



SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL DISTRICT ORGANIZATION

VIRTUAL MEETING

Meeting Minutes

Special Meeting—Fontana USD

Wednesday, April 13, 2022
8:00 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Resa Barillas
Brynna Cadman
Kareem Gongora
Claudia Lopez
Flora Martinez
Jay Muñoz
Rafael Trujillo
Regina Weatherspoon-Bell
Jennifer Quezada

STAFF PRESENT:

Dennis Mobley, Interim Acting Secretary
Audrey Grijalva, Recording Secretary
Ted Alejandre, County Superintendent
Richard De Nava, Assistant Superintendent

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Patty Holohan
James Willingham

COUNTY COUNSEL:

Adam Ebright

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Vice Chairman Martinez called the meeting to order at 8:23 p.m. and asked Interim Acting Secretary Mr. Mobley to conduct a roll call of County Committee members.

2. Flag Salute

Interim Acting Secretary Mr. Mobley led the flag salute.

3. Adoption of Agenda

Member Trujillo moved to adopt the agenda as presented. Member Weatherspoon-Bell seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. The motion carried unanimously 9 - 0. Nays: None. Abstentions: None.

4. General Public Comments

Interim Acting Secretary Mr. Mobley announced where the County Committee agenda and meeting materials could be located. He then read the notification posted on the agenda regarding AB 361 virtual meetings including instructions for emailing public comments and how to participate by phone.

The Interim Acting Secretary Mr. Mobley read the following script: Pursuant to Government Code 54954.3 every notice of a special board meeting shall provide an opportunity for members of the public to directly address the legislative body concerning any item that has been described in the notice for the meeting before consideration of that item. Members of the public may address the County Committee before or during the County Committee's consideration of the item as noted on the special meeting agenda. Public comments submitted by 8:00 p.m. on the day of the meeting will be read into the record. Speakers are allotted 3 minutes per person up to 12 minutes.

Recording Secretary Mrs. Grijalva announced there were no public comments.

5. Staff Report on Changing Method of Election Process and Procedures

Interim Acting Secretary Mr. Mobley gave a brief overview of the school districts changing method of election process and procedures. Bear Valley Unified requested changing its method of election from at-large to by-trustee areas. Mr. Mobley explained the process of receiving, analyzing, and arriving at its findings that the district's plan was in full compliance. Mr. Mobley also explained the purpose of two public hearings and the action that follows.

6. Public Hearing on Change of Election Method

March 2, 2022, Fontana Unified School District adopted Resolution 22-05 to change from at-large to by-trustee area elections. The District's plan requires a public hearing and approval by the County Committee.

6.1 Vice Chairman Martinez opened the public hearing at 8:36 p.m.

6.2 Presentation by Fontana Unified School District

Todd Robbins, legal counsel from AALRR for Fontana USD, stated that Fontana USD received a demand letter from an attorney representing the interests of African American Community members in Fontana. He also shared that the demographics of African American population in Fontana is small. The map chosen by the Board includes African American community members that has 12.1 percent of voting age. The map chosen by the board was prepared and presented by the community members in Fontana.

Justin Rich, demographer from Cooperative Strategies for Fontana USD, shared a PowerPoint presentation of the two different data sets. The first data is the 2020 Census Data and the second was citizen voting age population. There were six maps shared with the community. The Board selected Scenario 6 in which trustee areas one, two, and five would be up for election in 2022. Trustee areas three and four would be up for election in 2024.

Randal Bassett, Superintendent of Fontana USD, spoke about the community outreach and communication efforts they made.

6.3 Public Comments

Elizabeth Cena, parent and resident of Fontana, shared that she was part of the process in creating the map. She was happy with the Boards decision. She thanked the School Board and lawyers.

Ana Gonzalez, Rialto resident and representing Center for Community Action and Environmental Justice, stated she was happy with the results and was in support of the map.

6.4 Rebuttal—District Response

There was no district response.

6.5 Rebuttal—Public Comments

There were no public comments.

6.6 Vice Chairman Martinez closed the public hearing at 9:07 p.m.

7. Approve Fontana Unified School District Proposal

Be it resolved that the San Bernardino County Committee on School District Organization approves and adopts Resolution 20212022-13, a final trustee area plan for Fontana Unified School District to transition to a by-trustee area election system.

As a member of the Fontana School Board, Jennifer Quezada indicated she would abstain from voting on the actions affecting her school district.

Member Gongora moved to approve the resolution for Fontana USD, Member Trujillo seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Motion Carried 8-0. Ayes: Weatherspoon-Bell, Cadman, Munoz, Trujillo, Lopez, Barillas, Martinez, Gongora. Nays: none. Abstentions: Quezada.

8. Public Hearing on Fontana Unified School District's Election Waiver

March 2, 2022, Fontana Unified School District adopted Resolution 22-05 requesting that the County Committee grant a waiver of the election required by Education Code section 5020(a)(1). The District's waiver request requires approval by the County Committee. It is preceded by a public hearing.

8.1 Vice Chairman Martinez opened public hearing at 9:09 p.m.

8.2 Presentation by Fontana Unified School District

Todd Robbins, requested that the County Committee grant the waiver of election requirement.

8.3 Public Comments

Ms. Sandoval, Board member of Fontana USD, thanked the committee and their attorney.

8.4 Rebuttal—District Response

There was no district response.

8.5 Rebuttal—Public Comments

There were no public comments.

8.6 Vice Chairman Martinez closed public hearing at 9:10 p.m.

9. Approve Fontana Unified School District's Election Waiver

The San Bernardino County Committee on School District Organization approves and adopts Resolution 20212022-14, the election waiver request from Fontana Unified School District to transition directly from an at-large to a by-trustee area election system.

Member Muñoz moved to approve the waiver for Fontana USD, Member Barillas seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Motion Carried 8-0. Ayes: Weatherspoon-Bell, Cadman, Munoz, Trujillo, Lopez, Barillas, Martinez, Gongora. Nays: none. Abstentions: Quezada.

10. Other Business

10.1. Announcements and Correspondence

Interim Acting Secretary Mr. Mobley thanked the committee for the long evening of meeting.

Ted Alejandre, County Superintendent thanked Vice Chairman Martinez and the committee. He also commended the Fontana Superintendent Basset and the members of the Board for the diligent work.

11. Next Regular Meeting – 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 20, 2022

12. Adjournment

Member Barillas moved to adjourn the meeting; Member Trujillo seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.