

MARIN COUNTY COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL DISTRICT ORGANIZATION

Regular Meeting and Annual Organizational Meeting

*Marin County Office of Education
1111 Las Gallinas Avenue, Board Room
San Rafael, CA 94903*

Wednesday, November 29, 2023 • 5:30 pm

The meeting of the Marin County Committee on School District Organization (CCSDO) will be held on **Wednesday, November 29, 2023 beginning at 5:30 p.m. at the Marin County Office of Education (1111 Las Gallinas Avenue, San Rafael, CA 94903) in the Board Room.** You are welcome to join the meeting in person.

AGENDA

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| 1. Call to Order | Ms. Butler |
| 2. Attendance/Introductions | Ms. Butler |
| 2a. Committee Members by Roll Call | Mr. Lenz |
| 3. Identification of persons wishing to address the Committee on items not on the agenda. | Ms. Butler |

ACTION ITEMS

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| 4. Consider Approval and Adoption of Agenda | Ms. Butler |
| 5. Administer Oath of Office to Elected CCSDO Members | Mr. Lenz |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Karen Crockett, Supervisorial Area 1• Elizabeth Robbins, Supervisorial Area 2• Robin Moses, Supervisorial Area 3 | |
| 6. Election of Officers: The County Committee will elect the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson | Ms. Butler |
| 7. Consider Approval of Minutes, CCSDO Special Meeting of August 23, 2023 | Chairperson |

OTHER ITEMS

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| 8. Report of Secretary Designee of County Committee | Mr. Lenz |
| 9. LAFCO Notices Received | Mr. Lenz |
| 10. Report of County Committee Members | Chairperson |

ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson

Administer Oath of Office to Elected CCSDO Members

- Karen Crockett, Supervisorial Area 1
- Elizabeth Robbins, Supervisorial Area 2
- Robin Moses, Supervisorial Area 3

NOMINATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

MARIN COUNTY COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL DISTRICT ORGANIZATION

Date: August 13, 2023

I hereby nominate Karen Crockett as a candidate for election to the Marin County Committee on School District Organization for the following vacancy:



Supervisory District 1



Supervisory District 2



Supervisory District 3

The above-stated nominee resides at the following address:

Address: 82 Creekside Drive
City: San Rafael State: CA Zip: 94903
Phone: (415) 717-5553 Email: karencrockett1@comcast.net

I further verify that the nominee has given approval for their nomination.

Karen Crockett

Digitally signed by Karen Crockett
Date: 2023.08.13 11:05:44 -07'00'

Signature

82 Creekside Drive

Address

San Rafael, CA 94903 (415) 717-5553

City

Phone

The county superintendent of schools requests the nominee to submit this form, along with a brief written statement, no later than **August 18, 2023** on why they wish to serve on the committee. The nominee should plan to attend the Marin County School Boards Association (MCSBA) meeting, to be scheduled, to be interviewed by the trustee representatives of the school district boards. Voting will be announced at the meeting.

Please submit this form to:

Marin County Office of Education
Attention: Jonathan Lenz, CCSDO Secretary Designee
1111 Las Gallinas Avenue/P.O. Box 4925
San Rafael, CA 94913
jlenz@marinschools.org | (415) 499-5804

TO: Marin County School Boards Association
FROM: Karen Crockett
CC: Jonathan Lenz, Deputy Superintendent, Marin County Office of Education
DATE: August 13, 2023
RE: Statement of Interest Regarding Service on the Marin County Committee on School District Organization

I am submitting this statement in support of my interest in serving another four-year term on the Marin County Committee on School District Organization (MCCSDO). My desire to continue stems from my wish to serve in a capacity that contributes to the strength of our County's public education system.

My two children attended Miller Creek School District from 1997 to 2005 and both received an excellent education from caring and dedicated teachers and staff. I served as a trustee of the Miller Creek School District from 2001 to 2005, and I have served continuously as a committee member of the MCCSDO since 2003. Professionally, I am a practicing attorney with a 39-year career.

The decisions I have made as a MCCSDO committee member are reflective of the following guiding principles that I feel are important: convenience of public school choice, since inconvenience can lead to pursuit of options other than our public schools; maintenance of the financial strength of our school districts; diversity, equality and fairness with regard to the students and their families; and preservation of our County's unique small school districts and one room schoolhouses.

I supported the Tennessee Glen Petition that returned ten parcels from the Sausalito-Marin City School District to the Mill Valley School District. Convenience of public school choice was the driving factor since the homes are much closer to Mill Valley schools, and in fact had been in the Mill Valley School District prior to the planned (and fortunately, defunct) Marincello development. The territory transfer back to Mill Valley will result in a transfer of property taxes between the two school districts, but I felt the amount was de minimis. I supported the County Office's assistance in informing the districts of the possibility of a tax sharing agreement, and in laying out options.

