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Public Comment - Closed Session Topics

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Anonymous	Please remember you can return to closed after the meeting. The start time if the regular meeting needs to be honored. The public arrives expecting a 6 pm start. Last meeting was about 6:15. Do better.

Public Comment - Items not on the agenda, within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Board

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Elizabeth	<p>Please be sure to acknowledge our very own outstanding employee for the incredible recognition recently received by our very own Anakaren Cárdenas Ureño—who was named one of only four national finalists for the 2025 School Communicator of the Year Award by NSPRA.</p> <p>This is one of the highest honors in the school public relations profession, and Anakaren’s work has clearly made a transformative impact—not only through strategic communication, but by building trust, inclusion, and alignment across our entire district. Her leadership has earned national attention, increased parent satisfaction, improved staff engagement, and helped unify our district’s message during some of the most sensitive moments.</p>

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	<p>Recognizing her achievement would not only honor her contributions, but also show our community that we value and uplift excellence in public service.</p> <p>Will the Board be issuing a formal commendation or public congratulations?</p>
Former staff	<p>After listening to the public comments at the city/school joint meeting it was shocking to hear the report on Morgan and the outrageous behavior at a PTA meeting on a school site. Unbelievable. As more and more people witness your true colors Morgan you should step down. Hills----cat is out of the bag about the charade you pulled with your residency. You may preach constitutional issues but you really don't care about truth and integrity. You also should step down. LBUSD and the greater community deserve better. Trusting voters believed the falsehoods and misrepresented data and you both betrayed them.</p>
Anonymous	<p>Glad to see no governance items on this agenda other than board member reports. Please respect the three minute time allotted for each member. Majority Three please refrain from telling more than reports from the committees you are assigned to report back on.</p>
Anonymous	<p>I'm writing to express concern about the lack of professionalism and decorum observed during board meetings. Specifically, Mrs. Morgan speaking while chewing food or candy is both distracting and disrespectful to those presenting and watching. If you need to eat during the meeting, please consider pausing before speaking to maintain the level of respect you've asked from the public over the past 14 years.</p> <p>Additionally, rapidly typing during public comments and making visible facial reactions comes across as dismissive and unprofessional. These meetings are recorded and transcribed—there are ways to review content later if needed.</p>

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	<p>As a board member, your conduct reflects on the entire board and affects public trust. We simply ask that you engage with the same attentiveness and courtesy that you expect from the community.</p>
<p>Leslie Elliott</p>	<p>Some board members have proposed that the district cover transportation costs-estimated at around \$41,000-for approximately five students to attend after-school CTE classes. This raises an important question: Why would the district consider allocating such a significant amount of money to transport a small number of students, while at the same time requiring families to pay for transportation for the rest of our district's children to attend our own schools? This discrepancy warrants careful consideration to ensure that our resources are allocated equitably and in a manner that benefits the broader student population.</p> <p>The joint city-school board meeting highlighted a stark contrast in governance: the city board demonstrated effective, respectful, and organized leadership, serving as a model for how a well-functioning board should operate. In contrast, the school board displayed persistent dysfunction, including dishonesty, disrespectful public behavior and interactions (poor public engagement) and actions that appeared to, once again, ignore expert input. The continued dysfunction is embarrassing and undermines public trust and effective governance.</p>
<p>VERY concerned citizen</p>	<p>After attending the PTA meeting and viewing the city meeting, the behavior of Sheri Morgan is embarrassing and not representative of the capable and diplomatic community of LB She was disorderly at the PTA meeting and yelled profanity so all could hear, stormed out of the room, and then returned and unlawfully videotaped a PTA member who was giving a presentation. As Peggy Lynch of Leadership Associates cautioned in the governance meeting, board members who are also parents often do not and should not attend events since</p>

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	<p>they are always perceived as board members first. Secondly, how embarrassing once again that a parent AND a council member had to correct Sheri on spreading a blatant falsehood on the appointment of Dave Kiff, which was clearly a 5-0 vote, and we all know this. Sheri, you OFTEN get your facts wrong, so I suggest in the future, you not speak when you are unsure, which is often, and listen more. Ms. Kempf was clearly agitated by this, and not a good way to build bridges with the city if you are misrepresenting them. "Thinking out loud" is not becoming of an elected official, it's word salad, and the city council joint meeting was an even clearer indication of how inept our board majority really is with both Howard and Sheri rambling on when the mayor clearly indicated they were on a tight schedule. Kudos to the student board reps who took the note and said, wisely, "No comment, let's move this along." Again, kids behaving better than the board majority.</p>
Anonymous	<p>Hills, Morgan, and Perry: I highly recommend having Victoria Webber train you on how to read and interpret agenda items. Her experience and insight will help you understand not only what each item means when it appears on an agenda, but also how to distinguish between what you are expected to address versus what might be outside the scope of the item. This clarity is essential for staying focused, contributing effectively, and maintaining alignment with meeting protocols.</p>

Information: 2025 LBUSD Summer Programming

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Anonymou	Support this absolutely. Good use of finances.

Information: Monthly Financial Update - March 2025

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Former staff	Mr. Dixon and his team are reliable, trustworthy and careful stewards of LBUSD financials.
Anonymous	This is another very informative report, very transparent and as always a credit to Jeff and his business team.

