

**LATON UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
AGENDA**

**LATON UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
May 15, 2025
6:15 P.M.**

GC §54954.2 Requests for disability-related accommodation or modification, including auxiliary aids and services should be made in writing to the Superintendent 48 hours prior to meeting time. Mail to: Laton Unified School District P.O. Box 248 Laton, CA 93242.

I. OPENING OF MEETING

6:15 P.M.

Preliminary

Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

Attendance

A. Board Members	Present	Absent
1. Daniel Vargas, President	_____	_____
2. Nikki Alford, Clerk	_____	_____
3. Guadalupe Andrade	_____	_____
4. Holly Torres	_____	_____
5. Jose Ibarra	_____	_____
B. Student Board Members		
1. Roberto Ibarra – LHS	_____	_____
2. Ariana Murillo – LMS	_____	_____
C. Staff in attendance:		
Lupe G. Nieves, Superintendent	_____	_____

D. Approval of Minutes for the April 9, 2025 Regular Board Meeting

6:18 P.M.

Superintendent’s Recommendation: The School Board Approve the Minutes for the April 9, 2025 Regular Board Meeting

Motion:	Vote:	Yes	No
Second:	Daniel Vargas:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Nikki Alford:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Guadalupe Andrade:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Holly Torres:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Jose Ibarra:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

E. Agenda and/or Emergency Addition [G.C. 54954.2 (b)(2)]

6:20 P.M.

(2/3 approvals required)

Superintendent's Recommendation: The School Board Approve the Agenda

Motion:	Vote:	Yes	No
Second:	Daniel Vargas:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Nikki Alford:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Guadalupe Andrade:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Holly Torres:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Jose Ibarra:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

II. PUBLIC HEARING SESSION:

- A. Persons addressing the Board must be recognized by the president prior to their remarks. Individual speakers shall be allowed three minutes to address the Board on each agenda or non-agenda item as stated in Laton Unified School District Board Bylaw 9323(b). The School Board is prohibited by law from taking action on matters discussed that are not on the Agenda, and no adverse conclusions should be drawn if the School Board does not respond to public comment at this time.

Testimony with regard to complaints against staff is not protected from damage claims for libel. Public charges or allegations may result in legal action being brought by those individuals.

III. DISCUSSION:

6:23 P.M.

A. Day Field Trips

1. LES/LMS Dual Immersion – Arte Americas – Fresno, CA – May 27, 2025
2. LMS 8th Grade – Santa Cruz Boardwalk – Santa Cruz, CA – May 28, 2025
3. LES 3rd & 4th F=Grade – Big Stump Grove – Miramonte, CA – May 29, 2025
4. LHS ASB Officers – Six Flags – Valencia, CA – May 31, 2025
5. LES Dual Immersion – Arte Americas – Fresno, CA – June 3, 2025

IV. COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS TO THE BOARD:

A. Superintendent, Directors, and Administration Reports

1. Lupe G. Nieves – Superintendent **6:28 P.M.**
2. Caroline Caceres/Sadie Thomas – After School Coordinators **6:38 P.M.**
3. Stacy Avila – Community Schools Coordinator **6:48 P.M.**
4. Gustavo Lopez – Director of Facilities **6:58 P.M.**
5. Jeanna White – Laton Elementary and Laton Middle School Principal **7:08 P.M.**
6. Lucio Cortez – Laton High School Principal **7:18 P.M.**

V. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:

- A. Approval of Accounts Payable Warrants for April 2025 **7:28 P.M.**

Superintendent's Recommendation: The School Board Approve the Accounts Payable Warrants for April 2025

Motion:	Vote:	Yes	No
Second:	Daniel Vargas:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Nikki Alford:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Guadalupe Andrade:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Holly Torres:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jose Ibarra:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

B. Approval of 2025-2026 Declaration of Need for Fully Qualified Educators 7:31 P.M.

Superintendent's Recommendation: The School Board Approve the 2025-2026 Declaration of Need for Fully Qualified

Motion:	Vote:	Yes	No
Second:	Daniel Vargas:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Nikki Alford:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Guadalupe Andrade:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Holly Torres:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Jose Ibarra:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

C. Approval of Declaration of Need for 30-Day Substitute Teachers and Designate Subjects Career Technical Education 30-Day Substitute Teaching Permits 7:34 P.M.

Superintendent Recommendation: The School Board Approve the Declaration of Need for 30-Day Substitute Teachers and Designate Subjects Career Technical Education 30-Day Substitute Teaching Permits

Motion:	Vote:	Yes	No
Second:	Daniel Vargas:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Nikki Alford:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Guadalupe Andrade:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Holly Torres:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Jose Ibarra:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

D. Approval of Quarterly Report on Williams Uniform Complaints for the Quarter Ending March 31, 2025 7:37 P.M.

Superintendent Recommendation: The School Board Approve the Fresno County Quarterly Investment Report for the Quarter Ending March 31, 2025

Motion:	Vote:	Yes	No
Second:	Daniel Vargas:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Nikki Alford:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Guadalupe Andrade:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Holly Torres:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Jose Ibarra:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

E. Approval of Change Order 002 for Project 2346 from Prime Time Construction for Relocatable Classrooms and Toilet Relocatable 7:40 P.M.

