



VPA GOVERNING BOARD MEETING

February 26, 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

Stevie Johns commenced the meeting at 2:02pm ET. Present: Lisa Fuhrmeister, Jennifer Parker, Dr. Jessica Howell

Guests: Sandra Anthony, Megan Sandoval, Ed DePersis, Melissa Stokke, Wendy Ross, Board candidate: Charles Korger

II. Routine Business

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

S. Johns made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 22, 2026, board meeting, seconded by Lisa Fuhrmeister. Motion carried unanimously.

III. Information and Discussion Items

State of the School Report

Dr. Anthony began the state of the school report by outlining upcoming events before turning it over to Dr. Stokke. The Mission Moment for February was the Hidden Figures Parent Evening which was titled "Hidden Figures – Women in STEM." Reported positive comments from students that lead to scheduling another session during the school day.

Dr. Stokke then gave an update on the graduation status of the senior class. In the fall there were 4 students on track to graduate. Counselors have been working diligently to support seniors in meeting their graduation requirements, including offering monthly CLT assessments and running credit recovery classes. There are now 21 students on track to graduate. Dr. Stokke gave an update on the 2026 graduation ceremony, which will be held virtually using the ON24 platform. Dr. Stokke and Dr. Anthony expressed confidence in the ON24 platform. There will also be a Sea World celebration for the graduates.



Dr. Stokke shared POSSIP reports from February, with all respondents reporting they were happy with the school. A positive quote was shared about 3rd grade teacher, Ms. Contreras, which was a classroom the district had recently visited during a reflective visit.

Spring Testing Updates were provided including a map showing how the state is split into 8 regions with over 30 sites. The testing team is planning a training session for Regional Site leads. Dr. Stokke shared that plans for the sites including activities for staff and student morale, student re-enrollment, and other celebrations. Dr. Stokke shared Finn the Shark's climb to the St. Augustine Lighthouse to celebrate 95% testing for PM2. For PM3, students will be voting on Finn's final climb when they complete PM3 in person.

Dr. Stokke updated the board on the BOLD presentation by the V Prep administrators and then completed the state of the school report by sharing the proposed 26-27 school calendar, which follows the Osceola district calendar.

Financial Update – Ed DePersis

Mr. DePersis presented the February 2026 Executive Finance Summary which began with the announcement of an increase of weighted FTEs from 711.2 to 789.9. Result is that the Net funding payments for FY26 increased by \$1.2M. The board was presented with a revised budget for their consideration. 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 \$349,789.86. He concluded with a review of the ACCEL Invoice Detail from February.

Enrollment Update

Wendy Ross announced that enrollment is at 1,403. As we enter re-enrollment season, Ms. Ross will provide additional information regarding the number of students returning, undecided, and not returning.

New Board Member

S. Johns announced Chuck Korger as a potential new board member and formally presented a motion. L. Fuhrmeister seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

Mr. Korger expressed his excitement with joining the board and his passion for helping the community.



IV. Board Committee Reports

Strategic Committee Report: S. Johns reported that the committee is aligned with wanting to add an additional member to the board, which they can now check off. She reports they also are focusing on the renewal process. Dr. Anthony committed to promulgating any information the school receives as soon as it is received and will keep the board informed through all of the milestones.

Executive Committee Report: Jennifer Parker reported that Megan Sandoval joined the committee to share the update in leadership at the school level.

V. Action Items

On a motion by Stevie Johns, seconded by Jessica Howell, the **board approved the ACCEL Payment Request of February 2026**. Motion carried unanimously.

On a motion by Jessica Howell, seconded by Lisa Fuhrmeister, the board approved the **Revised School Budget**. Motion carried unanimously.

On a motion by Stevie Johns, seconded by Jessica Howell, the **board approved the 2026-27 School Calendar**. Motion carried unanimously.

VI. Comments from the Board

Lisa Fuhrmeister and Jennifer Parker expressed their pleasure with the work of the school. L. Fuhrmeister also expressed that she had colleagues reach out to her regarding the BOLD presentation and how impressed they were with the energy and content of the presentation.

The next board meeting date and time: April 16, 2026 – 2:00PM

VII. Public Comment

Dr. Anthony welcomed C. Korger to the board and said they would follow-up with him on fingerprinting and board governance training.

VIII. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 2:42 pm.