

**Village Charter Academy
Board Minutes
October 25, 2025@ 9:00 a.m.
Village Charter Academy, Room 19
7357 Jordan Ave. Canoga Park, CA, 91303**

Minutes

I. Call To Order

II. Roll Call

	Present	Absent
Michael Heatherton	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>
Elayne Berg-Wilion	<u> </u>	<u> x </u>
Jirusha Lopez	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>
Brian Matthews	<u> </u>	<u> x </u>
Maritza Garcia	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>
Stephanie Lazarovitz	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>
Esperanza Escudro	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>

III. No Public Comments

IV. Motion to approve minutes from August 30, 2025 by Lopez, 2nd by Garcia, passed unanimously.

	Yes	No
Michael Heatherton	X	
Jirusha Lopez	X	
Maritza Garcia	X	
Stephanie Lazarovitz	X	
Esperanza Escudro	X	

V. Reports

1. Director's Report- the board was updated on the following:

Operations: Enrollment- 310, Chronic absenteeism as of 10/22: 3%, Schoolwide ADA% 95.83%, LAUSD Oversight, Charter Renewal and employee changes. **Academics:** Conference attendance, staff meeting content (school safety), ongoing teacher cohorts for testing and visible Learning and enrichments, including both GATE identification and enrichment classes. **SPED/RTI:** Special Education: 61 active students, new 504 and SST program called, BEYOND SST, Coordinators monitoring intervention and starting Saturday School and student leadership is up and running.

2. Committee Reports

a. Academic Excellence- committee reviewed benchmarks and discussed writing.

b. Fiscal Advisory- committee reviews financial report and began discussing certificated and classified salary scales

c. Community Partnership- committee discussed past fundraisers (healthy habits and panda express) and upcoming fundraisers (sharkeys, fall festival), discussed former student eagle scout service project

d. Parent Advisory Committee- discussed community based opportunities for families (LCAP GOAL 1- School Climate)

e. ELAC- defined ELAC, elections and member ratification, discussed initial ELPAC, Saturday School and attendance.

3. STAR Benchmark Presentation- Kletter presented STAR benchmark data to the board. Board discussed areas of strength and areas of focus.

VI. Agenda Items for Discussion and Possible Action

1. Board received Brown Act Training and a link to the complete brown act was sent to the board.

<https://oag.ca.gov/system/files/media/the-brown-act.pdf>

2. Motion to approval of LAUSD Compliance Monitoring by Lazarovit, 2nd by Lopez, passed unanimously.

	Yes	No
Michael Heatherton	X	
Jirusha Lopez	X	
Maritza Garcia	X	
Stephanie Lazarovitz	X	
Esperanza Escuadro	X	

3. Board was provided and update on Strategic Planning to be discussed at the next board meeting.

VII. Budget Report and Budget Related Items for discussion and Possible Action

1. Motion to approve budget presentation, check register, credit card expenditures and bank reconciliation by Lopez, 2nd Garcia, passed unanimously.

	Yes	No
Michael Heatherton	X	
Jirusha Lopez	X	
Maritza Garcia	X	
Stephanie Lazarovitz	X	
Esperanza Escuadro	Not Present	

Motion to adjourn meeting at 10:53 by Lopez, 2nd Garcia, passed unanimously.

	Yes	No
Michael Heatherton	X	
Jirusha Lopez	X	
Maritza Garcia	X	
Stephanie Lazarovitz	X	
Esperanza Escuadro	Not Present	