None noted

2. Next Meeting - Tentatively for December 10, 2026, at 4:30 pm

3. Adjourn:

Chair Victor Marthe adjourned the meeting.