



**VENTURA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING  
July 12, 2022  
UNADOPTED MINUTES**

**Call to Order**

The Regular Board of Education meeting was held on Tuesday, July 12, 2022, at the VUSD, ESC Board Room, where one or more members participated. The public had the opportunity to submit their public comment in person. Those in attendance were:

Board President	Ms. Sabrena Rodriguez
Board Vice President	Dr. Jerry Dannenberg
Board Member	Ms. Amy Callahan
Board Member	Ms. Velma Lomax
Board Member	Mr. Calvin Peterson
Superintendent	Dr. Roger Rice
Asst. Supt. /Ed. Services	Dr. Antonio Castro
Asst. Supt./Human Resources	Ms. Gina Wolowicz

**Adoption of Agenda**

It was moved by Ms. Velma Lomax, seconded by Ms. Amy Callahan and passed on a roll call vote of 5 – 0 to approve the agenda as presented.

Ayes: Ms. Sabrena Rodriguez, Ms. Amy Callahan, Dr. Jerry Dannenberg, Ms. Velma Lomax,  
Mr. Calvin Peterson  
Noes: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

**Public Comment on Closed Session Items**

None.

**Motion to go to Closed Session**

It was moved by Dr. Jerry Dannenberg, seconded by Ms. Amy Callahan and passed on a roll call vote of 5 – 0 to approve to go to closed session at 6:02 p.m.

Ayes: Ms. Sabrena Rodriguez, Ms. Amy Callahan, Dr. Jerry Dannenberg, Ms. Velma Lomax,  
Mr. Calvin Peterson  
Noes: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

**REGULAR SESSION - ESC, Board Room 7:00 p.m.**

At 7:00 p.m., Board President Sabrena Rodriguez called the meeting to order and led the pledge of allegiance.

**Report of Actions Taken in Closed Session**

There was no action taken in closed session.

**Superintendent's Report**

Superintendent, Dr. Roger Rice, shared his excitement for Dr. Antonio Castro, as the new Superintendent. Board President Sabrena Rodriguez read Dr. Castro's bio, before the Board individually congratulated him on his new position. Dr. Castro took a moment to thank the Board and then introduced members of his family.

President Rodriguez took a moment to honor Dr. Roger Rice, as this was his last Board meeting. Members of the Board and members of the public took turns acknowledging Dr. Rice for his service to VUSD, sharing how much he will be missed.

**Correspondence**

None.

**Public Comments**

None.

**ACTION ITEMS**

**14.a Approval of Supplemental Novels Recommended by the Supplemental Novel Adoption Committee**

It was moved by Ms. Velma Lomax, seconded by Mr. Calvin Peterson and passed on a roll call vote of 5 – 0 to approve the supplemental novels recommended by the supplemental novel adoption committee as presented.

Ayes: Ms. Sabrena Rodriguez, Ms. Amy Callahan, Dr. Jerry Dannenberg, Ms. Velma Lomax, Mr. Calvin Peterson  
Noes: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

**14.b Consideration of Resolution #22-30, Continuing Board of Trustees Authority to Hold Virtual Meetings Pursuant to AB 361.**

It was moved by Dr. Jerry Dannenberg, seconded by Mr. Calvin Peterson and passed on a roll call vote of 5 – 0 to approve Resolution #22 -30, continuing the Board of Trustees authority to hold virtual meetings pursuant to AB 361 as presented.

Ayes: Ms. Sabrena Rodriguez, Ms. Amy Callahan, Dr. Jerry Dannenberg, Ms. Velma Lomax, Mr. Calvin Peterson  
Noes: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

**CONFERENCE - BUSINESS SERVICES**

**15.a Board Conference and Travel**

Superintendent, Dr. Roger Rice, led a conversation with the Board regarding Board conference and travel. Ms. Anna Campbell, Director of Fiscal Services, shared a document with the Board that included examples of travel and the workflow associated with each example.

The Board shared that it is important to have a process in place for approving travel/conferences and to have an amount budgeted per year. There was Board consensus to make a list of conferences that would receive automatic approval such as the CSBA AEC annual conference, VCSBA conferences, and other conferences through VCOE. Dr. Rice was asked to put together a list of affinity groups for a future conversation.

The Board inquired about using Concur instead of the Travel Store, which allows the end user to make changes, while allowing the accounting department to set limits. Ms. Campbell was asked to work with Dr. Rice to get additional information to send in a Board memo. This item will be brought back at a future meeting for discussion.

