

County Committee on School District Organization

Minutes of Special Meeting

Monday, January 31, 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 2:01 p.m. by Robin Sawaske

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

Camie Barnwell, Director, Communications, SBCEO
Denice Cora, Secretary to County Committee
Rosanne Crawford, member of the public
Michelle de Werd, County Board of Education, Board Member
Amada Dulay, Senior Administrative Assistant
Dr. Holly Edds, Superintendent, Orcutt Union School District
Kate Ford, Santa Barbara Unified School District Board Member
Anna Freedland, Executive Assistant to the County Superintendent of Schools
Judith Frost, County Board of Education, Board Member
Joe Howell, County Board of Education, Board Member
Peter MacDougall, County Board of Education, Board Member

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

MOVED: Dr. Ed Cora 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

10. Public Hearing on Orcutt Union School District’s Proposal to Establish Trustee Areas and To Elect Governing Board Members Using District-Based Elections

Robin Sawaske, opened the hearing and representatives presented information regarding their process for Goleta Union School District [Dr. Holly Edds]. Presentation attached.

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

11. Action on Orcutt Union School District’s Proposal to Establish Trustee Areas and to Elect Governing Board Members Using District-Based Elections

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MOVED: Dr. Ed Cora SECONDED: Jan Zilli

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

12. Discussion of SBCEO Board Trustee Area Maps 1 through 3

Justin Rich, consultant from Cooperative Strategies, provided an overview what was discussed at the last County Committee meeting regarding the addition of another scenario. He presented Scenario 3 and showed the differences between it and the other two scenario maps. Mr. Rich shared that the Scenario 3 Map is now available as an interactive map for County Committee members to review.

Public comments were provided below:

Rosanne Crawford, community member, expressed appreciation for the transparent process the County Committee was following and made comments about Santa Barbara Unified School District's process.

Joe Howell, County Board of Education Trustee, appreciated the combination of positive attributes taken from Scenario 1 and 2 in the new Scenario 3, and stated he supported Map Scenario 3.

Judy Frost, County Board of Education Trustee, agreed with Joe's statements.

County Committee members stated their appreciation of Mr. Rich's scenarios, including the addition of Scenario 3, and thanked the County Board of Education members for providing input related to the scenarios.

13. Adoption of Resolution 2022-04-CC Recognizing a State of Emergency and Authorizing Teleconference Meetings

Robin Sawaske presented Resolution No. 2022-04-CC for Recognizing a State of Emergency and Authorizing Teleconference Meetings. In accordance with AB 361, the County Committee adopted Resolution No. 2022-04-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: Linda Cordero SECONDED: Jan Clevenger

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

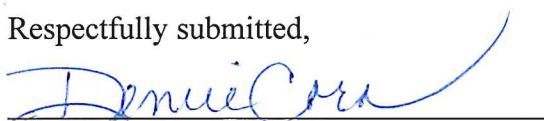
14. Discussion regarding dates/timing for upcoming meetings

A discussion ensued regarding potential upcoming meeting dates and planning for district submission of packets to the County Committee. Since it appears that a few districts will not be able to submit their packages until May or later, it was decided to select an additional date – May 31 at 2 p.m. County Committee members were asked to hold this date.

15. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Denice Cora

Secretary to the County Committee on School District Organization