Governing Body

of Valor Preparatory Academy

November 19, 2026, 10:30 AM

13185 W. Thomas Road Goodyear, AZ 85395

Governing Body Meeting Agenda Meeting held virtually

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I. Call to Order and Roll Call
   Governing Body Members Present: Dr. Ben Smith, Ms. Brittani Baars
   a. Also present: Jennifer Tschetter, Head of Academics and Compliance, Verano Learning Partners; Howard Marzolf, Vice President of Finance, StrongMind; Chris Gooden, Executive Director, Valor Preparatory Academy
II. Accept the Agenda for 11/19/26
III. Approve the Minutes from 10/13/26
IV. Action Item: Elect Chair and officers
V. Action Item: Confirm the 2026-27 meeting calendar (Thursdays: February 4, April 1 and June 24, 2027)
VI. Action Item: Adopt Conflict of Interest Policy and Open Meeting Law Guidelines
   a. Board members submit signed Conflict of Interest disclosures (no vote)
VII. Call to the Public
VIII. Information Items:
   a. Acknowledge the resignations of Tracy Harelson and Wayne Bell as of November 1, 2025
   b. Acknowledge the Verano Corporate Board's appointment of Dr. Ben Smith and Brittani Baars to the Governing Body, effective November 1, 2026
   c. Recognize Jennifer Stephens and Sam Tomlin for their service on the Governing Body
   d. Acknowledge the Verano Corporate Board's approval of the Amended and Restated Operating Agreement of Valor Preparatory Academy
IX. Executive Director Report
   a. Action Item: National Honor Society
   b. Fall Festival, 10/30/26

X. Action Item: Ratify the FY27 Budget (Howard Marzolf)

XI. Action Item: Accept the FY26 Independent Audit Reports (Howard Marzolf)

XII. Action Item: Ratification of the 7/9/26 consent agenda:

a. 2026-27 Parent/Student Handbook
b. Policies & Procedures manual
c. Personnel actions (new hires, terminations, transfers and renewals)
d. 2026-27 Course Catalog
e. Student agreements (Hybrid and EMCC concurrent enrollment)

XIII. Action Item: Ratification of the Executive Director's 2026-27 contract renewal (Executive Director excused)

XIV. Adjournment

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