**CONFERENCE - HUMAN RESOURCES - Certificated**

**16.a Report Regarding Williams Uniform Complaint Procedures Quarterly Report Pursuant to AR 1312.4 for Quarter Ending June 30, 2022**

Ms. Gina Wolowicz, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources, noted that no complaints were filed with any school in VUSD for the quarter ending June 30, 2022.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

Item 20.a was pulled for a separate vote.

It was moved by Ms. Velma Lomax, seconded by Mr. Calvin Peterson and passed on a roll call vote of 4 – 0 to approve Consent item 20.a as presented.

Ayes: Ms. Sabrena Rodriguez, Ms. Amy Callahan, Ms. Velma Lomax, Mr. Calvin Peterson  
Noes: None. Absent: None. Abstain: Dr. Jerry Dannenberg.

It was moved by Ms. Amy Callahan, seconded by Mr. Calvin Peterson and passed on a roll call vote of 5 – 0 to approve consent items 17 through 19.e as presented.

Ayes: Ms. Sabrena Rodriguez, Ms. Amy Callahan, Dr. Jerry Dannenberg, Ms. Velma Lomax,  
Mr. Calvin Peterson  
Noes: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

**CONSENT - HUMAN RESOURCES - Certificated**

- 17.a Ratification of Administration's Approval of Miscellaneous & Part-Time Certificated Assignments for the 2021-22 and 2022-23 School Year
- 17.b Ratification of Administration's Approval of Resignations, Retirements and Release for Certificated Personnel for the 2021-22 and 2022-23 School Year
- 17.c Ratification of Administration's Approval for Leave of Absence for Certificated Personnel for the 2022-23 School Year
- 17.d Ratification of Administration's Approval of Assignments for 2022 Extended Year-Summer School Programs
- 17.e Ratification of Administration's Approval of Summer School Substitutes for 2022 Extended Year-Summer School Programs
- 17.f Ratification of Administration's Approval of Employment and Reemployment of Certificated Personnel for the 2022-23 School Year

**CONSENT - HUMAN RESOURCES - Classified**

- 18.a Classified Position Changes
- 18.b Classified Personnel Changes

**CONSENT - BUSINESS SERVICES**

- 19.a Ratification of Board Appointed Committee for Healthcare
- 19.b Notice of Completion for C8-22 Rebid Greenhouse at Sa'aliyas Ranch
- 19.c Ratification of Change Orders
- 19.d Resolution #22-31, Board Authority to Improve Compensation - Fiscal Year 2022-23
- 19.e Ratification of Purchase Orders and Contracts

**CONSENT - SUPERINTENDENT**

- 20.a Consideration of Board Meeting Minutes

**BOARD REPORTS**

Trustee Amy Callahan shared that our hearts go out to Askay family at this time.

Trustee Sabrena Rodriguez shared that she attended the Tri-County Regional planning meeting in Santa Ynez last week and asked fellow Board Members if anyone was interested in attending this meeting on a quarterly basis. Mr. Calvin Peterson volunteered to attend.

**COMING EVENTS**

- VUSD Summer Programs:
  - July 5 – July 29
  - August 1 – August 12
- VUSD Celebrate Event – August 23
- First Day of School – August 24
- ATLAS – Ribbon Cutting Ceremony: August 30

President Rodriguez shared that the city is having a meeting next Monday regarding the Cannabis licensing and public comment is welcomed.

**FUTURE BOARD ITEMS**

- IT Program Audit Report - August 23 or September 13
- Board Self-Evaluation - August 9
- New Beginning's Workshop - August 30
- Grant Writer & CTE Update - September 13

**BOARD/SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS - (No official action will be taken)**

Board President Sabrena Rodriguez thanked everyone for helping to celebrate both Dr. Castro and Dr. Rice.

**CLOSED SESSION**

There was no reason to return to closed session.

**ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved by Ms. Amy Callahan, seconded by Mr. Calvin Peterson and passed on a roll call vote of 5 – 0 to approve to adjourn the meeting at 8:46 p.m. to the next regularly scheduled Board meeting to be held on August 9, 2022.

Ayes: Ms. Sabrena Rodriguez, Ms. Amy Callahan, Dr. Jerry Dannenberg, Ms. Velma Lomax, Mr. Calvin Peterson  
Noes: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

APPROVED \_\_\_\_\_ President

\_\_\_\_\_ Secretary