# County Committee on School District Organization Minutes of Special Meeting

Monday, January 10, 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 2:03 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
Ed Cora
Linda Cordero
Judith Dale
Nancy Harter
Margaret Ontiveros
Robin Sawaske
Steve Straight
Janet Zilli

#### **Members Absent**

Steve Minjarez

#### **Others Present**

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
Anna Freedland, Executive Assistant to the County Superintendent of Schools
Judith Frost, County Board of Education, Board Member
Jacqueline Inda, member of the public
Peter MacDougall, County Board of Education, Board Member
Austin Payne, Legal Counsel
Craig Price, Legal Counsel
Justin Rich, Executive Director, Cooperative Strategies
Bill Ridgeway, Assistant Superintendent

Dr. Susan Salcido, County Superintendent -- Santa Barbara County Education Office

#### 4. Public Comments

The following members of the public addressed the County Committee on School District Organization and encouraged the County Committee to support a transition to a seven-member board for the Santa Barbara Unified School District.

Rosanne Crawford Jacqueline Inda

### 5. Approval of minutes for December 13, 2021, Annual Meeting

The minutes for the December 13, 2021 Annual meeting were presented for approval.

MOVED:

Linda Cordero

SECONDED: Nancy Harter

AYES:

Terry Hickey Banks, Ed Cora, Jan Clevenger, Linda Cordero, Judith Dale,

Nancy Harter, Margaret Ontiveros, Robin Sawaske, Steve Straight,

Janet Zilli

NOES:

None

ABSTAIN:

None

#### 6. <u>Discussion of Draft SBCEO Board Trustee Area Maps</u>

Justin Rich, consultant from Cooperative Strategies, provided a summary of what was discussed at the last County Committee meeting. Mr. Rich fielded multiple questions about the two different scenarios and the modifications that were presented in each of the scenarios to highlight the differences.

Chairperson Sawaske shared a communication from the SBCEO Board of Trustees (for full text of communication see letter attached). To summarize:

- One board member preferred map scenario 1
- Four board members preferred map scenario 2
- One board member remained neutral/had no preference
- One board member deferred to the county committee to choose one of the draft map scenarios.

A discussion ensued regarding high schools and the changes to the boundaries. It was shared by several County Committee members that it seemed that Scenario 2 represented the local communities better than Scenario 1.

Further discussion surrounded the variance in Scenario 2 of 7.5% vs. a smaller variance in Scenario 1 and that perhaps the variance should be considered as a factor. Mr. Rich indicated both were within the prerequisite 10% maximum trustee area population variance and both scenarios met the legal requirements for the County Committee's consideration.

A question arose related to when the County Committee would need to make a final decision on the SBCEO Trustee Area maps. County Superintendent Salcido indicated a decision would need to be made in February.

County Committee members discussed the possibility of modifying Scenario 1 or Scenario 2 to create a Scenario 3 map to be considered by the County Committee. Justin will work with his staff to create another map for consideration.

# 7. <u>Adoption of Resolution 2022-03-CC Recognizing a State of Emergency and Authorizing Teleconference Meetings</u>

Robin Sawaske presented the 2022-03-CC Resolution for Recognizing a State of Emergency and Authorizing Teleconference Meetings. In accordance with AB 361, the County Committee adopted Resolution No. 2022-03-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:

Steve Straight

SECONDED:

Jan Clevenger

AYES:

Terry Hickey Banks, Ed Cora, Jan Clevenger, Linda Cordero, Judith Dale,

Nancy Harter, Margaret Ontiveros, Robin Sawaske, Steve Straight,

Janet Zilli

NOES:

None

ABSTAIN:

None

## 8. <u>Discussion regarding dates/timing for upcoming meetings</u>

A discussion ensued regarding the potential upcoming dates and planning for district submission of packets to the County Committee. A question arose regarding what districts need to submit in their packet to the County Committee. County Superintendent Salcido indicated she would prepare a list of items to share with superintendents so districts will know what to submit. After further discussion, County Committee members agreed to tentatively schedule the following dates for upcoming meetings at 2 p.m.:

- January 31
- February 14 (Regular Meeting)
- February 28
- March 14

- March 28
- April 4
- April 11

MOVED:

Janet Zilli

SECONDED:

Linda Cordero

AYES:

Terry Hickey Banks, Ed Cora, Jan Clevenger, Linda Cordero, Judith Dale,

Nancy Harter, Margaret Ontiveros, Robin Sawaske, Steve Straight,

Janet Zilli

NOES:

None

ABSTAIN:

None

# 9. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Denice Cora

Secretary to the County Committee on School District Organization