

REGULAR MEETING
04/28/2025 05:30 PM
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
CARUTHERS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
CARUTHERS HIGH MEDIA CENTER

MEETING MINUTES

Board Members

James Cummings, Board President
Valori Gallaher, Board Clerk
Darren Gilmore, Board Member
Kathy Spate, Board Member
Mario Alvarado Jr., Board Member

Administration

Orin Hirschhorn, Superintendent
Susan McCoy, Director of Admin Services
Marla Enmark, Assistant Superintendent
Debra Haney, Chief Business Official
Alisha Cogburn, CES Principal
Tod Tompkins, MARC Principal
Barry Watts, CHS Principal

- 1. CALL TO ORDER by President James Cummings at 5:30 PM**
- 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- 3. ROLL CALL**
- 4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Motion made by: Valori Gallaher

Motion seconded by: Kathy Spate

Voting:

James Cummings - Yes

Valori Gallaher - Yes

Darren Gilmore - Yes

Kathy Spate - Yes

Mario Alvarado Jr. - Yes

- 5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - March 24, 2025**

Motion made by: Darren Gilmore

Motion seconded by: Kathy Spate

Voting:

James Cummings - Yes

Valori Gallaher - Yes

Darren Gilmore - Yes

Kathy Spate - Yes

Mario Alvarado Jr. - Yes

6. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

1. **Alisha Cogburn** – Parent/Teacher Conf/PIQE/Testing/Field Trips
2. **Marla Enmark** – Parent/Teacher Conf/Zoo Field Trip/PIQE/Open House/
3. **Barry Watts** – Senior Presentations/CHS Golf Tourn/Boys Baseball/ROP
4. **Tod Tompkins** – Testing/Job Faire – May 14th/11 Graduates

7. COMMUNICATIONS

1. **STUDENTS - DRAMA PRODUCTION** – Play scheduled to run May 14th through May 16th.
2. **PUBLIC** – Carol Tovar addressed the Board regarding students GPA standings and Class Rankings.
3. **STAFF** – None

8. BUSINESS

1. **Review/Approve - 2025/2026 Declaration of Need for Qualified Teachers**

Motion to approve the 2025/2026 Declaration of Need for Qualified Teachers as presented.

Motion made by: Kathy Spate

Motion seconded by: Valori Gallaher

Voting:

James Cummings - Yes

Valori Gallaher - Yes

Darren Gilmore - Yes

Kathy Spate - Yes

Mario Alvarado Jr. - Yes

2. **Review/Approve - Reading Difficulties Risk Screener Contract - Multitudes**

Motion to approve the Reading Difficulties Risk Screener Contract - Multitudes as presented.

Motion made by: Darren Gilmore

Motion seconded by: Valori Gallaher

Voting:

James Cummings - Yes

Valori Gallaher - Yes

Darren Gilmore - Yes

Kathy Spate - Yes

Mario Alvarado Jr. - Yes

3. **Review/Approve - 2025/2026 Lozano Smith Agreement**

Motion to approve the 2025/2026 Lozano Smith Agreement as presented.

Motion made by: Kathy Spate

Motion seconded by: Darren Gilmore

Voting:

James Cummings - Yes
Valori Gallaher - Yes
Darren Gilmore - Yes
Kathy Spate - Yes
Mario Alvarado Jr. - Yes

4. Review/Approve - Board Policy Updates - March 2025 - Second Reading

Motion to approve Board Policy Updates - March 2025 as presented.

Motion made by: Valori Gallaher

Motion seconded by: Kathy Spate

Voting:

James Cummings - Yes
Valori Gallaher - Yes
Darren Gilmore - Yes
Kathy Spate - Yes
Mario Alvarado Jr. - Yes

5. Review/Approve - Financials

Motion to approve the Financials as presented.

Motion made by: Darren Gilmore

Motion seconded by: Valori Gallaher

Voting:

James Cummings - Yes
Valori Gallaher - Yes
Darren Gilmore - Yes
Kathy Spate - Yes
Mario Alvarado Jr. - Yes

9. CONSENT AGENDA (may be done with one motion)

Motion to approve Consent Agenda items 9.1 through 9.4 as presented.

Motion made by: Kathy Spate

Motion seconded by: Mario Alvarado Jr.

Voting:

James Cummings - Yes
Valori Gallaher - Yes
Darren Gilmore - Yes
Kathy Spate - Yes
Mario Alvarado Jr. - Yes

1. Review/Approve - Warrants

2. Review/Approve - Purchase Order Report

3. Review/Approve - Inter-district Transfer Requests

4. Review/Approve - Quarterly Report on Williams Uniform Complaints

**10. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT – Upcoming Comcast Event on May 13 at 10AM
Caruthers Fair Grounds**

11. CLOSED SESSION 6:07 PM

Motion made by: Valori Gallaher

Motion seconded by: Kathy Spate

Voting:

James Cummings - Yes

Valori Gallaher - Yes

Darren Gilmore - Yes

Kathy Spate - Yes

Mario Alvarado Jr. - Yes

1. **CLOSED SESSION AGENDA ITEMS SECTION 54957** Public Employee Appointment/Employment Title: Administration/Certificated/Classified Formal Compliant – citing Board Policy 1312.3 **SECTION 54957** Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release Title: Administration/Certified/Classified **SECTION 54957** Public Employee Evaluation Title: Superintendent – Orin Hirschhorn **SECTION 54957.6** Conference with Labor Negotiator Agency Negotiator: Orin Hirschhorn Employee Organization: CUTA, CSEA **SECTION 54957.6** Conference with Labor Negotiator Agency Negotiator: Orin Hirschhorn Unrepresented Employee(s) Classified Confidential/Site Administrators/Superintendent
2. **OPEN SESSION AND REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION**

The Board reconvened at 8:20 PM taking no action on any Closed Session Agenda items.

Motion made by: Darren Gilmore

Motion seconded by: Kathy Spate

Voting:

James Cummings - Yes

Valori Gallaher - Yes

Darren Gilmore - Yes

Kathy Spate - Yes

Mario Alvarado Jr. - Yes

12. ITEMS FOR EMERGENCY CONSIDERATION

13. ADJOURNMENT 8:21 PM

14. Motion made by: Valori Gallaher

15. Motion seconded by: Mario Alvarado, Jr.

16. Voting:

17. James Cummings - Yes

18. Valori Gallaher - Yes

19. Darren Gilmore - Yes

20. Kathy Spate - Yes

21. Mario Alvarado Jr. - Yes