Action: Approval for Acting Superintendent, Jeff Dixon, to Enter into a Contract with Auditors to Conduct a Targeted Audit

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Elizabeth	<p>As an engaged and active member of this community, I want to voice my deep concern and opposition to the proposed contract for a so-called "targeted audit."</p> <p>Let's be honest: this doesn't appear to be about accountability or improvement—it seems more like yet another chapter in a pattern of targeted actions aimed at undermining former Superintendent Dr. Viloría. It's hard to ignore the history here. I distinctly recall a moment in a past board meeting when Member Morgan openly mentioned a desire to "find cause" to terminate Dr. Viloría, with the specific intent of blocking any compensation. That kind of comment was disturbing then—and it casts a long shadow over proposals like this one.</p> <p>This audit feels like a political maneuver designed to retroactively justify a controversial decision, not a genuine step toward transparency or progress. What's most frustrating is the continued effort to discredit a leader who brought vision,</p>

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Gary Kasik	<p>From publicly available information it appears all access and authority of the superintendent should have being terminated on 12/31/2024. I have to assume that district employment policy is to suspend any employee's authority at date termination. Not sure if the district has a chief risk officer (CRO) but this process breakdown would likely fall there. There is nothing unique about the superintendent other than high authority levels and therefore greater risk. Any action here should apply to any employee equally or proportionate to risk.</p> <p>The only way to mitigate the potential impact of the process failure is a review of ALL actions taken by an employee post termination date. Financial and contractual may be top of mind but many other actions could have impact and/or create liability exposure. A "clean audit" (depending on type) has little to no bearing on this issue.</p> <p>It's a board decision but, in my decades of experience in financial information services, I would have no choice but to do a review in this situation as well as take appropriate action for the process breakdown. I'm not sure the results have to be made public.</p>

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<p>Allison</p>	<p>As a community member deeply invested in the well-being and integrity of our school district, I feel compelled to express my strong opposition to the proposed contract for a “targeted audit.”</p> <p>It is no secret that the new majority on this Board has been relentlessly focused on discrediting former Superintendent Dr. Viloría. Time and again, their actions appear less about ensuring transparency and more about pushing a personal and inflammatory agenda. At one point, if memory serves, Member Morgan even stated during a public meeting that the goal was to “find a reason” to fire Dr. Viloría with cause so he wouldn’t be entitled to compensation. That kind of statement doesn’t just raise red flags—it reveals the true intent behind efforts like this proposed audit.</p> <p>Let’s call this what it is: a politically driven attempt to justify a decision that was already made long ago, not a sincere effort to improve district operations or serve our students.</p> <p>Why does this Board majority continue to project their own self-doubt and insecurities onto those who clearly served with brilliance, foresight, and a student-centered mindset? Dr. Viloría led with integrity and vision, and the district was better for it. The insistence on attacking his leadership, even after his departure, reflects more on those doing the attacking than on the leader they are so determined to tear down.</p> <p>Our schools deserve leaders who are focused on solutions, collaboration, and the future—not vendettas. This community is watching, and we will not be silent when governance veers into personal retribution.</p> <p>I respectfully urge you to reject this contract and refocus your energy on what truly matters: our students, our educators, and our shared future.</p>
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Former staff	<p>Looking into this again this is a shocking over reach by new members particularly Morgan from the reality of fiscal integrity. The extent to which you are willing to go to try and defame the former Superintendent is appalling. You keep asking the same questions about what business might have been done in the first three months of the year. I sincerely</p>

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	hope you stop this charade and do not pursue this targeted audit as it is only trying so hard to find an issue because you want there to be an issue. This is not doing oversight this is meddling and it is destructive.
Lelie Elliott	Unless there is clear, objective evidence of wrongdoing or specific compliance concerns, launching a targeted audit of the former superintendent-WITHOUT any substantiated basis-appears less like a genuine effort to improve the district and more like an act of retribution. This undermines the true purpose of internal audits, which should focus on accountability and organizational improvement, not personal vendettas.
Anonymous	This is a hardly veiled attempt to create an issue, Sheri, as you did with the changing of signature cards in a previous meeting. You have an obsession (joined by Howard and Dee) to make Dr. Viloría look bad. Pathetic to use resources trying to find a problem that you have no actual indication exists. This is putting the district at risk of litigation.
VERY concerned citizen	This is a ridiculous waste of time and money.

Action: Approval of Three Year Renewal of the Memorandum of Understanding with the City of Laguna Beach for a Jointly Operated Adult Education Program in an Amount Not-to-Exceed 95 Percent of the Annual Program Grant

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Former staff	Well Perry this is the item you asked about at the city/district joint meeting. It is totally unrelated to the pool MOU.

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Action: Approval of the April 24, 2025 Special Board Meeting Minutes

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Former staff	Don't think these minutes can reflect the fact that this meeting showed Hills verbally harassing a parent speaker nor the fact that because Hills and Morgan enjoy hearing themselves talk so spending about 2 hours on their governance topics it became a 5 hour meeting. Most unprofessional and inconsiderate that Ms. Harwood was kept waiting until after 10pm to present her report. Perry it is time to show some actual ability to control your two minions----or you need to let Joan take that seat..
Anonymous	Too bad these minutes don't call out how poorly Howard treated speakers.Its to bad when a trustee loses their temper in a public meeting.

Approval of Proposal from Leverage Learning Group (LLG) to Provide Reflective Learning Walks and Leadership Support for Administrators and Teachers at Laguna Beach High School for the 2025-26 School Year in the Amount of \$39,000

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Elizabeth	Why is this needed? I love our staff and leaders, but this seems like something Chad Mabery should be able to assist with and save the \$39,000.
Former staff	Professional development is a good investment and shows we care about supporting our admin and teachers all to the benefit of students.