



**VESA Conference General Membership Meeting**  
**Thursday, January 25 · 9:00am – 11:30pm**  
**DoubleTree Williamsburg, VA**

The Virginia EL Supervisors' Association (VESA) is an educational organization that promotes the academic achievement of English Language Learners in grades PK-12.

Time	Agenda Items	
<b>9:00-9:15 am</b>	<b>Welcome &amp; Connection</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Warm-up/Centering/Connection</li> <li>● Introduce board and region representatives</li> <li>● Talk about the number of attendees at the Conference</li> </ul>	Courtney Proffitt
<b>9:15-9:50 am</b>	<b>VESA Business</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <a href="#">Meeting Minutes</a> from last General Meeting - Motion to approve, seconded and approved</li> <li>● <a href="#">Treasurer's Report</a> - motion to approve, seconded and approved</li> <li>● Scholarships               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Acknowledged and appreciated Kim Peterson for her work chairing this committee</li> <li>○</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Legislative Update - Reviewed current status of house and senate bills               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ New appointment/update</li> <li>○ HB500 - Assigned Education Sub Committee</li> <li>○ HB98-</li> <li>○ HB433- Referred to Committee on Education and Health</li> <li>○ HB624-Referred to Committee on Education and Health</li> <li>○ HB828/SB272 Referred to Committee on Education</li> <li>○ HB1247 Referred to Committee on Education</li> </ul> </li> <li>● VESA Elections               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Spring voting of Secretary and Treasurer</li> <li>○ Serve a 2 year term</li> <li>○ Need nomination committee (2) - for nominees in good standing with VESA</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Introductions of keynotes                Jody Nolf - Vista Learning - Empowering Voices of Multilingual Learners                Fabianna 2023 Virginia Teacher of Year</li> </ul>	Darina Walsh  Mike Tetreault  Sam Klein  Jessica Mereles           Kristine Lentz-Johnston   Fabianna - Kristine Lentz-Johnston Jody Nolf- Kirsten Bradley



<b>9:40-9:50 am</b>	<p>Conference updates and logistics</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Possibility of 2025 &amp; 2026 if satisfied with location and services provided             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <i>Room to grow to 800 participants</i></li> <li>- <i>Please provide feedback it supports conference improvements</i></li> </ul> </li> <li>- Who is here to help you</li> </ul>	<p>Courtney Proffitt Kirsten Bradley Kristine Lentz-Johnston Roxana Bandes Muldoon</p>
<b>9:50- 10:00</b>	<p>Did you know?? VESAS mission, vision and history</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Accomplishments of the Organization</li> <li>● 1979 First VESA Conference</li> <li>● VESA grew from small 4 division organization to statewide as the EL population grew in Virginia</li> <li>● Provides connection among EL leaders and advocacy (e.g. adoption of uniform leveling system and subsequent adoption of the WIDA Standards)</li> </ul>	<p>Courtney Proffitt</p>
<b>10:00-11:15</b> <b>(11:30)</b>	<p>VESA Instructional Focus - Members participated in small group interactive learning with work time</p> <p><a href="#">VLA</a>- Science of Reading and our ELs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Evidence based literacy instruction             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Scarborough's Rope</li> <li>○ 5 Pillars of Early Literacy</li> </ul> </li> <li>● VLA and guidance for EL instruction             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ VDOE Teachers in Action examining connection between ELD and Literacy Instruction</li> <li>○ Members participate in carousel brainstorming connections between USED guidance Ensuring English Learner Students Can Participate Meaningfully and Equally in Educational Programs and The Virginia Literacy Act. and engaged in independent reflection</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>Julie Rhoads Tina Johnson</p>
<b>11:15-11:30</b>	<p>Closing remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Will invite presenters back next meeting</li> </ul> <p>Meeting adjourned</p>	<p>Kristine Lentz-Johnston</p>