County Committee on School District Organization
Minutes of Special Meeting
Monday, April 4, 2022 — Zoom — 2 p.m.
Santa Barbara County Education Office
4400 Cathedral Oaks Road, Santa Barbara

1. **Call to Order**

   The meeting was called to order at 2:04 p.m. by Robin Sawaske, Chairperson

2. **Welcome**

   Robin Sawaske welcomed everyone and thanked the Committee for joining via Zoom.

3. **Roll Call**

   **Members Present**
   Terry Hickey Banks
   Jan Clevenger
   Dr. Ed Cora
   Linda Cordero
   Judith Dale
   Nancy Harter
   Margaret Ontiveros
   Robin Sawaske
   Steve Straight
   Janet Zilli

   **Members Absent**
   Steve Minjarez

   **Others Present**
   Teresa Acosta, Executive Assistant, Business Services, Lompoc Unified School District
   Matthew Beecher, Interim-Superintendent, Santa Maria-Bonita School District
   Denice Cora, Secretary to County Committee
   Amada Dulay, Senior Administrative Assistant, School Business Advisory Services
   Bryn Hammarberg, Redistricting Partners
   David Lopez, Cooperative Strategies
   Trevor McDonald, Superintendent, Lompoc Unified School District
   Austin Payne, Legal Counsel
   Todd Robbins, Cooperative Strategies
   Dr. Susan Salcido, County Superintendent – Santa Barbara County Education Office
   Doug Sorum, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services, Lompoc Unified School District
   Bree Valla, Deputy Superintendent, Lompoc Unified School District
4. **Public Comments**

None

5. **Approval of minutes for March 14, 2022, Special Meeting**

The minutes for the March 14, 2022, Special Meeting were presented for approval. A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes as presented.

MOVED: Linda Cordero  SECONDED: Nancy Harter

AYES: Terry Hickey Banks, Dr. Ed Cora, Jan Clevenger, Linda Cordero, Judith Dale, Nancy Harter, Margaret Ontiveros, Robin Sawaske, Steve Straight, Janet Zilli

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

6. **Reminders of legal criteria and procedure for approval of school district proposals to establish trustee areas and to elect governing board members using district-based elections.**

Austin Payne reviewed the legal criteria and procedures for school district proposals.

7. **Public Hearing on Santa Maria-Bonita School District’s Proposal to Establish Trustee Areas and to Elect Governing Board Members Using District-Based Elections**

Robin Sawaske opened the hearing. The district’s Interim Superintendent Matthew Beecher and David Lopez from Cooperative Strategies presented the process and board-approved recommendation for the Santa Maria-Bonita School District. Presentation attached.

The hearing was opened for public comment. No comments were made, and the public hearing was closed.

8. **Action on Santa Maria-Bonita School District’s Proposal to Establish Trustee Areas and to Elect Governing Board Members Using District-Based Elections**

Committee members appreciated the thorough presentation by the district. After discussion and questions, a motion was made and seconded to approve the map presented by the Santa Maria-Bonita School District to transition to By-Trustee Areas.

MOVED: Steve Straight  SECONDED: Janet Zilli

**Roll Call Vote**

AYES: Terry Hickey Banks, Dr. Ed Cora, Jan Clevenger, Judith Dale, Nancy Harter, Margaret Ontiveros, Robin Sawaske, Steve Straight, Janet Zilli

NOES: None
9. **Public Hearing on Lompoc Unified School District’s Proposal to Establish Trustee Areas and to Elect Governing Board Members Using District-Based Elections**

Robin Sawaske opened the hearing and district superintendent Trevor McDonald and Bryn Hammarberg of Redistricting Partners presented the process and board-approved recommendation for the Lompoc Unified School District. Presentation attached.

The hearing was opened for public comment. No comments were made, and the public hearing was closed.

10. **Action on Lompoc Unified School District’s Proposal to Establish Trustee Areas to Elect Governing Board Members Using District-Based Elections**

Committee members appreciated the thorough presentation by the district. After discussion and questions, a motion was made and seconded to approve the map presented by the Lompoc Unified School District to transition to By-Trustee Areas.

**MOVED:** Janet Zilli  
**SECONDED:** Linda Cordero

**Roll Call Vote**

**AYES:** Terry Hickey Banks, Dr. Ed Cora, Jan Clevenger, Linda Cordero, Judith Dale, Nancy Harter, Margaret Ontiveros, Robin Sawaske, Janet Zilli

**NOES:** None

**ABSTAIN:** Steve Straight

11. **Adoption of Resolution No. 2022-18-CC Recognizing a State of Emergency and Reauthorizing Teleconference Meetings**

Robin Sawaske presented the 2022-18-CC Resolution for Recognizing a State of Emergency and Reauthorizing Teleconference Meetings. In accordance with AB 361, the County Committee adopted Resolution No. 2022-18-CC recognizing a state of emergency and reauthorizing teleconference meetings for a period of thirty (30) days.

A motion was made and seconded to adopt the Resolution as presented.

**MOVED:** Terry Hickey Banks  
**SECONDED:** Nancy Harter

**AYES:** Terry Hickey Banks, Dr. Ed Cora, Jan Clevenger, Linda Cordero, Judith Dale, Nancy Harter, Margaret Ontiveros, Robin Sawaske, Steve Straight, Janet Zilli

**NOES:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None
12. **Discussion regarding dates/timing for upcoming meetings**

A discussion ensued regarding upcoming meeting dates and planning for district submission of packets to the County Committee. The Committee agreed to cancel the April 11, 2022, Regular Meeting due to lack of agenda items.

13. **Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:59 p.m. The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for May 31, 2022.

Respectfully submitted,

[Signature]

Denice Cora  
Secretary to the County Committee on School District Organization