

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, February 3, 2026

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), Kathleen Fleenor, Dave Leckington, and Jill Myers.*

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.

- *Ed Mezulis made the motion to approve the formal agenda. Kathleen Fleenor made the second with the vote 5-0. (Kathleen Fleenor aye, Dave Leckington aye, Ed Mezulis aye, Jill Myers 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 January 6
- B. Approval of Expense Vouchers (A copy of the voucher details will be available for public inspection)
 - a) Voucher 1016 for \$4,344.56
 - b) Voucher 1017 for \$100,283.33
 - c) Voucher 1018 for \$92,175.91
- C. Approval of Payroll Vouchers
 - a) Voucher 15 for \$31,771.82
 - b) Voucher 16 for \$30,530.87
- D. January Cash Balance Report
- E. January Satellite Schools Report
- F. January Student Activity Report

- *Ed Mezulis made the motion to approve the Consent Agenda Items. Kathleen Fleenor made the second with the vote 5-0. (Kathleen Fleenor aye, Dave Leckington aye, Ed Mezulis aye, Jill Myers 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 gave the Board an update on current VACTE Satellite and Central ADM, the current Performance Audit with the Auditor Generals office, and a Legislative update on CTED Bills being presented.*
- B. Report from VACTE Board
 - *Jill Myers, Board member, informed the Board she recently attended a Yavapai County Educational Service Agency Board Training, "What is the purpose of a Board and being a Board Member" at the Cottonwood Oak Creek School District.*

8. Discussion and Action Items

- A. Discussion and possible action to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with Cottonwood Oak Creek School District for Use of Classroom Space for Education Professions.
 - *Ed Mezulis made the motion to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with Cottonwood Oak Creek School District for the Use of Classroom space for Education Professions. Dave Leckington made the second with the vote 5-0. (Kathleen Fleenor aye, Dave Leckington aye, Ed Mezulis aye, Jill Myers aye, Jeff Wassell aye)*
- B. Discussion on upcoming 2026 Election, VACTE Board Open Seats.
 - *Ed Mezulis and Dave Leckington will be picking up a Board Packets when they are available.*
- C. Discussion and possible action on next steps for a potential VACTE Bond.
- D. Discussion and possible action to authorize two VACTE Board members to serve as designated representatives to negotiate the Superintendent's Employment Contract, including terms and conditions, and to return to the Board with a proposed agreement for consideration and approval.
 - *Kathleen Fleenor made the motion to approve Chairman Jeff Wassell and Board Member Jill Myers to be the designated representatives to negotiate the Superintendent's Employment Contract, including terms and conditions, and to return to the Board with a proposed agreement for consideration and approval. Jeff Wassell made the second with the vote 5-0. (Kathleen Fleenor aye, Dave Leckington aye, Ed Mezulis aye, Jill Myers aye, Jeff Wassell aye)*

9. Board Member upcoming events

- A. Next Regular Board Meeting March 3rd, at 4:30 p.m.

10. Adjourn (Action Item)

- *Jeff Wassell made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Ed Mezulis made the second with the vote 5-0. (Kathleen Fleenor aye, Dave Leckington aye, Ed Mezulis aye, Jill Myers aye, Jeff Wassell aye) The meeting adjourned at 5:01p.m.*

Minutes submitted by Governing Board Secretary Shawwna Patton

_____ Kathleen Fleenor, Board Member

_____ Dave Leckington, Board Member

_____ Jill Myers, Board Member

_____ Ed Mezulis, Board Member

_____ Jeff Wassell, Board Member