Minutes of the Governing Body
of Valor Preparatory Academy
October 13, 2026 at 1:00PM
13185 W. Thomas Road Goodyear, AZ 85395

DRAFT - Governing Body Meeting Minutes

Meeting held virtually

I. Call to Order and Roll Call - Meeting was called to order at 1:22 p.m.
Governing Body Members Present: Jennifer Stephens, Sam Tomlin. Also present: Chris Gooden – VAZ Executive Director; Marcy Dube – VAZ Operations; Jennifer Tschetter – Verano Head of Academics/Compliance; Howard Marzolf – StrongMind Director of Finance

II. Accept Agenda.
   a. Jennifer Stephens made a motion to approve the agenda with the tabled items. Sam Tomlin seconded.
      i. Jennifer Stephens - yes
      ii. Sam Tomlin - yes

III. Call to the Public – No request for call to the public.

IV. Information Items:
   a. Acknowledge and accept resignations of Tracey Harelson and Wayne Bell as of November 1, 2025.
   b. Acknowledge and approve the Verano governing board appointments: Dr. Ben Smith, Brittani Baars, and James Candland effective November 1, 2026.
   c. Acknowledge the Verano governing board's approval of the Amended and Restated Operating Agreement of Valor Preparatory Academy.

V. Approval of the FY26 Annual Financial Report
   a. Jennifer Stephens made a motion to approve the FY26 Annual Financial Report. Sam Tomlin seconded.
      i. Jennifer Stephens – yes
      ii. Sam Tomlin - yes

VI. Adjourned at 1:32p.m.

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Date/Time of Posting: October 13, 2026 5pm Posted By: Marcy Dube