



**MINUTES**  
**VSWEA Board of Directors Special Meeting**  
Thursday, September 1, 2022  
VIA [Zoom](#)

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**Members Present:**

Kerstin Kubina (KK)—President  
April Sauer (AS)—Secretary  
John Tanner (JT)

Danielle Martinez (DM)  
Nellie Grossenbacher (NG)  
Myriah Mhoon (MM)

**Members Absent: Scott Edwards, Ben Fong, and Dan Franks**

The President and Secretary were present, and a quorum was reached.

**Guests**

Invitees of the Board:  
Frank Mirizio (FM)

Members of the public present via Zoom/Registration through Google Forms:

Tiffany Kanehl  
Bradley Young  
Vincent Slayton-Garcia  
Sarah Young  
Barb Cunningham  
Laura Slayton-Garcia  
Heather Sullivan  
Jenni Larson

Deb  
Megan  
Ashley Parks  
Gabrielle Jankauskas  
Sarah Young  
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Bradley Young  
Michelle Kratzer she/her

**Opening Verse/Introductions**

Meeting was called to order at 6:32pm. KK welcomed the public to the meeting, read the opening verse, and reviewed the agenda.

The Board members introduced themselves along with FM.

**Proposed Motions**

KK Tonight's meeting was called for some special circumstances. We'll be going into executive session to keep private situations private. We will come back to our open session once we are done. To protect everyone, we will be in executive session.

KK moved to go into Executive Session for discussion of safety matters regarding the DMS animals, regular guests at board meetings and the sexual misconduct expulsion item. We invite Frank Mirizio into the session. MM second. No further discussion. Unanimous vote in favor: KK, AS, JT, DM, NG, MM. **Motion passes.**

Executive session began at 6:40pm.

**The minutes of the Executive Session are confidential and are maintained separately pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(B).**

Executive session ended at 8:00pm.

A brief recess was taken.

Meeting resumed at 8:05pm.

KK Thank you for your patience. We met in executive session. One of the topics was regarding animal safety. We spoke to everyone involved and took their thoughts into account when making this decision.

KK moved that the two horses, Champ and Chicory, be rehomed from DMS by 9/16/22. MM second. The following discussion took place:

DM I'd like to thank the animal care coordinators for taking the initiative to rehome the horses prior to our discussion and for all the work they've done.

KK Yes, that's a good point. Thank you.

Unanimous vote in favor: KK, AS, JT, DM, NG, MM. **Motion passes.**

KK moved that we have a hearing officer hear the case in the alleged student sexual misconduct incident. NG second. No further discussion: Unanimous vote in favor: KK, AS, JT, DM, NG, MM. **Motion passes.**

AS The board received two documents from me earlier this week: a timeline for board applications and an updated schedule for meetings if this motion passes. In making the original schedule, I made an error, and this will rectify it.

AS moved to approve the following change to the board meeting schedule for 2022-2023 school year: reschedule the 10/05/22 Special Board Meeting for Applicant Interviews to 11/02/22. KK second. No further discussion. Unanimous vote in favor: KK, AS, JT, DM, NG, MM. **Motion passes.**

KK moved to adjourn the 09/01/22 special meeting of the board. DM second. No further discussion. Unanimous vote in favor: KK, AS, JT, DM, NG, MM. **Motion passes.**

### **Closing Verse**

KK read the closing verse.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:10pm.

Prepared by AS on 09.01.2022.