



SANTA BARBARA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

4400 Cathedral Oaks Road
P.O. Box 6307
Santa Barbara, CA 93160-6307

REGULAR MEETING
December 13, 2024 – 2:00 p.m.

MINUTES

UNAPPROVED

GENERAL FUNCTIONS

1. Call to Order

The regular meeting of the County Board of Education was called to order at 1:59 p.m. by Board President Judy Frost.

2. Spanish Interpretation/Interpretación

The president announced that Spanish interpretation of the board meeting was available online via Zoom.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Before the pledge, board members briefly introduced themselves.

The board recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Roll Call

Board Members Present

Vedamarie Alvarez Flores
Katya Armistead
Marybeth Carty
Nadra Ehrman
Judith Frost
Sarah Anne Read
Guy Walker

Staff Members Present

Susan Salcido, superintendent

Austin Payne, legal counsel
Anna Freedland, executive assistant

Ellen Barger	Marc Cunningham	Don Lockwood	Steve Torres
Camie Barnwell	Kirsten Escobedo	Luis Medina	
Josh Becerra	Mari Gonzales	Amy Ramos	

Others Present

Tina Ballue
Molly Carrillo-Walker
Duane Henry
Charles Read
Hugo Santos-Gomez, interpreter (via Zoom)
Regina Santos-Moreno, interpreter (via Zoom)
John Savrnoch, Santa Barbara County District Attorney

5. Changes to the Agenda

The president announced that item number 25 was removed from the agenda.

6. Public Comments

None.

ORGANIZATIONAL ITEMS

7. Appointment in Lieu of Election

Pursuant to the Elections office, the following qualified person was appointed in lieu of election:

- Trustee Area No. 7 Vedamarie Ruiz Alvarez Flores

8. Administration of Oath of Office

Santa Barbara County District Attorney John Savrnoch administered the oath of office to the elected representatives of Trustee Areas No. 3, 4, and 6; the re-elected representative in Trustee Area No. 2; and the appointed in lieu of election representative in Trustee Area No. 7, to begin their new four-year or two-year terms, as appropriate, beginning December 2024:

- Trustee Area No. 2 Nadra Ehrman
- Trustee Area No. 3 Sarah Anne Read
- Trustee Area No. 4 Guy R. Walker
- Trustee Area No. 6 Katya Armistead
- Trustee Area No. 7 Vedamarie Ruiz Alvarez Flores (2-year term)

9. Review of Board Committees

The board committee assignments were reviewed.

10. Committee Name Change

The board approved changing the name of the Board Organization and Development Committee to the Board Organization and Governance Committee.

MOVED: **Mrs. Alvarez Flores** SECONDED: **Mr. Walker** VOTE: **Passed 7-0**

11. Role of Superintendent for the County Board of Education

The role of the county superintendent of schools, who serves as ex officio secretary and executive officer of the board, was reviewed.

12. Proposed Schedule of Meetings

The board approved the schedule of meetings for 2025. Regular meetings of the board for 2025 will be held on the second Thursday of each month at 2 p.m. with a few exceptions. Board meetings will be held in the Board Room of the Santa Barbara County Education Office (SBCEO) in Santa Barbara, with a few meetings held in the north county Board Room of SBCEO in Santa Maria: March 13, June 12 and October 9. Additionally, the second meeting in June, on June 18, and the August 14 meeting, will be dual-location meetings in both Santa Barbara and Santa Maria, connected via videoconference. The following are a couple of exceptions to meeting on the second Thursday of the month:

- June – the second meeting in June will be held on the third Wednesday of the month, June 18, 2025, at approximately 10 a.m.
- December – the meeting will be held on the second Friday of the month, December 12, 2025

MOVED: **Mrs. Read** SECONDED: **Mrs. Carty** VOTE: **Passed 7-0**

13. Election of Officers

Ms. Ehrman provided a brief report about the Board Organization and Development Committee’s recommendation for officers. The board approved the following officers for 2025:

- Mrs. Marybeth Carty, president
- Ms. Ehrman, vice president

MOVED: **Dr. Armistead** SECONDED: **Mrs. Read** VOTE: **Passed 7-0**

Mrs. Carty presided over the remainder of the board meeting. She thanked Mrs. Frost for her leadership and extended service as president over the last few years. Mrs. Frost also briefly commented.

