



**VENTURA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
SPECIAL BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING  
September 26, 2023  
ADOPTED MINUTES**

**Call to Order**

The Special Board of Education meeting was held on Tuesday, September 26, 2023, at the 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	Mr. Calvin Peterson
Board Member	Mr. James Forsythe
Superintendent	Dr. Antonio Castro

At 9:03 a.m., Board President Sabrena Rodriguez called the meeting to order and led the pledge of allegiance

**Adoption of Agenda**

It was moved by Mr. James Forsythe, seconded by Mr. Calvin Peterson and passed on a roll call vote of 4 – 0 to approve the agenda as presented.

Ayes: Ms. Sabrena Rodriguez, Dr. Jerry Dannenberg, Mr. Calvin Peterson, Mr. James Forsythe  
Noes: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

**REGULAR SESSION - Board Room**

**Public Comments**

The following individuals gave a public comment:

1. Deborah Meyer-Morris regarding items 8.a and 8.b. Ms. Meyer-Morris shared that the person chosen should uphold the state constitution and follow CSBA guidelines for defending all students.
2. Ashley Pope regarding item 8.a. Ms. Pope acknowledged the privilege of being able to attend the special board meeting and encouraged the board to have a second read on the important decision of choosing a candidate.

**ACTION ITEMS**

**8.a Consideration of Appointment of Board Trustee for Area # 3**

The Board of Education conducted interviews for the provisional appointment of a Board Trustee for Area 3. Six candidates qualified and were interviewed for a term beginning on September 26, 2023 and ending on December 13, 2024.

It was moved by Mr. Calvin Peterson, seconded by Mr. James Forsythe and passed on a roll call vote of 4 – 0 to approve to appoint Ms. Alicia LaVere as the new Trustee for Area #3.

Ayes: Ms. Sabrena Rodriguez, Dr. Jerry Dannenberg, Mr. Calvin Peterson, Mr. James Forsythe  
Noes: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

**8.b**     **Oath of Office**

Superintendent Dr. Antonio Castro administered the Oath of Office to the newly appointed Board Member Ms. Alicia LaVere. Ms. LaVere was appointed to serve the remainder of the term ending December 13, 2024.

**8.c**     **Certification of Signatures (amended)**

It was moved by Dr. Jerry Dannenberg, seconded by Mr. Calvin Peterson and passed on a roll call vote of 5 – 0 to approve to approve and certify the signature of staff authorized to sign specific documents as was provided to the Board for the period of December 13, 2022 through December 31, 2023.

Ayes: Ms. Sabrena Rodriguez, Dr. Jerry Dannenberg, Mr. Calvin Peterson, Mr. James Forsythe, Alicia LaVere

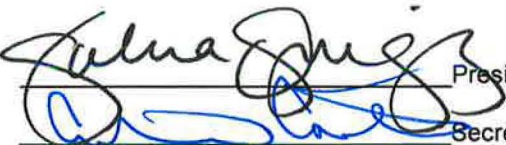

Noes: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

**ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved by Alicia LaVere, seconded by Mr. James Forsythe and passed on a roll call vote of 5 – 0 to approve to adjourn the meeting at 12:25 p.m., until the next regularly scheduled Board meeting scheduled for later that day, September 26, 2023.

Ayes: Ms. Sabrena Rodriguez, Dr. Jerry Dannenberg, Mr. Calvin Peterson, Mr. James Forsythe, Alicia LaVere

Noes: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

APPROVED  President  
 Secretary