



## **VVC Foundation Board of Directors Annual Retreat**

**September 12, 2025**

**Building 55, Conference Room**

8:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

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### **Minutes**

Present: Casey Armstrong, Jackie Augustine-Carreira, Gwen Bedics, Don Brown, Teressa DeAtley, Laura Dvareckas, Craig Garrick, Bryan Gillespie, Sam Grandlienard, Fred Hunter, Derek King, John Ohanian, Angela Perdomo, Darron Poulsen, Hailey Reyes, Kirk Riding, Bill Scott, Niru Vangala, Eric Vreeman, Kathleen Wood, Kirsten Acosta, Irene Molinar, Chris Nunez, Penny Davis, and Glennis Duncan.

Not Present: Larry Cusack, David Greiner, Troy Kuhns, Jason Lamoreaux, Austin Marshall, Rahul Nayyar, Dana Roesler, Shannon Shannon, McKenzie Tarango, and Daniel Walden.

1. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. President Garrick opened with a welcome and everyone introduced themselves and shared information about their background.
2. Committees Overview – Irene Molinar  
Irene gave an overview of the Foundation's committees, their purpose, structure, meeting frequency and staff leadership. The committees reviewed included: Scholarship, Campus Grants, Finance, Audit, Special Events, Major Gifts, and Alumni.
3. Board Engagement – Kirsten Acosta  
Kirsten reviewed the Foundation Organization Matrix for 2025-2026 and highlighted the values and committees under each executive board member's purview and the opportunities available to volunteer.
4. Thrive to Drive – Irene Molinar  
Irene reported that the Foundation is partnering with the District and Victorville Motors to host the Thrive to Drive event. Eligible students can gain points by engaging in campus activities such as attending events, receiving tutoring, maintaining a 2.0 GPA, enrolling in 6+ units per semester, and more. Students can win several prizes, including a 1500 Dodge Ram Truck, at the Ram Rush event on April 25, 2026.
5. Strategic Plan - Kirsten Acosta
  - a. Kirsten reviewed the 2025 – 2026 Strategic Plan. She highlighted the objectives, goals and tactics.
  - b. Action: 2025 – 2026 Strategic Plan was approved as presented. MSC (Armstrong / Hunter).
6. The meeting adjourned at 11:05 a.m. Courtesy Board photos were available to anyone interested.