

# County Committee on School District Organization

## Minutes of Special Meeting

Monday, February 28, 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  
Steve Minjarez  
Margaret Ontiveros  
Robin Sawaske  
Steve Straight  
Janet Zilli

#### Members Absent

None

#### Others Present

Denice Cora, Secretary to County Committee  
Amada Dulay, Senior Administrative Assistant, School Business Advisory Services  
Kate Ford, Santa Barbara Unified School District Board member  
Anna Freedland, Executive Assistant to the County Superintendent of Schools  
Antonio Garcia, Superintendent, Santa Maria Joint Union High School District  
Jacqueline Inda, Member of the community  
Stephen Jacobs, Ballard School District Board member  
Dr. Hilda Maldonado, Superintendent, Santa Barbara Unified School District  
Scott Newell, Legal Counsel, Santa Barbara Unified School District  
Chelsea Olson Murphy, Legal Counsel, Ballard School District  
Austin Payne, Legal Counsel  
Craig Price, Legal Counsel  
Mia Renaud, Member of the community



**Roll Call Vote**

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

9. **Public Hearing on Ballard School District's Proposal to Establish Trustee Areas and to Elect Governing Board Members Using District-Based Election**

Robin Sawaske opened the hearing and district superintendent Pam Rennick presented the process and board-approved recommendation for the Ballard School District. Presentation attached.

The hearing was opened for public comment. Mia Renaud shared information about Ballard school population and the importance of equality of representation in the proposed trustee areas.

The public hearing was closed.

10. **Action on Ballard 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 Ballard School District to transition to By-Trustee Areas.

MOVED: Jan Clevenger                      SECONDED: Linda Cordero

**Roll Call Vote**

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

NOES: Margaret Ontiveros

ABSTAIN: None

11. **Public Hearing on Santa Barbara 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 Dr. Hilda Maldonado and Steve Venz presented the process and board-approved recommendation for the Santa Barbara Unified School District. Presentation attached.

The hearing was opened for public comment. Jacqueline Inda shared her thoughts about Santa Barbara's process and shared that there is potential in the future for a community-based request to increase the number of trustees from five to seven.

The public hearing was closed.

12. **Action on Santa Barbara Unified 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 Barbara Unified School District to transition to By-Trustee Areas.

MOVED: Janet Zilli                      SECONDED: Nancy Harter

**Roll Call Vote**

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

13. **Adoption of Resolution No. 2022-14-CC Recognizing a State of Emergency and Reauthorizing Teleconferenced Meetings**

Robin Sawaske presented the 2022-14-CC Resolution for Recognizing a State of Emergency and Reauthorizing Teleconference Meetings. In accordance with AB 361, the County Committee adopted Resolution No. 2022-14-CC recognizing a state of emergency and reauthorizing teleconferenced meetings for a period of thirty (30) days.

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

MOVED: Nancy Harter                      SECONDED: Steve Minjarez

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

14. **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. No changes were made to the schedule of meetings presented.

15. **Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Denice Cora

Secretary to the County Committee on School District Organization