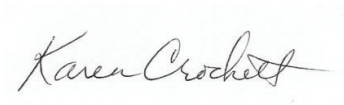
Additionally, regarding the Tennessee Glen Petition, I was not in favor of a large election area that would have been extremely costly to one or both school districts and the petitioners. I commend Jon Lenz and the County Office staff in educating the school boards and superintendents that under state law, their joint support of the petition eliminated the need for an election. This was a prime example of the County Office bringing everyone together to come to agreement on a result that was in the best interests of the children in the petition area, and of both school districts.

While the East Corte Madera Territory Transfer Petition was ultimately withdrawn by the petitioners, I had significant concerns about the petition. Out of fairness, I could not have supported a territory transfer that solved an issue for one set of families, only to create the same issue for another large set of families. While the hearings were somewhat emotional at times, I believed they helped the petitioners understand the concerns of all the families and withdrawal was the right thing to do.

Our County has a highly distinctive character due to the small school districts, particularly in West Marin. As a Committee member, I want to preserve those small school districts and one room schoolhouses to

the extent possible, subject to state restrictions. During my tenure on the Committee, we had a couple of lapsations come before us as a result of average daily attendance falling below the threshold mandated by state law. During the hearings on the lapsations, I was extremely impressed with the solutions that the districts and families formulated to ensure the children continued to receive an excellent and equitable education. I felt the districts and families knew what was best for their communities and children, so I deferred to their judgment in reaching my decisions. I was fully supportive of and voted in favor of the school districts' agreements in each case.

I would be honored to continue serving on the Marin County Committee on School District Organization for another four-year term.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Karen Crockett". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Karen Crockett

NOMINATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

MARIN COUNTY COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL DISTRICT ORGANIZATION

Date: August 11, 2023

I hereby nominate Elizabeth Robbins as a candidate for election to the Marin County Committee on School District Organization for the following vacancy:

☐ [Supervisory District 1](#)

☒ [Supervisory District 2](#)

☐ [Supervisory District 3](#)

The above-stated nominee resides at the following address:

Address: 7 Norwood Avenue

City: Ross State: CA Zip: 94957

Phone: 415-459-9331 Email: eliz.robbins@gmail.com

I further verify that the nominee has given approval for their nomination.

Signature

Elizabeth Robbins

Address

7 Norwood Ave, Ross, CA 4

City

Phone

The county superintendent of schools requests the nominee to submit this form, along with a brief written statement, no later than **August 18, 2023** on why they wish to serve on the committee. The nominee should plan to attend the Marin County School Boards Association (MCSBA) meeting, to be scheduled, to be interviewed by the trustee representatives of the school district boards. Voting will be announced at the meeting.

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Elizabeth Robbins, M.D.

Candidate Statement

Marin County Committee on School District Organization

August 11, 2023

I have served on the Marin County Committee on School District Organization since 2003, and would like to continue to serve on the committee. I served as a trustee of the Ross School District for 16 years, from 1995 to 2011, and was chosen as the Marin County Trustee of the Year in 2012. I am currently a member of the Ross Town Council.

I value the quality of education in Marin and believe that local districts make an important contribution to educational quality.

I am a physician and clinical professor at the University of California, San Francisco; my specialty is pediatric oncology.

I would consider it an honor and a privilege to continue to serve on the SDO committee and appreciate your consideration.

NOMINATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

MARIN COUNTY COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL DISTRICT ORGANIZATION

Date: 7/30/23

I hereby nominate Robin Moses as a candidate for election to the Marin County Committee on School District Organization for the following vacancy:

☐ Supervisory District 1

☐ Supervisory District 2

☒ Supervisory District 3

The above-stated nominee resides at the following address:

Address: 341 Hazel Ave

City: Mill Valley State: CA Zip: 94941

Phone: 415 613 5795 Email: robinBmoses@gmail.com

I further verify that the nominee has given approval for their nomination.

Signature

Address

City

Phone

The county superintendent of schools requests the nominee to submit this form, along with a brief written statement, no later than August 18, 2023 on why they wish to serve on the committee. The nominee should plan to attend the Marin County School Boards Association (MCSBA) meeting, to be scheduled, to be interviewed by the trustee representatives of the school district boards. Voting will be announced at the meeting.

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After serving as a trustee in the Mill Valley School District for 9 years, I joined the CCSDO in the fall of 2017. While some years have been busier for the committee than others, I have found my tenure on the committee to be interesting and rewarding. After 6 years on the committee, I believe that I have a richer understanding of the structure and functioning of our county school districts. From my role as a trustee, and from our experiences this past year, I have acquired a deeper appreciation of the processes and benchmarks that must be met in merging or changing school district boundaries. Additionally, I have witnessed the deep emotions and urgency that all parents feel in ensuring the best possible education for their children. I hope that this knowledge informs my decisions in the future as I would very much would like to continue this work for the next term.

