



## SANTA BARBARA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

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**REGULAR MEETING**  
March 13, 2025 – 2:00 p.m.

### MINUTES

***The Santa Barbara County Board of Education held this meeting on Thursday, March 13, 2025 at the SBCEO North County Office, 402 Farnel Road, Santa Maria, CA.***

#### UNAPPROVED

#### GENERAL FUNCTIONS

**1. Call to Order**

The regular meeting of the County Board of Education was called to order at 2:00 p.m. by Board President Marybeth Carty.

**2. Spanish Interpretation/Interpretación**

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

**3. Pledge of Allegiance**

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

Bridget Baublits, associate superintendent  
Austin Payne, legal counsel (via Zoom)  
Felicita Torres, legal counsel (via Zoom)  
Anna Freedland, executive assistant

Camie Barnwell	Nicole Evenson	MaryEllen Rehse
Tiffany Carson	Mari Gonzales	Steve Torres
Marc Cunningham	Isabel Guerrero	Rene Wheeler
Kirsten Escobedo	Don Lockwood	Shannon Yorke

Others Present

Holly Benton, chief probation officer  
Hugo Santos-Gomez, interpreter (via Zoom)  
Regina Santos-Moreno, interpreter (via Zoom)

**5. Changes to the Agenda**

None.

**6. President and Board Comments**

The president and board members commented on various topics, including:

- Board Member Frost highlighted the flyer at board member places for the Santa Barbara County School Boards Association (SBCSBA) Annual Dinner.
- President Carty reported that she attended another Viva el Arte de Santa Barbara program performance by the group Las Guarancheras. She mentioned the group's upcoming performance at the Marjorie Luke Theatre in Santa Barbara.

**7. Public Comments**

None.

**PRESENTATIONS**

**8. Update on the Juvenile Justice Center (JJC)**

Santa Barbara County Probation Chief Holly Benton provided an update on the Juvenile Justice Center (JJC) in Santa Maria.

**9. Presentation on Countywide Behavioral Health Supports for Students**

Director of Student and Community Services Shannon Yorke, Director of School and District Support Tiffany Carson, and Executive Director of Children and Family Resource Services MaryEllen Rehse provided a presentation on countywide behavioral health supports for students.

**SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT**

**10. Superintendent’s Report**

The superintendent’s report was presented as an information item. Associate Superintendent of Student and Community Services Bridget Baublits highlighted the Santa Maria Valley Chamber of Commerce’s State of Education event, which was rescheduled for April 30 at the Santa Maria Fairpark.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

The board approved all consent agenda items:

**11. Minutes of Meeting Held February 13, 2025**

**12. 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 January 7, 2025 to February 6, 2025, and the issuance of temporary county certificates for that same time period.

**13. 2025-26 Central Office Calendar**

**14. Declaration of Surplus**

Declaration of surplus for the following department:

- Information Technology Services

Motion to approve all consent items:

MOVED: **Mr. Walker**

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

**ACTION ITEMS**

**15. Recommended Approval of Second Interim Report**

The Second Interim Report was presented by Board Budget Committee Chair Frost. It was approved as part of the budget monitoring process.

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

**16. Accept and File Annual Financial (Audit) Report**

The board acknowledged receipt of the 2023-24 Annual Financial (Audit) Report and ordered it filed.

MOVED: **Mrs. Frost**                      SECONDED: **Ms. Ehrman**      VOTE: **Passed 7-0**

**17. Recommended Approval of Change Order**

The board approved the change order (#4) for the Santa Barbara County Education Office's Curriculum and Instruction division construction project (# 01-24-25).

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

**18. California School Boards Association (CSBA) Delegate Assembly Election – Delegate for County Boards of Education**

The California School Boards Association (CSBA) wrote to the County Board of Education and the superintendent with information about the CSBA Delegate Assembly election. The County Board of Education could vote, by March 17, for 1 candidate to represent county boards of education in our region for the CSBA Delegate Assembly. There was 1 candidate on the ballot. Additional supporting materials were also provided for information. The board voted for the 1 candidate, Arleigh Kidd, to represent county boards of education in our region for the CSBA Delegate Assembly.

MOVED: **Dr. Armistead**                      SECONDED: **Mrs. Frost**                      VOTE: **Passed 6-0-0-1**  
**Mr. Walker abstained**

**19. California School Boards Association (CSBA) Delegate Assembly Election – Delegates for School District Boards**

The California School Boards Association (CSBA) wrote to the County Board of Education and the superintendent with information about the CSBA Delegate Assembly election. The County Board of Education could vote, by March 17, for up to 2 candidates to represent school district boards in our region for the CSBA Delegate Assembly. There were 2 candidates on the ballot. Additional supporting materials were also attached for information. The board voted for 2 candidates, William (Franky) Calderia and Melanie Waffle, to represent school district boards in our region for the CSBA Delegate Assembly.

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

## **INFORMATION ITEMS**

### **20. 2023-24 School Accountability Report Cards – Juvenile Court and Community Schools, and Special Education**

The 2023-24 School Accountability Report Cards for Juvenile Court and Community Schools, and Special Education were presented to the board for review/information.

### **21. Personnel Report**

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

### **22. Correspondence**

February 21, 2025 correspondence from the California Department of Education confirming a positive certification of the Santa Barbara County Education Office 2024-25 First Interim Report was presented as an information item.

Board adjourned for a brief recess at 3:22 p.m. Board reconvened at 3:28 p.m.

## **CLOSED SESSION**

### **23. 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 3:28 p.m. and present were board members; Bridget Baublits, associate superintendent; Steve Torres, associate superintendent; Kirsten Escobedo, associate superintendent; Marc Cunningham, director of facilities; Felicita Torres, legal counsel (via Zoom); 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 4:12 p.m. the board adjourned closed session and reconvened to open session.

## **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

### **24. Future agenda items**

The president mentioned the future agenda items that were listed on the agenda as an information item:

- Presentation on the state of the education workforce in Santa Barbara County (April board meeting)
- Information about the Career Technical Education (CTE) program
- Updated report on transitional kindergarten (TK) and universal pre-kindergarten (UPK)

The following was also mentioned as a potential future agenda item:

- How human trafficking is being addressed

## **PRESENTATION**

### **25. Tour of Santa Barbara County Education Office's North County Office**

The board briefly toured the Santa Barbara County Education Office's North County Office, led by the division associate superintendents and the director of facilities.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

### **26. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:51 p.m. to the next regular meeting to be held April 10, 2025.

**MOVED: Dr. Armistead**

**SECONDED: Mrs. Carty**

**VOTE: Passed 7-0**

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Marybeth Carty, President  
County Board of Education

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Dr. Susan Salcido, Secretary  
County Board of Education