Superintendent Recommendation: The School Board Approve the Change Order 002 for Project 2346 from Prime Time Construction for Relocatable Classrooms and Toilet Relocatable

Motion:	Vote:	Yes	No
Second:	Daniel Vargas:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Nikki Alford:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Guadalupe Andrade:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Holly Torres:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jose Ibarra:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

F. Approval of Change Order 3 for Project 2301 from Katch Environmental for the LES TK/K Building **7:43 P.M.**

Superintendent's Recommendation: The School Board Approve the Change Order 3 for Project 2301 from Katch Environmental for the LES TK/K Building

Motion:	Vote:	Yes	No
Second:	Daniel Vargas:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Nikki Alford:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Guadalupe Andrade:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Holly Torres:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Jose Ibarra:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

G. Approval of 2025 ATDLE Conference in June 18- 20, 2025 Not to Exceed \$7, 000

Superintendent's Recommendation: The School Board Approve the 2025 ATDLE Conference in June 18- 20, 2025 Not to Exceed \$7, 000 **7:46 P.M.**

Motion:	Vote:	Yes	No
Second:	Daniel Vargas:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Nikki Alford:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Guadalupe Andrade:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Holly Torres:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Jose Ibarra:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

H. Approval of Laton Elementary K-2 Reading Difficulties Screener **7:49 P.M.**

Superintendent's Recommendation: The School Board Approve the Laton Elementary K-2 Reading Difficulties Screener

Motion:	Vote:	Yes	No
Second:	Daniel Vargas:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Nikki Alford:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Guadalupe Andrade:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Holly Torres:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Jose Ibarra:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

I. Fundraisers **7:52 P.M.**

1. BBQ Tri-Tip Meal – LHS FFA, May 16, 2025
2. Lemonade Sale – LHS Class of 2026 – May 16, 23, 30, 2025
3. Mustang Wrestling Camp – LHS Wrestling, July 7-11, 2025

Superintendent's Recommendation: The School Board Approve the Fundraisers Listed Above

Motion:	Vote:	Yes	No
Second:	Daniel Vargas:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Nikki Alford:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Guadalupe Andrade:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Holly Torres:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jose Ibarra:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

J. Approval of Fresno County Quarterly Investment Report for the Quarter Ending March 31, 2025 **7:55 P.M.**

Superintendent's Recommendation: The School Board Approve the Fresno County Quarterly Investment Report for the Quarter Ending March 31, 2025

Motion:	Vote:	Yes	No
Second:	Daniel Vargas:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Nikki Alford:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Guadalupe Andrade:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Holly Torres:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Jose Ibarra:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

K. Approval of Textbook and Instructional Material for LMS ELA – Amplify ELA **7:58 P.M.**

Superintendent's Recommendation: The School Board Approve the Textbook and Instructional Material for LMS ELA – Amplify ELA

Motion:	Vote:	Yes	No
Second:	Daniel Vargas:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Nikki Alford:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Guadalupe Andrade:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Holly Torres:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Jose Ibarra:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

L. Approval of Textbook and Instructional Material for LHS Ethnic Studies- Various Publishers **8:01 P.M.**

Superintendent's Recommendation: The School Board Approve the Textbook and Instructional Material for LHS Ethnic Studies- Various Publishers

Motion:	Vote:	Yes	No
Second:	Daniel Vargas:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Nikki Alford:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Guadalupe Andrade:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Holly Torres:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Jose Ibarra:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

M. Approval of One Quote for Laton High School Metal Garage Concrete **8:04 P.M.**

Superintendent's Recommendation: The School Board Approve One Quote for Laton High School Metal Garage Concrete

Motion:	Vote:	Yes	No
Second:	Daniel Vargas:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Nikki Alford:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Guadalupe Andrade:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Holly Torres:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Jose Ibarra:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

N. Approval of Laton High School Mural Art Project **8:07 P.M.**

Superintendent's Recommendation: The School Board Approve the Laton High School Mural Art Project

Motion:	Vote:	Yes	No
Second:	Daniel Vargas:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Nikki Alford:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Guadalupe Andrade:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Holly Torres:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Jose Ibarra:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

O. Approval of Appointment for the Citizens' Bond Oversight for Measure L **8:10 P.M.**

Superintendent's Recommendation: The School Board Approve the Appointment for the Citizens' Bond Oversight for Measure L

Motion:	Vote:	Yes	No
Second:	Daniel Vargas:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Nikki Alford:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Guadalupe Andrade:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Holly Torres:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Jose Ibarra:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

VI. CLOSED SESSION ITEMS:

A. Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release – Government Code 54957 **8:13 P.M.**

B. Public Employee Appointment – Government Code 54957 **8:18 P.M.**

1. Chief Business Official

VII. CLOSED SESSION ACTION: (In Open Session)

A. Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release – Government Code 54957 **8:23 P.M.**

Motion:	Vote:	Yes	No
Second:	Daniel Vargas:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Nikki Alford:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Guadalupe Andrade:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Holly Torres:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Jose Ibarra:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

B. Public Employee Appointment – Government Code 54957 **8:26 P.M.**

1. Chief Business Official

Motion:	Vote:	Yes	No
Second:	Daniel Vargas:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Nikki Alford:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Guadalupe Andrade:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Holly Torres:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Jose Ibarra:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

VIII. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

8:29 P.M.

- A.
- B.

At _____, it was moved by _____, seconded by _____ and unanimously -approved to extend the meeting beyond the three (3) hour limit.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by _____, seconded by _____ and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at _____ P.M.

Vote:	Yes	No
Daniel Vargas:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Nikki Alford:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Guadalupe Andrade:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Holly Torres:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jose Ibarra:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

NOTE: The next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held in the Laton Unified District Board Room at 6:15 P.M. on Wednesday, June 11, 2025.

Clerk's Signature