

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 6, 2026

Regular Board Meeting 4:30 p.m.

1. Call to Order

The Chairman will call the meeting to order.

- *The Chairman Ed Mezulis called the meeting to order at 4:30 pm.*

2. Board Roll Call

- *Board members present; Ed Mezulis (acting Chairman), Kathleen Fleenor, and Jill Myers.*

3. Pledge of Allegiance

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

- *The Chairman Ed Mezulis led the board in the Pledge of Allegiance.*

4. Adoption of Agenda (Action Item)

The Board will now approve the formal agenda.

- *Kathleen Fleenor made the motion to approve the formal agenda. Jill Myers made the second with the vote 3-0. (Kathleen Fleenor aye, Ed Mezulis aye, Jill Myers 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 1
- B. Approval of Expense Vouchers (A copy of the voucher details will be available for public inspection)
 - a) Voucher 2007 for \$3,873.49
 - b) Voucher 2008 for \$15,878.05
 - c) Voucher 2009 for \$14,497.06
 - d) Voucher 2010 for \$91,579.47
- C. Approval of Payroll Vouchers
 - a) Voucher 6 for \$29,657.20
 - b) Voucher 7 for \$30,495.85
- D. September Cash Balance Report
- E. September Satellite Schools Report
- F. September Student Activity Report

- *Kathleen Fleenor made the motion to approve the Consent Agenda Items. Jill Myers made the second with the vote 3-0. (Kathleen Fleenor aye, Ed Mezulis aye, Jill Myers 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 reviewed current Satellite Student Enrollment and Passthrough Funding with the Board. He also provided an update from recent CTED Superintendent meetings regarding the Amicus Brief involving EVIT and discussed potential changes within the Arizona Department of Education resulting from the transition to a new State Superintendent.*

B. Report from VACTE Board

8. Discussion and Action Items

- A. Discussion and possible action to review financing information obtained by Superintendent Bob Weir regarding potential lease-to-own and other financing options for the future development of a VACTE Central Campus, and to provide direction regarding further study and next steps.
 - *Superintendent Weir informed the Board that he signed an engagement letter with Stifel, which does not create any financial obligation for the District. Stifel could assist the District in exploring potential financing options, including identifying investors for possible lease-to-own arrangements. Stifel also provided the District with estimated costs for both 10-year and 15-year financing options for review.*
 - *Board Member Ed Mezulis informed the Board of a possible partnership opportunity with Sedona Fire regarding the potential purchase of a building and/or land.*
 - *Ed Mezulis made a motion directing Superintendent Bob Weir to proceed with an initial meeting with the property owner and realtor to determine the bottom-line cost of the building and explore possible lease-to-own options with the owner. The motion also authorized Superintendent Weir to consult with an attorney regarding next steps for the potential purchase of the building and/or land and to meet with the Sedona Fire Board to discuss a possible IGA and partnership. Kathleen Fleenor made the second with the vote 3-0. (Kathleen Fleenor aye, Ed Mezulis aye, Jill Myers aye)*
- B. Discussion and possible action to approve the FY26 VACTE Annual Financial Report.
 - *Kathleen Fleenor made the motion to approve the FY26 VACTE Annual Financial Report. Jill Myers made the second with the vote 3-0. (Kathleen Fleenor aye, Ed Mezulis aye, Jill Myers aye)*
- C. Discussion and possible action to approve the VACTE Board Evaluation.
 - *Ed Mezulis made the motion to approve the VACTE Board Evaluation, with no changes from 2025 VACTE Evaluation since all the comments and goals are still current. Jill Myers made the second with the vote 3-0. (Kathleen Fleenor aye, Ed Mezulis aye, Jill Myers aye)*

9. Board Member upcoming events

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

10. Adjourn (Action Item)

- *Ed Mezulis made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Jill Myers made the second with the vote 3-0. (Kathleen Fleenor aye, Ed Mezulis aye, Jill Myers aye) The meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m.*

Minutes submitted by Governing Board Secretary Shawwna Patton

_____ Kathleen Fleenor, Board Member

_____ Dave Leckington, Board Member

_____ Ed Mezulis, Board Member

_____ Jill Myers, Board Member