



VPA GOVERNING BOARD MEETING

April 16, 2026 - 2:00 pm ET

Access Point: 111 E. Monument Avenue, Suite 605 Kissimmee, FL 34741

Meeting Minutes

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

Jessica Howell commenced the meeting at 2:02pm ET. Present: Jennifer Parker, Charles Korger

Guests: Sandra Anthony, Megan Sandoval, Ed DePersis, Melissa Stokke, Wendy Ross, Thomas Sternberg, Jessica Vazquez

Absent: Stevie Johns, Lisa Furhmeister

II. Routine Business

J. Parker made a motion to approve the agenda seconded by Jessica Howell; Motion carried unanimously.

C. Korger made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 26, 2026 board meeting, seconded by J. Parker. Motion carried unanimously.

III. Information and Discussion Items

State of the School Report

Dr. Stokke began the state of school report with a celebration of increasing writing testing participation compared to last school year. Principal Gambino then updated the board with the efforts that went into accomplishing this goal, including the communication plan. She then shared how the in-person testing allowed for opportunities to build community through staff group challenges, Finn the shark visiting the sites, and voting for Finn's final climb. A student testimonial from an 8th grader was also shared. Additionally, a video from a student sharing his V Prep experience was shown to the board. Principal Gambino also recognized Ms. Jandrew with the Mission Moment Recognition for 2026 for her dedication, adaptability, and tenacity.

Principal Gambino gave a preview of May testing by explaining the recognition program for students who attend testing by awarding them a colored bracelet based on how many years they have been



enrolled at V Prep. Gummy sharks will also be given to students as motivation to complete the 26-27 enrollment survey.

Dr. Stokke shared that V Prep reached 100% participation for FAA and 94% student completion for the WIDA assessment. Additionally, ESE indicators for state accountability are at 100% with no errors.

Principal Gambino shared additional details about the graduation ceremony, including announcing Denis Phillips as a keynote speaker, student speakers, and staff speakers as chosen by seniors. Dr. Stokke added that an additional keynote speaker would also be included in the ceremony. The board can expect an invitation within the next two weeks.

Dr. Stokke explained that some of the grade level numbers vary from the initial charter application, so a discussion on adjusting enrollment cap per grade level. Board Member Korger asked about the discrepancy between 11th and 12th grades. Dr. Anthony explained that the school has attracted more students at the secondary level than elementary. Mr. Sternberg also added the statutory enrollment preferences in the chat.

Financial Update – Ed DePersis

Mr. DePersis presented the April 2026 Executive Finance Summary which began with projected in year enrollment remaining at 1286 versus a budget of 833. Weighted FTE's up to 789.9, up from 767. Revenue is projected at \$5.3 million, up 29% from the budget. Mr. DePersis then outlined the funding payments as well as projected expenses, revenues, cash balances, ACCEL payment requests and AP Outstanding. He provided the Board with details related to revenue, expenses and surplus/deficit amounts. A review of projected receipts and disbursements was also provided with the invoice detail for approval of the ACCEL payment request in the amount of \$342,866.89. He concluded with a review of the ACCEL Invoice Detail from April.

Enrollment Update

Wendy Ross announced that enrollment is at 1,314. 73% of families have responded to the re-enrollment survey with 67.5% indicating they will be returning. Ms. Ross said that next month she will be sharing an update on re-enrollment responses and new verified students for the 26-27 school year.

Legal Updates

Mr. Sternberg gave an update on the special session that was reconvened to talk about redistricting, the use of AI, and medical freedom. There is still some uncertainty regarding budget, as the house and senate are about 4 billion dollars a part. More guidance on budget expected after the state legislation moves on it.

Some discussions have taken place regarding board realignment to determine if anyone wants to serve in a different capacity. Dr. Anthony explained there was some questions around the residential



requirements of the board president; however, Mr. Sternberg said there is nothing by law that requires a board member to reside in the county.

Dr. Anthony also brought up the topic of physical office location. Mr. Sternberg said the only legal requirements for the charter board is that they hold two meetings a year. Dr. Anthony explained the school would like to reassess office location based on budget and an appropriate space for testing students.

IV. Board Committee Reports

Strategic Committee Report: J. Howell reported that the strategic committee spoke about the strategic committee's conversation around enrollment caps per grade level and the marketing campaign around attracting younger students. In the coming months, they plan to re-evaluate the current mission and the school website.

Executive Committee Report: Jennifer Parker reported that the Executive Committee focused on enrollment and serving students who are not on track regarding graduation requirements.

V. Action Items

On a motion by Jennifer Parker, seconded by Jessica Howell, the **board approved the ACCEL Payment Request of March and April 2026**. Motion carried unanimously.

On a motion by Jennifer Parker, seconded by Jessica Howell, the **board approved the 26-27 Board Meeting Dates**. Motion carried unanimously.

On a motion by Jessica Howell, seconded by Jennifer Parker, the **board approved the revised enrollment capacity**. Motion carried unanimously.

VI. Comments from the Board

Dr. Howell commended the team on accomplishing the writing testing percentage which was seconded by Ms. Parker.

VII. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

VIII. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 2:47 pm.