



Valley Oaks Charter School (VOCS) Governing Board Agenda
September 14, 2026
VOCS Classroom 8
3401 Chester Ave

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. PRELIMINARY ITEMS

2.1 Welcome/Introductions

2.2 Board Members Roll Call

- ☐ Lourdes Bucher, VOCS Charter Board Chair
- ☐ Becky Bartz, VOCS Executive Director
- ☐ Lora Brown, Fairfax School District Superintendent
- ☐ Kristi Henry, VOCS Principal – Tehachapi TK-12
- ☐ Adam Sanchez, VOCS TK – 8 Teacher – Tehachapi
- ☐ Matt Purdy, VOCS 9 – 12 Teacher – Bakersfield & Tehachapi
- ☐ Stacey Winders, VOCS TK – 8 Teacher – Bakersfield
- ☐ Valerie Shick, VOPTAC Bakersfield TK – 8 Parent
- ☐ Katie Lowther, VOPTAC Bakersfield TK – 8 Parent
- ☐ Tom Karnes, VOPTAC Tehachapi TK – 12 Parent
- ☐ Debra See, Community Representative
- ☐ Heather Moore, Alternate VOPTAC Board Member

2.3 Administrative Staff Roll Call

- ☐ Donna Smith, Principal – Bakersfield, Frazier Park, KRV TK-8
- ☐ Remedios Rueda, Principal – Bakersfield 9-12
- ☐ Samantha Bryant, Assistant Principal – Bakersfield, Frazier Park, KRV TK – 8
- ☐ Kiley Barton, Assistant Principal – Tehachapi TK-12
- ☐ Michael Whipple, Dean of Student Programs – Bakersfield 9-12

2.4 Adoption of Agenda (att. 1)

This item is provided as an opportunity for Board members, through consensus, to approve, re-sequence or table agenda topics.

2.5 Minutes (att. 2)

Minutes from the Board meeting on **May 18, 2026**, will be reviewed and considered for approval.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Those in the audience desiring to address the Board regarding items not on the agenda may do so at this time. Each person will have three (3) minutes to address the Board and make a brief statement, express his/her/their viewpoint, or ask a question regarding matters related to VOCS. Please understand that the Board does not take action on items that are not on the agenda.

4. SCHOOL REPORTS

These items are informational reports and will highlight school and student events and successes.

4.1 VOCS Events and Activities Report (att. 3-5)

The principals will provide reports on their respective schools.

4.2 VOPTAC Report (att. 6)

Board members Valerie Shick and/or Katie Lowther will provide reports on Valley Oaks Parent Teacher Advisory Committees' (VOPTAC) activities.

5. FISCAL AND FACILITIES ITEMS

These items are provided to the Board for information, discussion, and/or action.

5.1 Enrollment Report (att. 7)

The Board will review an updated report on enrollment.

5.2 Budget Report (att. 8)

The Board will review the latest budget report for the 2026-27 school year.

5.3 Facility Projects Report

The Board will be provided with an update on VOCS facilities.

- Bakersfield Expansion and Renovation Project
- Bakersfield play structure

5.4 Taft Site Closure Update

The Board will be provided with an update on the closure of the VOCS Taft satellite site.

6. INSTRUCTIONAL AND GENERAL ITEMS

These items are provided to the Board for information, discussion, and/or action.

6.1 Revision of BP 5131.8 – Cell Phones, Smartwatches, and Other Electronic Devices (att. 9)

The Board will review and consider approval of the revised BP 5131.8 – Cell Phones, Smartwatches, and Other Electronic Devices.

6.2 Adoption of Professional Boundaries: Adult/Student Interaction Policy (att. 10)

The Board will review and consider adoption of the Professional Boundaries: Adult/Student Interaction Policy in accordance with SB 848 and Education Code section 32100.

6.3 Designation of CIF League Representatives for the 2026–2027 School Year (att. 11)

The Board will consider designation of Valley Oaks Charter School representatives to the CIF league for the 2026–2027 school year, as required by Education Code section 33353(a)(1).

6.4 Review of VOCS Board Bylaws and Membership Terms (att. 12)

- Article IV Section 1. Membership
- Article IV Section 3. Powers
- Article IV Section 4. Meeting Protocols

6.5 Future Board Meeting Dates

- Monday, November 16, 2026 @ 2:00pm
- Monday, January 25, 2027 @ 2:00pm
- Monday, March 15, 2027 @ 2:00pm
- Monday, May 10, 2027 @ 2:00pm
- Monday, May 17, 2027 @ 2:00pm

7. ADJOURNMENT

The next board meeting will be on Monday, November 16, 2026, at 2:00 p.m.