

**Jennifer Williams Becomes AUSD Board President**  
Mia Bonta Resigns to Become 18th District Assembly Member

**September 8 - Alameda, CA** - Jennifer Williams became president of the Board of Education yesterday, taking the place of Mia Bonta, who was sworn in as Assembly Member for California's 18th Assembly District.

Ms. Williams, who has been a board member since 2016, has served as vice president for the last two years. Ms. Bonta served as president from December 2018 (when she was seated as a board member) until yesterday (when she resigned to become an assembly member).

Board Policy 9121 states that when the board president resigns, the current vice president takes the position.

"On behalf of the Board of Education, I'd like to congratulate Mia Bonta on her election to the California Assembly and extend our gratitude for her service on the AUSD Board," Ms. Williams said. "Assembly Member Bonta has long been committed to supporting students and families, and we trust she will continue to keep the best interest of our students at the forefront of the decisions she will make. We wish her every success in this next chapter of her career."

According to AUSD board policy, the Board of Education has to decide whether to appoint a replacement to a vacated seat or hold a special election. The board will discuss this in its next public meeting on September 14.

"I anticipate a smooth transition so that the Board can continue to focus on the important priorities of supporting our students, families, and staff during these challenging times," Ms. Williams said. "We look forward to supporting and partnering with Superintendent Scuderi in this very crucial work of educating students and keeping our community safe."

The district will publicize the process the Board chooses - as well as how community members can apply or run to replace Ms. Bonta - after the September 14 meeting.

"I too would like to thank Mia for her work on the board and her dedication to AUSD," Superintendent Scuderi said. "We have appreciated her steady vision and leadership as we have navigated innumerable complex challenges in recent years. I wish her all the best in her new role, and I look forward to our continued partnership as we jointly work to support our schools and our community."