

VISTA SPRINGS CHARTER SCHOOL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

27740 JEFFERSON AVE • TEMECULA, CA 92590

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

March 6, 2025

4:30 p.m.

Vista Student Center

700 E. Bobier Ave. Vista, CA 92084

Otay Ranch Academy for the Performing Arts

2371 Fenton St. Chula Vista, CA 91914

Our mission is to empower students by fostering their innate curiosity, engaging their parents, and promoting optimum learning by collaboratively developing a personalized learning program for each student.

Barbara BJ Heath, Chair Collin Harrison, Vice Chair Reginald Wadlington, Secretary Justin Moldenhauer, Treasurer Debbie Daniel, Director (arrived at 4:40 p.m.) Jennifer Mejares-Pham, Director Lauren Ruge, Director	Dr. Kathleen Hermsmeyer, Superintendent Dr. Vivian Price, Asst. Superintendent, Education Amy Podratz, Asst. Superintendent, Admin. Ops Virginia Smith, Asst. Superintendent, Human Resources Tanya Rogers, Asst. Superintendent, Business Michelle Sapanara, Asst. Superintendent, Student Services Natali South, Senior Director of Charter Relations Trevor Johnson, Senior Director of Business Beverly Voechting, Director of High School Programs Erin Chafin, Credential Analyst Brynne Dukes, Principal Kim Bagby, Principal Renee Albright, Charter Relations Coordinator
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- 1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance**
 - Ms. Heath called the meeting to order at 4:32 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 2. Approval of Agenda**
 - Ms. Ruge moved to amend the agenda to enter the Closed Session after the presentation of the Second Interim Budget.
 - Ms. Mejares-Pham seconded.

- Vote: 6 Ayes: Harrison, Heath, Mejares-Pham, Moldenhauer, Rugge Wadlington; 1 Absent: Daniel; 0 Noes; Motion Adopted

3. Action: Approval of Minutes from February 6, 2025

- Mr. Moldenhauer moved to approve the Minutes from February 6, 2025.
- Mr. Wadlington seconded.
- Vote: 6 Ayes: Harrison, Heath, Mejares-Pham, Moldenhauer, Rugge Wadlington; 1 Absent: Daniel; 0 Noes; Motion Adopted

4. Action: Approval of Consent Agenda

- Ms. Rugge moved to approve the Consent Agenda consisting of Warrants and Personnel Action Report.
- Mr. Wadlington seconded.
- Vote: 6 Ayes: Harrison, Heath, Mejares-Pham, Moldenhauer, Rugge Wadlington; 1 Absent: Daniel; 0 Noes; Motion Adopted

5. Public Comment

- None

6. Information: Student Spotlight: Journey Homeschool High School

- The Board enjoyed a video presentation created by Journey students, Noah and Carla. Noah and Carla discussed all the incredible opportunities provided by Springs for high school students.

7. Information: Student Spotlight: Field Trip Nutcracker

- The Board enjoyed a video presentation created by Caroline Nelms field trip adventure to the Nutcracker ballet with Temecula and Vista Student Centers.

8. Information: Student Spotlight - 25th Year Springs Silver Jubilee

- The Board enjoyed a video presentation of our 25th Year Birthday Celebration events hosted at our many student centers across Southern California.

9. Information: Superintendent's Report

- Kathleen Hermsmeyer reviewed the Superintendent's Report and provided network-wide updates, including staff development events, our 25th Birthday Bash celebrations and marketing efforts.

10. Information: First Reading of Revised Board Policy 8006.1 - Certification

- Virginia Smith and Erin Chafin discussed the changes being made to BP 8006.1 - Certification. These changes reflect modifications to our current practice including the fact that we no longer conduct payroll through the

County, and the removal of some obsolete language. With no changes requested, this policy will be brought back at a future meeting for second reading and approval.

11. Action: Waive the First Reading and Approve Revised Board Policy 5022.1 - High School Math Placement

- Ms. Mejares-Pham moved to waive the first reading and approve revised Board Policy 5022.1 - High School Math Placement.
- Mr. Moldenhauer seconded.
- Discussion: Beverly Voechting explained that this policy is being updated to reflect our current practice. Board members' questions were answered by staff.
- Vote: 7 Ayes: Daniel, Harrison, Heath, Mejares-Pham, Moldenhauer, Ruge Wadlington; 0 Absent; 0 Noes; Motion Adopted

12. Action: Approval of 2024-2025 Second Interim Budget

- Mr. Wadlington moved to approve the 2024-2025 Second Interim Budget.
- Ms. Ruge seconded.
- Discussion: Tanya Rogers reviewed the Second Interim for Vista Springs Charter School and indicated a slight increase in ADA impacting revenues and expenditures. The school expects to end the year with a positive net revenue and a strong ending fund balance.
- Vote: 7 Ayes: Daniel, Harrison, Heath, Mejares-Pham, Moldenhauer, Ruge Wadlington; 0 Absent; 0 Noes; Motion Adopted

13. Closed Session - in Accordance with Gov Code Section GC54954.5/54956.9: Entered into at 12:00 p.m.

- 54956.9(d)(2): Conference with Legal Counsel - F-2371

14. Open Session - Enter into Open Session at 6:25 p.m.

- No Action Taken

15. Action: Approval of Approval of Tenant Rules for Fenton

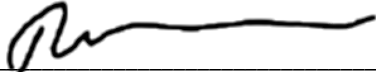
- Ms. Mejares-Pham moved to approve the Tenant Rules for the Fenton Avenue property with the inclusion of language written to inform the tenant that they must comply with all local, state, and federal laws that pertain to public schools.
- Ms. Ruge seconded.
- Vote: 7 Ayes: Daniel, Harrison, Heath, Mejares-Pham, Moldenhauer, Ruge Wadlington; 0 Absent; 0 Noes; Motion Adopted

16. Board Comments

- Ms. Mejares-Pham: With sadness, I will be resigning from the board. I have very much enjoyed my long tenure with Springs, but the time has come.
- Ms. Ruge: I would like to remind staff that I would like to see engagement numbers for students who are taking the Ethnic Studies courses through Barstow Community College.
- Mr. Harrison: Jen, we are sad to see you leave. We will miss you!

17. Action: Motion to Adjourn the Meeting

- Mr. Wadlington moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:34 p.m.
- Ms. Mejares-Pham seconded.
- Vote: 7 Ayes: Daniel, Harrison, Heath, Mejares-Pham, Moldenhauer, Ruge Wadlington; 0 Absent; 0 Noes; Motion Adopted



Reginald Wadlington, Secretary

May 8, 2025

Date