

June 4, 2025

Regular Meeting Minutes

1. **Vice Chair Meredith Willsen called the meeting to order at 5:06 p.m.**
2. **Roll Call –**
Board Members Present: Meredith Willsen, Ekaterina Khmelniker, Stephen Quadro, Jennifer Huetter
Board Members Absent: Katie Gerski-Keller
Guests: Brittany Galles, Jennifer Hoover, Becky Page, Geniel Bratton, Ryan Sutton (remote), Ryan Miller, Sarah Miller, Lisa Otto, Jessica Crew, Bree Galbraith, Danielle Jones, Katie Alanis, James Stark, Raeann Quadro, Sam Kay, Maile Gardner, Amy Cuadra, Desiree Fox, Emily Holen.
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. **Vice Chair Meredith Willsen read the Tolerance Virtue Card.**
5. **Public Comment –**

Katie Alanis made a comment regarding supporting the Orchard Principal to stay at the Orchard school.

Amy Cuadra made a comment regarding the Orchard Principal staying at the Orchard school.

Joanna Ahola made a comment regarding a non-entity email that went out and a previous SJUSD Board meeting.

Desiree Fox made a comment regarding transparency from the Board on a possible principal switch.

Sam Kay made a comment regarding a past meeting with the executive director and school principal regarding a difficult ordeal with one student.

Raeann Quadro made a comment addressing an anonymous parent group, more transparency from the GVCS Board and a previous SJUSD Board meeting.

Sarah Miller made a comment regarding clear communication policies.

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Charlotte Gibbs (Zoom) made a comment regarding the executive director handling a matter with parents in 2022.

Samantha Bruton made a comment regarding a possible principal switch, more communication from administration and information on the establishment of the Community Engagement Committee.

Marcus Neal (Zoom) made a comment regarding his interviews with SJUSD about responses from the executive director.

GY 16 (Zoom) made a comment regarding concerns about possibly losing a charter for the River school and more transparency from the GVCS Board.

6. May 14, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes –

It was moved by Stephen Quadro and seconded by Ekaterina Khmelniker that the Board approve the May 14, 2025, Regular Meeting Minutes.

(Ayes: 3, Noes: 0, Abstain: 1, J. Huetter)

7. May 21, 2025 Special Meeting Minutes –

It was moved by Ekaterina Khmelniker and seconded by Stephen Quadro that the board approve the May 21, 2025, Special Meeting Minutes.

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

8. 2025-2026 Budget for GVOS –

Bernard Campos presented the 2025-2026 Budget for GVOS.

Ekaterina Khmelniker made a comment regarding COLA for next year and applying for employee retention credit.

Stephen Quadro made a comment regarding overstated revenue and properly stated liabilities.

Ekaterina Khmelniker made a comment about SPED and litigation being separated in the breakdown, and local revenue to be fixed.

Stephen Quadro made a comment regarding the \$150,000 loan from the River school to the Orchard school that was approved by the Board in May is not reflected in the budget. Stephen will follow up with S. Lefkowitz on GVEF, liabilities, SPED and funds transfer to reflect on 2025-2026 Budget for GVOS.

TABLED. NO ACTION.

9. 2025-2026 Budget for GVRs –

Bernard Campos presented the 2025-2026 Budget for GVRs.

Ekaterina Khmelniker made a comment regarding travel and conferences.

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Stephen Quadro made a comment regarding needing more detail in description 5200's

Meredith Willsen made a comment regarding 5500 for utilities.

Stephen Quadro made a comment regarding having a separate budget for the CMO and bringing it to the next Board meeting.

TABLED. NO ACTION.

10. 2025-2026 Local Indicators, GVOS –

Jennifer Hoover presented and explained each priority and areas of improvement of the 2025-2026 Local Indicators for Golden Valley Orchard School (GVOS) to the Board.

11. 2025-2026 Local Indicators, GVRs –

Jennifer Hoover presented and explained each priority and areas of improvement of the 2025-2026 Local Indicators for Golden Valley River School (GVRs) to the Board.

12. GVOS Local Control and Accountability Plan –

Jennifer Hoover presented updated numbers on the Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) for Golden Valley Orchard School (GVOS)

It was moved by Ekaterina Khmelniker and seconded by Stephen Quadro that the board approve the Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) for Golden Valley Orchard School (GVOS).

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

13. GVRs Local Control and Accountability Plan –

Jennifer Hoover presented updated numbers on the Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) for Golden Valley River School (GVRs).

It was moved by Stephen Quadro and seconded by Ekaterina Khmelniker that the Board approve the Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) for Golden Valley River School (GVRs).

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

14. Jennifer Hoover presented the annual report for Prop. 28: Arts and Music Funding for Golden Valley River School (GVRs).

It was moved by Ekaterina Khmelniker and seconded by Stephen Quadro that the board approve the annual report for Prop. 28: Arts and Music Funding for Golden Valley River School (GVRs).

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

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15. It was moved by Stephen Quadro and seconded by Ekaterina Khmelniker that the Board approve to hold a regular Board meeting on June 24, 2025 at 5:00 p.m.

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

16. **Faculty Reports –**

Faculty Chair Report, Orchard: Orchard Faculty Chair, Jennifer Evans was absent. The Faculty Chair Report is posted in the Board Packet.

Faculty Chair Report, River: River Faculty Chair, Tavia Pagan, was absent. The Faculty Chair Report is posted in the Board Packet.

17. **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, was absent, The Executive Director Report is posted in the Board Packet.

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

The board went into closed session at 6:33 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 8:47 p.m. **NO ACTION TAKEN**

19. **The Board recited the Motto of the Social Ethic.**

20. **Vice Chair Meredith Willsen adjourned the meeting at 8:48 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted by Brittany Galles.

Katie Gerski-Keller, Chair

Date