GOLDEN VALLEY CHARTER SCHOOL
Board of Directors Meeting
Monday, August 24, 2026
4:30 p.m.

Minutes

1. ORGANIZATIONAL BUSINESS

a. **Call to Order** – Golden Valley Charter School's Board of Directors' Meeting was called to order by James Bean at 4:34 p.m.
b. **Pledge of Allegiance** – Deanna Downs led the Pledge of Allegiance.
c. **Welcome of Guests** – Monica Romero, Director of Support; Development; Katie Reyes Salcedo, Director of Curriculum & Assessment; Tristyne White, Director of Special Education; Tom Shelton, School Counselor; Joyce Salsberry; Jeff Clanton; and Leticia Guerrero.

2. PRELIMINARY ITEMS

a. **Board Members Roll Call** – Present: James Bean, Chairperson; Dr. Raul Ramirez, Chief Financial Officer; Adrian Heredia, Secretary; and April Palacios, Community Member. Absent - Geoff Frankl, GVCS Parent.
b. **GVCS Administrative Staff Roll Call** – Present: Deanna Downs, Executive Director and Stephanie Janes, Student Affairs Administrator.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Adrian Heredia moved to accept the agenda as presented. April Palacios seconded the motion.
Roll Call Vote: Ramires-aye; Heredia-aye; Palacios-aye; Bean-aye.
All in favor, motion is passed.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Adrian Heredia made a motion to approve the minutes from the Board Meeting on June 1, 2026.
April Palacios seconded the motion.
Roll Call Vote: Heredia-aye; Palacios-aye; Bean-aye; Ramirez-abstained.
Motion passed with 1 abstention.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

6. LEADERSHIP TEAM AND BOARD MEMBERS' REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

a. **Executive Director's Report**
   i. **GVCS Summer Happenings –** Deanna Downs gave an update on all the activity that happened over the summer. Two Education Facilitators chose to leave GVCS, which prompted three new Education Facilitator hires. Due to increases in enrollment an Office Manager was also hired. GVCS held its first ever "Kick-Off Kamp" which was dedicated to providing parent educator workshops. A "Kids Kamp" was also offered, so parents could focus on attending the workshop. 63 parents and 75 kids attended. Overall, the Kickoff Camp was a huge success with 95% percent of parent participants rating it excellent overall and 80% of parents reporting feeling more confident to start the school year.
   ii. **Charter Renewal Update** – Deanna Downs stated updates to the charter were continued over the summer. The team has been working diligently to compile data to prepare for the upcoming charter renewal.
   iii. **Enrollment Data Report** – Deanna Downs reported that enrollment is increasing

and currently sits at 775 students. As in past years, this number fluctuates at the beginning of the school year.

iv. **GVCS 2025-26 Unaudited Actuals** – Jeff Clanton (DMS) presented the 2025-26 Unaudited Actuals. GVCS had a great year and based on current enrollment numbers it appears that the positive financial picture will continue into the 2026-27 school year.

b. Board Members Report

i. None

7. ACTION ITEMS

a. Election of Corporation Officers

i. Deanna Downs, President (non-voting position)
ii. James Bean, Chairperson
iii. Raul Ramirez, Chief Financial Officer
iv. Adrian Heredia, Community Member
v. April Palacios, Community Member
vi. Geoff Frankl, GVCS Parent

April Palacios made a motion to nominate Adrian Heredia as Secretary of the Corporation. Raul Ramirez seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Palacios-aye; Ramirez-aye; Bean-aye. Adrian Heredia abstained from the vote. Adrian Heredia as Secretary of the Corporation is approved as presented.

April made a motion to approve all other corporate officers as listed. Raul Ramirez seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Heredia-aye; Palacios-aye; Ramirez-aye; Bean-aye. All in favor, the Corporate Officers are approved as presented.

b. Approval of Warrant Registers – May 2026, June 2026, July 2026 – Adrian Heredia made a motion to approve the warrant registers. April Palacios seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Ramirez-aye; Heredia-aye; Palacios-aye; Bean-aye. All in favor, the warrant registers are approved as presented.

c. Approval of new EF Staff Members: Ally R., Iris V.D., and Ava W. – Adrian Heredia made a motion to approve the new EF Staff Members. April Palacios seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Ramirez-aye; Heredia-aye; Palacios-aye; Bean-aye. All in favor, new EF Staff Members are approved as presented.

d. Approval of new Office Manager – Lexi L. – Adrian Heredia made a motion to approve the new Office Manager. April Palacios seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Ramirez-aye; Heredia-aye; Palacios-aye; Bean-aye. All in favor, the new Office Manager is approved as presented.

8. INSTRUCTION AND GENERAL ITEMS

a. Review and Discussion of Proposed Amended Bylaws – Deanna Downs worked with the attorneys over the summer regarding the proposed amendments. The Board will review this proposal and vote on approval at the next board meeting.

b. Future Meetings – the Board agreed to have a special meeting before the next regularly scheduled meeting.

- Monday, October 5, 2026
- Monday, December 7, 2026
- Monday, January 11, 2027
- Monday, March 1, 2027

- Monday, June 2, 2027
- Monday, June 7, 2027

9. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further items of business, Adrian Heredia moved to adjourn the meeting. Raul Ramirez seconded the motion.
Roll Call Vote: Palacios-aye; Heredia-aye; Ramirez-aye; Bean-aye.
All in favor, the meeting adjourned at 5:23 p.m. The next regularly scheduled Board meeting will take place on October 5, 2026 at 4:30 p.m.

Submitted August 25, 2026
Deanna Downs
Golden Valley Charter School