14. Review of Board Representatives

The president, Mrs. Carty, asked Mrs. Frost to continue to serve as the board representative to the Santa Barbara County School Boards Association Executive Committee, and Mrs. Frost agreed.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

15. Superintendent’s Report

The superintendent’s report was presented as an information item.

CONSENT AGENDA

16. Minutes of Meeting Held November 14, 2024

This item was removed from the consent agenda to be considered separately.

The board approved the following consent agenda items:

17. Registration of Credentials and Other Certification Documents: Issuance of Temporary County Certificates

Registration of credentials and other certification documents registered in the Santa Barbara County Education Office from October 7, 2024 to November 6, 2024, and the issuance of temporary county certificates for that same time period.

18. Declaration of Surplus

Declaration of surplus for the following departments:

- Communications
- Early Care and Education

19. Rules and Regulations Governing the Purchase of School Supplies and Equipment

Rules and regulations governing the purchase of standard school supplies and equipment by school districts for 2025, per Education Code Section 38110.

Motion to approve consent agenda items number 17-19:

MOVED: Mrs. Frost

SECONDED: Mrs. Alvarez Flores VOTE: Passed 7-0

ACTION ITEM

20. Minutes of Meeting Held November 14, 2024

This item was previously removed from the consent agenda to be considered separately. The board approved the minutes of the meeting held November 14, 2024.

**MOVED: Ms. Ehrman SECONDED: Mrs. Alvarez Flores VOTE: Passed 4-0-0-3
Dr. Armistead, Mrs. Read, & Mr. Walker abstained**

INFORMATION ITEM

21. Personnel Report

The certificated and classified personnel reports were presented as an information item.

ACTION ITEMS

22. Board Orientation Binder and Revised Board Webpage

Board Organization and Development Committee Member Ehrman presented the board orientation binder and the revised board webpage, <https://s.sbceo.org/>. The board gave conceptual approval of both items.

MOVED: Mrs. Read SECONDED: Mrs. Alvarez Flores VOTE: Passed 7-0

23. Recommended Approval of the First Interim Report

The First Interim Report was presented by Board Budget Committee Chair Frost and Associate Superintendent of Administrative Services Steve Torres. It was approved as part of the budget monitoring process.

MOVED: Mrs. Frost SECONDED: Mrs. Alvarez Flores VOTE: Passed 7-0

24. Recommended Approval of Change Order

The board approved the change order (#1) for the Santa Barbara County Education Office's Curriculum and Instruction Division construction project (# 01-24-25).

MOVED: Mrs. Read SECONDED: Mrs. Alvarez Flores VOTE: Passed 7-0

CLOSED SESSION

25. Conference with Real Property Negotiator (Government Code § 54956.8) – Closed Session

The board held a closed session conference with real property negotiator. The closed session began at 3:05 p.m. and present were board members; Dr. Susan Salcido, county superintendent of schools; Steve Torres, associate superintendent; Kirsten Escobedo, associate superintendent; Marc Cunningham, director of facilities; Austin Payne, legal counsel; and Anna Freedland, executive assistant.

Properties: 1) property in Santa Maria, CA; 2) leased property at 4400 Cathedral Oaks Road, Santa Barbara, CA. Agency designated representatives: Dr. Susan Salcido, superintendent, and Steve Torres, associate superintendent. Negotiating parties: [confidential] for Santa Maria property and County of Santa Barbara. Instructions to negotiators regarding price, terms, and conditions.

There was no action taken.

At 3:57 p.m. the board adjourned closed session and reconvened to open session.

ACTION ITEM

26. Recommended Adoption of Resolution – Ratification of Purchase of Real Property

This item was removed from the agenda.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

27. Future agenda items

The following were mentioned as potential future agenda items:

- Budget overview
- Divisions overview

ADJOURNMENT

28. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m. to the next regular meeting to be held January 9, 2025.

MOVED: **Mrs. Frost**

SECONDED: **Mrs. Alvarez Flores** VOTE: **Passed 7-0**

Marybeth Carty, President
County Board of Education

Dr. Susan Salcido, Secretary
County Board of Education