

# Valor Academy, Inc.

## *Meeting Minutes*

July 21, 2020

Zoom Meeting

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### **I. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 AM

### **II. Roll Call**

#### **Board Members Present:**

David Jones, President

Sean Patterson, Vice President

Tracy Kitchel, PhD, Treasurer

Dwight Anstaett, Secretary

Lorraine Terry (arrived at 7:06AM), Director

#### **Attendees:**

John Jacobs, *Verano*

Sylvia Goodrich, *Valor Academy*

Amy, Goodson, Esq. *Board Legal Counsel*

Lesley Gillen, *Fiscal Officer Representative*

Tamara Becker, *Superintendent*

Tamika Galvin, *Principal*

Josh Solomon, *Verano, Directors of Operations and Compliance*

Chase Eskelson, *Verano, Chief of Staff*

Howard Marzolf, *Verano, Regional Finance Manager*

Megan Schmidt, *OCCS*

Scott McClain, *OCCS*

Howard Maarzolf

### **III. Review of Agenda**

The Board added approval of an updated/amended 2020-2021 school year calendar

### **IV. Public Comment**

**V. Action and Discussion Items**

**A. Approval of June 16, 2020 and June 26, 2020 minutes**

The Board reviewed the minutes; no modifications were requested.

**20-47 RESOLVED**, that the Board of Directors approves the June 16, 2020 and June 26, 2020 meeting minutes as presented.

Motion: Mr. Kitchel Second: Mr. Patterson  
Ayes: 4 Opposed: 0

**B. Financial Report**

The Fiscal Officer indicated there was not a whole lot to report due to being a brand new school.

**20-48 RESOLVED**, that the Board of Directors approves and adopts the financial report as presented.

Motion: Mr. Patterson Second: Mr. Anstaett  
Ayes: 4 Opposed: 0

**C. State of the School Report**

Ms. Galvin and Ms. Becker discussed the state of the school report including revisions to the school calendar. There were sixty-five attendees at the first event. There are seven fully completed enrollments while eight are partially completed and thirty-three applications are in process.

**20-49 RESOLVED**, that the Board of Directors accepts the State of the School Report as presented.

Motion: Ms. Terry Second: Mr. Kitchel  
Ayes: 5 Opposed: 0

**D. Resolution Approving Alternative Remote Learning Plan**

Verano representatives discussed the plan including technology, computers and connectivity and student support. The plan has previously been used with a sister school out of state.

**20-50 WHEREAS**, the School is sponsored by Ohio Council of Community Schools and has a Board and Sponsor approved Education Plan as detailed in its community school contract; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to challenges brought on by COVID-19, the School has developed alternative education re-opening plans A, B and C to address various scenarios that may be required to re-open operations with remote instruction, a blended distance learning and adjusted on-site scheduling model or full on-site school opening with social distancing; and

**WHEREAS**, H164 requires that the School submit a Board approved Remote Learning Plan prior to August 21, 2020;

**IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED**, that the Board approves an alternative remote learning plan for the school, including updates to the School calendar and Attendance, Truancy, and Automatic Withdrawal policy, to be finalized by Superintendent/School leader; and

**IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board authorizes the School leader to submit the remote learning plan to the Ohio Department of Education in compliance with

HB 164, once finalized by Superintendent/School leader and approved by the Board President on behalf of the Board

Motion: Mr. Patterson Second: Mr. Kitchel  
Ayes: 5 Opposed: 0

#### **E. Electronic Meetings Resolution**

The Board discussed meeting via electronic means.

**20-51 WHEREAS**, Ohio Governor Mike DeWine declared a state of emergency due to the COVID-19 pandemic and to protect the health of all Ohio citizens;

**WHEREAS**, the HB 197 was passed into law providing for emergency measures for public agencies during the state of emergency;

**WHEREAS**, HB 197 allows during the period of emergency or until December 1, 2020 public bodies to hold meeting electronically, provided the meetings are still accessible to the public in accordance with the method by which the meeting is conducted;

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Directors has the technology available to conduct meetings electronically in compliance with HB 197 and Ohio Meetings Act;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Directors approves the temporary practice of holding meetings electronically as allowed by House Bill 197 and will ensure the public has access to all public meetings.

Motion: Mr. Anstaett Second: Ms. Terry  
Ayes: 5 Opposed: 0

#### **F. Health and Safety Policies and Procedures**

The board completed the annual review of the health and safety policies.

**20-52 RESOLVED**, that the Board of Directors hereby acknowledges that it has reviewed the following policies and procedures in Section 300 of the Board Policy Manual to ensure the safety of students, employees, and other persons and to ensure that its policies and procedures comply with all applicable health and safety laws and regulations:

- Wellness Policy
- Food and Beverage Policy
- Return to Play Policy
- Protective Eyewear Policy
- Asbestos Management Policy
- Automated External Defibrillator Policy
- Bloodborne Pathogen Control Policy
- Chicken Pox Epidemic Policy
- Dangerous and Recalled Products Plan
- Hand-Washing Policy
- Integrated Pest Management Policy
- Pesticide Notice Policy
- Food Allergy Policy
- Medication Policy
- Radon Protocol Policy
- Vehicle Idling Policy
- Search Policy

- Child Abuse or Neglect Reporting Policy
- Corporal Punishment Policy

Motion: Mr. Kitchel Second: Mr. Patterson  
 Ayes: 5 Opposed: 0

**A. Code of Ethics and Conflict of Interest Policy**

**Academic Prevention/Intervention Policy**

The board completed the annual review of the two policies.

**20-53 RESOLVED**, that the Board of Directors has reviewed and approves the Code of Ethics and Conflict of Interest Policy as presented.

**FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board of Directors has reviewed and approves the Academic Prevention/Intervention Policy as presented.

Motion: Mr. Patterson Second: Mr. Anstaett  
 Ayes: 5 Opposed: 0

**B. Election of Officers**

**20-54 RESOLVED**, that the Board of Directors elects the following slate of officers, to serve in such capacity for a term of one year (until the 2021 Annual Board Meeting), or until the election and qualification of their respective successors:

- President:** David Jones
- Vice President:** Sean Patterson
- Treasurer:** Tracy Kitchel
- Secretary:** Dwight Anstaett

**VI. Informational Reports**

**A. Legal Update**

Ms. Goodson provided a legal update.

**B. Sponsor Update**

Ms. Schmidt discussed the recent site visit and reminded the board that there must be a minimum of twenty-five students enrolled fifteen days before the start of school.

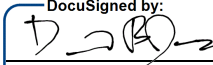
**VII. Confirmation of Next Meeting:** August 18, 2020 at 7:00 AM  
 Zoom meeting

**VIII. Adjournment 7:28 AM**

Motion: Mr. Patterson Second: Mr. Kitchel

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Approved by Valor Academy, Inc., Board of Directors on August 18, 2020.

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 Board President/Secretary

8/28/2020  
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 Date