

May 14, 2025

Regular Meeting Minutes

1. **Chair Katie Gerski-Keller called the meeting to order at 5:12 p.m.**
2. **Roll Call –**
Board Members Present: Katie Gerski-Keller, Ekaterina Khmelniker, Stephen Quadro, Meredith Willsen.
Board Members Absent: Adam Errington
Guests: Caleb Buckley, Brittany Galles, Jennifer Hoover, Tavia Pagan, Becky Page, Geniel Bratton, Ryan Sutton (remote), Raeann Quadro, Katie Alanis, Jessica Wren, Julie Gugerty, Amy Cuadra, Janice Oliver-Iraci, James Starle, Marcus Neal, Jessica Crew, Lisa Otto, George Hudson, Hunter Atherton, Michael Carlson, Nicole Brawn, Sam Bruton.
3. **Board Member Exigencies and Remote Attendance –**
Action: Shall the board approve any board members to participate in this board meeting from a remote location due to unexpected emergencies per AB 2449?
Information: Members must publicly disclose at the meeting before any action is taken, whether any other individuals 18 years of age or older are present in the room at the remote location with the member, and if so, the general nature of the member's relationship with any such individuals; and ensure their meeting participation using both visual and audio technology.

TABLED. NO ACTION
4. **Executive Director Caleb Buckley read the Joyfulness Virtue Card.**
5. **Public Comment –**

Katie Alanis made a comment regarding the May 13, 2025, SJUSD Board meeting and Orchard's charter renewal.

Sam Bruton made a comment regarding the last two SJUSD Board meetings and Orchard's charter renewal.

Amy Cuadra made a comment regarding concerns on how the May 13, 2025, SJUSD Board meeting went and how to support Orchard's charter renewal.

Marcus Neal made a comment regarding the May 13, 2025, SJUSD Board meeting and speaking with SJUSD Board members.

Janice Oliver-Iraci made a comment regarding the May 13, 2025, SJUSD Board meeting without any GVCS Board members in attendance.

Anesa made a comment regarding holding Town Hall meetings once a month and the admission date for first grade.

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Raeann Quadro made a comment regarding the May 13, 2025, SJUSD Board meeting and transparency from the GVCS Board in a dashboard format for viewing.

Claudia Vasquez Cifuentes (Zoom) made a comment regarding the May 13, 2025, SJUSD Board meeting and a three-year charter renewal for Orchard.

Paige Timsak (Zoom) made a comment regarding addressing concerns of the charter renewal process for Orchard.

Hunter Atherton made a comment regarding his family's value in GVCS and asks for transparency and communication.

6. Reading Difficulties Screener –

It was moved by Ekaterina Khmelniker and seconded by Stephen Quadro that the Board approve the adoption of a Multitudes Reading Difficulties Screener for Golden Valley Charter Schools.

(Ayes: 4, Noes: 0, Abstain: 0)

7. Revised 2025/2026 Calendar for Golden Valley Charter Schools –

It was moved by Stephen Quadro and seconded by Ekaterina Khmelniker that the board approve the revised 2025/2026 Calendar for Golden Valley Charter Schools.

(Ayes: 4, Noes: 0, Abstain: 0)

8. March 12, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes –

It was moved by Ekaterina Khmelniker and seconded by Stephen Quadro that the Board approve the March 12, 2025, Regular Meeting Minutes.

(Ayes: 3, Noes: 0, Abstain: 1, M. Willsen)

9. April 2, 2025 Special Meeting Minutes –

It was moved by Ekaterina Khmelniker and seconded by Meredith Willsen that the Board approve the April 2, 2025, Special Meeting Minutes.

(Ayes: 3, Noes: 0, Abstain: 1, S. Quadro)

10. April 9, 2025 Special Meeting Minutes –

It was moved by Stephen Quadro and seconded by Meredith Willsen that the Board approve the April 9, 2025, Special Meeting Minutes.

(Ayes: 3, Noes: 0, Abstain: 1, E. Khmelniker)

11. April 9, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes –

It was moved by Meredith Willsen and seconded by Stephen Quadro the Board approve the April 9, 2025, Regular Meeting Minutes.

(Ayes: 3, Noes: 0, Abstain: 1, E. Khmelniker)

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12. GVOS Local Control Accountability Plan PUBLIC HEARING –

The board chair opened a public hearing to receive public comments on Golden Valley Orchard School's (GVOS) Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP).

Jennifer Hoover presented information on the Golden Valley Orchard School Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP).

Ekaterina Khmelniker made a comment regarding Orchard's performance levels at State levels and district levels.

Katie Gerski-Keller made a comment regarding addressing Orchard's math testing levels.

Chair Katie Gerski-Keller closed the public hearing.

13. GVRs Local Control Accountability Plan PUBLIC HEARING –

The board chair opened a public hearing to receive public comments on Golden Valley River School's (GVRs) Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP).

Jennifer Hoover presented information on the Golden Valley River School Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP).

There were no public comments

Chair Katie Gerski-Keller closed the public hearing.

14. Charter Renewal Process for Golden Valley Orchard School (GVOS)

The board discussed the Charter Renewal Process for Golden Valley Orchard School.

Executive Director Caleb Buckley presented information on the Golden Valley Orchard School's Charter Renewal Process.

15. Faculty Reports –

Faculty Chair Report, Orchard: Orchard Faculty Chair, Jennifer Evans was absent, Tavia Pagan, River Faculty Chair, presented items of interest to the board on behalf of Jennifer Evans.

Faculty Chair Report, River: River Faculty Chair, Tavia Pagan, presented items of interest to the board.

16. Executive Reports –

Board Chair Report: Board of Trustees Chair, Katie Gerski-Keller, presented items of interest to the board.

Executive Director Report: Executive Director, Caleb Buckley, presented items of interest to the board.

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17. Closed Session: Public Employee Performance Evaluation (continued) –

The board went into closed session at 8:28 p.m. to discuss the annual review of the Executive Director of Golden Valley Charter Schools pursuant to § 54957.

The board came out of closed session at 10:45 p.m. **NO ACTION TAKEN**

18. The Board recited the Motto of the Social Ethic.

19. Chair Katie Gerski-Keller adjourned the meeting at 10:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Brittany Galles.

Katie Gerski-Keller, Chair

Date