08-23-23 Draft Meeting Minutes

MARIN COUNTY COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL DISTRICT ORGANIZATION

Special Meeting August 23, 2023 | 5:30 p.m.

Meeting Minutes

The special meeting of the Marin County Committee on School District Organization (CCSDO) was held on Wednesday, August 23, 2023 beginning at 5:30 p.m. at the Marin County Office of Education, Board Room (1111 Las Gallinas Avenue, San Rafael, CA 94903)

AGENDA ITEM 1: Call to Order

Chairperson Debbie Butler called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm.

AGENDA ITEM 2: Attendance/Introductions

Secretary Designee, Jonathan Lenz, conducted Roll Call of Committee Members. Members present/absent:

Committee Member	Present (Y)/Absent (A)
Debbie Butler	Y
Karen Crockett	Y
Amos Klausner	Y
Derek Knell	Y
Robin Moses	Y
Stephanie O'Brien	Y
Kathy Ohm	Y
Elizabeth Robbins	Y
Richard Sloan	Y
Stuart Tanenberg	A

Roll call indicated a quorum was present.

AGENDA ITEM 3: Consider Approval and Adoption of Agenda

Chairperson Butler called for a motion to approve the August 23, 2023 Agenda.

Motion to approve the August 23, 2023 Agenda passed unanimously by committee members present.

AGENDA ITEM 4: Consider Approval of Minutes, CCSDO Special Meeting of June 14, 2023

Chairperson Butler called for a motion to approve the June 14, 2023 Minutes of the Special Meeting.

Motion to approve the June 14, 2023 Minutes of the Special Meeting passed unanimously by committee members present.

AGENDA ITEM 5: Consider Approval of late submission of Supervisorial District #3
Nomination Form after deadline of Monday, August 21, 2023 at 12:00 pm.

Chairperson Butler called for a motion to approve the late submission of the Supervisorial District #3 nomination form.

Motion to approve the late submission of the Supervisorial District #3 nomination form passed unanimously by committee members present.

AGENDA ITEM 6: Appointment to Supervisorial District #3, due to resignation of
committee member Raul Wertz, effective June 25, 2023.

Chairperson Butler called for a motion to appoint Nancy Barron Kemnitzer to the Marin County Committee on School District Organization for Supervisorial District #3?

Motion to appoint Nancy Barron Kemnitzer to the Marin County Committee on School District Organization passed unanimously by committee members present.

AGENDA ITEM 7: Administer Oath of Office to Appointed CCSDO Member

Secretary Designee Jonathan Lenz administered the Oath of Office to appointed CCSDO Member, Nancy Barron Kemnitzer.

AGENDA ITEM 8: Adjournment

Prior to adjournment, Secretary Designee Jon Lenz provided an update on the Tennessee Glen Territory Transfer.

Chairperson Butler called for a motion to adjourn the August 23, 2023 Meeting.

Motion to adjourn the August 23, 2023 Meeting passed unanimously by committee members present.

Chairperson Butler adjourned the meeting at 7:20 pm.

LAFCO Notices

LAFCO NOTICES LOG

Date Received Form	File #	Topic	Date sent to MCOE Legal Counsel	Date executed form sent to LAFCO	Due Date
02/09/23	1370	Annexation of 255 Margarita Drive, San Rafael (APN 016-011-29) to San Rafael Sanitary District (LAFCo file #1370)	2/9/2023	2/10/2023	Thursday, March 9, 2023
02/14/23	1371	Annexation of 3606 Paradise Drive (APN 058-011-13) to Sanitary District #5 (LAFCo file #1371)	2/15/2023	2/17/2023	Tuesday, March 14, 2023
03/13/23	1372	Reorganization of East Blithedale right of way adjacent to 2, 45, and 55 Kipling Drive (LAFCo file #1372)	3/14/2023	3/14/2023	Friday, April 14, 2023
03/21/23	1373	Annexation of 10 Friendly Lane, Novato (APN 141-101-23) to Novato Sanitary District (LAFCo File #1373)	3/21/2023	3/21/2023	Friday, April 21, 2023
09/20/23	1374	Annexation of 45 Stirrup Ln. (APN 146-020-11) to Novato Sanitary District (LAFCo file #1374)	9/20/2023	9/21/2023	Friday, October 20, 2023
10/24/23	1375	Annexation of 19 Tanfield Rd. (APN: 039-081-14) to Richardson Bay Sanitary District (LAFCo file #1375)	10/24/2023	10/26/2023	Thursday, November 23, 2023