GOLDEN VALLEY CHARTER SCHOOL
Board of Directors Meeting
Monday, December 15, 2025
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 4:38 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; Jeff Clanton, DMS; and Joyce Salsberry.

2. PRELIMINARY ITEMS

a. **Board Members Roll Call** – Present: James Bean, Chairperson; Raul Ramirez, Chief Financial Officer; Geoff Frankl, Board Member (arrived at 4:53 p.m.); Adrian Heredia, Community Member; and April Palacios, Community Member.
b. **GVCS Administrative Staff Roll Call** – Present: Deanna Downs, Executive Director and Stephanie Janes, Student Affairs Administrator.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Raul Ramirez moved to accept the agenda. Adrian Heredia seconded the motion.
Roll Call Vote: Palacios-aye; Bean-aye, Heredia-aye; Ramirez-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 December 8, 2025. Raul Ramirez seconded the motion.
Roll Call Vote: Palacios-aye; Bean-aye, Heredia-aye; Ramirez-aye.
All in favor, motion is passed.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

6. LEADERSHIP TEAM AND BOARD MEMBERS' REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

a. **Executive Director's Report**
   i. **GVCS Update –**Deanna Downs shared updates about GVCS. The annual Holiday Hangout in Ventura took place last week and over 200 people attended. The LA area Holiday Hangout will take place tomorrow and 100 people are anticipated to attend. The most recent field trip to Underwood Farms was a huge success with 200 people in attendance. The College and Career readiness ended with students participating in mock interviews and the weekly Oratory class culminated in student presentations. GVCS has also conducted several parent workshops, which were well attended. The next parent workshop is scheduled to take place after winter break.

   ii. **Enrollment Data Report –** Deanna Downs stated that enrollment is back up and all teachers have full rosters. GVCS currently has a waiting list for enrollment.
   iii. **Updated 2025-26 Financial Projections –** Jeff Clanton, DMS, reviewed the Updated 2025-26 Financial Projections. He stated that the budget was built

around 650 students and that current enrollment is up from that number, so that is great news. Expected revenues will come in at an increase over last month and year-to-date expenditures are on target. Overall, GVCS continues to have a healthy cash flow and will easily be able to meet all financial obligations.

iv. **Spring 2025 Assessment Summary –** Katie Reyes Saucedo presented the 2024-2025 Assessment Summary. GVCS had 100% participation in the CAASPP testing. After a decline in School Year (SY) 23, total enrollment at GVCS continues its growth trajectory into SY25. The composition of the student body has been largely stable over the last five years with more students joining the primary level in SY25 than the secondary level. This is consistent with GVCS's historical trend. CAASPP results are on par with state data. Overall, ELA decreased slightly from SY24 to SY25. New GVCS students performed quite well in math. The Math Support and Intervention Program was revamped to become a more individualized approach. A good number of ELPAC students were reclassified from SY24 to SY25. Performance on CAST increased from SY24 to SY25.

v. **Ethics Training – CCSA Training** – Deanna Downs reminded the board that ethics training needs to be completed by January 1, 2026.

b. Board Members Report

i. None

7. ACTION ITEMS

a. **Approval of Warrant Registers – October 2025, November 2025** – Adrian Heredia made a motion to approve the warrant registers. Raul Ramirez seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Palacios-aye; Bean-aye; Heredia-aye; Ramirez-aye; Frankl-aye.
All in favor, the October 2025 and November 2025 warrant registers are approved as presented.

b. Approval of MOU between Mesa Unified School District and GVCS– Deanna Downs explained there were minor changes to the MOU. Geoff Frankl made a motion to approve the MOU between Mesa Unified School District and GVCS. Raul Ramirez seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Heredia-aye; Palacios-aye; Ramirez-aye; Frankl-ay; Bean-aye.
All in favor, the MOU between Mesa Union School District and GVCS is approved as presented.

8. INSTRUCTION AND GENERAL ITEMS

a. Future Meetings

- Monday, January 26, 2026
- Monday, March 16, 2026
- Monday, May 18, 2026
- Monday, June 1, 2026

9. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further items of business, Adrian Heredia moved to adjourn the meeting. Raul Ramirez seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Heredia-aye; Palacios-aye; Ramirez-aye; Frankl-aye; Bean-aye. All in favor, the meeting adjourned at 5:20 p.m. The next regularly scheduled Board meeting will take place on January 26, 2026 at 4:30 p.m.

Submitted December 16, 2025
Deanna Downs
Golden Valley Charter School