Valley Oaks Charter School
Kern County Superintendent of Schools

Valley Oaks Charter School (VOCS) Governing Board Agenda
November 16, 2026, at 2:00 pm
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)
The Board will consider approval of the agenda and any proposed changes to the order of agenda items.

2.5 Minutes (att. 2)
Minutes from the Board meeting on **September 14, 2026,** will be reviewed and considered for approval.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS
Members of the public may address the Board on matters within the Board's jurisdiction, including items on the agenda. Comments on agenda items will be accepted before or during the Board's consideration of those items. Each speaker will have three (3) minutes to address the Board. The Board generally cannot take action on matters not listed on the posted 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 VOCS Resource Purchases over $3000.00 (att. 9)

The Board will review any proposed purchases over $3000.00

- **CONSIDERATION for ACTION: Approval of edMAJIC Consulting Services for Charter Renewal Data Analysis and Support**

6. INSTRUCTIONAL AND GENERAL ITEMS

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

6.1 2026 - 2027 December Graduates (att. 10)

- **CONSIDERATION for ACTION: The Board will consider approval of students recommended for December 2026 graduation.**

6.2 Future Board Meeting Dates

- 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, January 25, 2027, at 2:00 p.m.

ADA ACCOMMODATIONS

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, individuals requiring accommodations to participate in this meeting may contact Valley Oaks Charter School at 661-852-6700 as soon as possible before the meeting. Requests will be accommodated in accordance with applicable law.