

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE VACTE GOVERNING BOARD

MEETING LOCATION

Valley Academy for Career and Technology Education
3405 E State Rte 89A Bldg B, Cottonwood, AZ 86326

Tuesday, October 7, 2025

Regular Board Meeting 4:30 p.m.

1. Call to Order

The Chairman will call the meeting to order.

- *The Chairman, Jeff Wassell, called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.*

2. Board Roll Call

- *Board Members present; Jeff Wassell (Chairman), Ed Mezulis (Clerk), and Kathleen Fleenor.*

3. Pledge of Allegiance

The Chairman will lead the Board and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

- *Superintendent Bob Weir led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.*

4. Adoption of Agenda (Action Item)

The Board will now approve the formal agenda.

- *Jeff Wassell made the motion to approve the formal Agenda. Kathleen Fleenor made the second with the vote 3-0. (Kathleen Fleenor aye, Ed Mezulis aye, Jeff Wassell aye)*

5. Consent Agenda Items (Action Item)

The consent portion of the agenda is to expedite routine matters that must be acted on by the Governing Board. All items approved will be done by one motion passed unanimously. Any item may be removed for debate at the request of any member of the Board. Items removed from the consent portion become the first items of business on the regular agenda. Items that may be included:

A. Approval of Meeting Minutes

- a) Regular Meeting Minutes September 2

B. Approval of Expense Vouchers (A copy of the voucher details will be available for public inspection)

- a) Voucher 1005 for \$8,380.84
- b) Voucher 1006 for \$13,022.50
- c) Voucher 1007 for \$23,980.84
- d) Voucher 1008 for \$9,395.36

C. Approval of Payroll Vouchers

- a) Voucher 6 for \$29,587.93
- b) Voucher 7 for \$29,818.41

D. September Cash Balance Report

E. September Satellite Schools Report

F. September Student Activity Report

- *Jeff Wassell made the motion to approve the Consent Agenda Items. Ed Mezulis made the second with the vote 3-0. (Kathleen Fleenor aye, Ed Mezulis aye, Jeff Wassell aye)*

6. Call to the Public - Legal A.R.S. § 38-431.01 (H)

Anyone interested in making a Call to the Public for this meeting is asked to complete a Call to Public form BEDH-E Public Participation at Board Meetings and present it in person or e-mail the Governing Board Secretary prior to 4:30 p.m. on the date of the board meeting. Members of the public wishing to comment on an agenda item should do so at this time. The audience comments will be limited to (3) three minutes. The Board Chair reserves the right to limit the number of audience members speaking on an issue. No formal action may be taken on any issue unless the item appears on the agenda. The Board may respond to criticism, ask that a matter be reviewed by staff, or place an item on a future agenda.

7. Reports and Presentations

A. Report from Superintendent Bob Weir

- *Superintendent Bob Weir informed the VACTE Board that the Performance Audit with the Auditor General's Office has been initiated and that he has a Zoom meeting scheduled this week regarding the process. He also shared that he recently attended the ASBA Law Conference, which he found to be very informative and provided valuable updates on current legislative matters. Additionally, Superintendent Weir highlighted the recent celebration honoring Construction Instructor Travis Black, who was awarded \$50,000 from Harbor Freight Tools for Schools. The event was a great success with excellent attendance and community support.*

B. Report from VACTE Board

- *Board Chairman Jeff Wassell also attended the ASBA Law Conference with Superintendent Weir. He informed the Board the importance of Mandatory Reporting.*

8. Discussion and Action Items

A. Discussion on FY26 VACTE Enrollment and Funding.

- *Superintendent Bob Weir gave the Board an update on current Enrollment at the Satellite and Central Campuses.*

B. Discussion and possible action to approve the VACTE FY25 Annual Financial Report.

- *Kathleen Fleenor made the motion to approve the VACTE FY25 Annual Financial Report. Ed Mezulis made the second with the vote 3-0. (Kathleen Fleenor aye, Ed Mezulis aye, Jeff Wassell aye)*

C. Discussion and possible action to approve the proposed bylaw amendment submitted by the Arizona School Boards Association (ASBA) Governance Committee. This is a SINGLE VOTE encompassing multiple updates.

- *Kathleen Fleenor made the motion to approve the proposed bylaw amendment submitted by the Arizona School Board Association Governance Committee. Jeff Wassell made the second with the vote 3-0. (Kathleen Fleenor aye, Ed Mezulis aye, Jeff Wassell aye)*

D. Discussion and possible action to approve a VACTE Board district's designee to submit the ASBA proposed bylaw amendment submitted by the Arizona School Boards Association (ASBA) Governance Committee as approved.

- *Ed Mezulis made the motion to approve Shawonna Patton, Business Manager, to submit the ASBA Proposed bylaw amendment submitted by the Arizona School Board Association Governance Committee. Kathleen Fleenor made the second with the vote 3-0. (Kathleen Fleenor aye, Ed Mezulis aye, Jeff Wassell aye)*

E. Discussion and possible action to approve the Annual VACTE Board Self Evaluation.

- *Jeff Wassell made the motion to approve the VACTE Self Board Evaluation, consistent of previous year. Ed Mezulis made the second with the vote 3-0. (Kathleen Fleenor aye, Ed Mezulis aye, Jeff Wassell aye)*

9. Board Member upcoming events

A. Next Regular Board Meeting November 4, 2025, at 4:30 p.m.

10. Adjourn (Action Item)

- *Kathleen Fleenor made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Jeff Wassell made the second with the vote 3-0. (Kathleen Fleenor aye, Ed Mezulis aye, Jeff Wassell aye) The meeting adjourned at 5:02 p.m.*

Minutes submitted by Governing Board Secretary Shawwna Patton

_____ Kathleen Fleenor, Board Member

_____ Ed Mezulis, Board Member

_____ Jeff Wassell, Board Member