

2025-2026
SOUTHERN KERN UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
2601 Rosamond Blvd., Rosamond, CA 93560 (661) 256-5000

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Wednesday,
July 16, 2025

Meeting Location:
2601 Rosamond Blvd., Rosamond, CA 93560
Closed Session 6:00 p.m., Open Session 7:00 p.m.

Board of Trustees

Mario Gutierrez, President
Robert Vincelette, Vice President
Sunni Hepburn, Clerk
Adrienne Rendon, Member
Justin Wright, Member
Aliyah Finch, Student Board Member

Superintendent

Barbara Gaines

SOUTHERN KERN UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Wednesday, July 16, 2025

Closed Session: 6:00 p.m., Open Session 7:00 p.m.

Location: 2601 Rosamond Blvd.,
Conference Room, Rosamond, CA

I. Call to order – (time)

1. Comments from the public pertaining to closed session items:

II. Closed session

ACTION

MOTION: Gutierrez, Vincelette, Hepburn, Rendon, Wright

SECOND: Gutierrez, Vincelette, Hepburn, Rendon, Wright

VOTE: YEAS ___ NAYS ___ ABSENT ___ ABSTAIN ___ TIME: _____

A. Board of Trustees 2024-2025 Self-Evaluation

B. Conference with Labor Negotiator; District Negotiator: Barbara Gaines, Robert Irving
Employee Organization: California School Employee Association / Rosamond Teacher Association

C. Discussion of Student Matters: Education Code sections 35146 and 48918(c)

D. Public Employment: Certain Personnel Matters: Government Code § 54957.1(a)(5)
DISCIPLINE/Dismissal/Employment/Release/Assignment/Reassignment/Complaint

Any action taken in closed session will be reported publicly at the end of the closed session as required by Government Code Section 54954.5.

III. Reconvene into open session at: _____
TIME

ACTION

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IV. Action determined in closed session:

V. Procedural Issues: A recording of this meeting is being made and shall be kept for 30 days as a public record (as applicable).

A. Pledge of Allegiance led by: _____

B. Roll Call - Members Present:

___ Mario Gutierrez, President ___ Robert Vincelette, Vice President ___ Sunni Hepburn, Clerk
___ Adrienne Rendon, Member ___ Justin Wright, Member

C. Approve the agenda

ACTION

MOTION: Gutierrez, Vincelette, Hepburn, Rendon, Wright

SECOND: Gutierrez, Vincelette, Hepburn, Rendon, Wright

VOTE: YEAS ___ NAYS ___ ABSENT ___ ABSTAIN ___

VI. General

A. Administer the Oath of Office to the New Student Board Member: **Aliyah Finch** – *Gaines*

AFFIRM

VII. Reports and Communications

INFORMATIONAL

A. RTA report: CSEA report:

B. Student Board Member: *Aliyah Finch*

C. CBO Report: *Robert Irving*

D. Assistant Superintendent, Instruction and Curriculum: *Dr. Larry Mendez*

E. Assistant Superintendent, Special Education, Pupil Personnel: *Sheryl Taylor*

F. Associate Superintendent, Human Resources: *Leanne Hargus*

G. Superintendent Report: *Barbara Gaines*

H. Board Member Communications:

I. Sub-Committee Communications/Updates:

Comments from the Public: Members of the public may address the Board on any item within the jurisdiction of the Board by submitting presentation requests to the secretary or an email. Members of the public are strongly urged not to mention personnel by name and are reminded that they do not have immunity from legal action if personnel is named. The Board may limit each speaker to 3 minutes with a total of 20 minutes per topic.

VIII. Consent items A-R

ACTION

MOTION: Gutierrez, Vincelette, Hepburn, Rendon, Wright, Finch	SECOND: Gutierrez, Vincelette, Hepburn, Rendon, Wright, Finch
VOTE: YEAS ___ NAYS ___ ABSENT ___ ABSTAIN ___ PREFERENTIAL STUDENT VOTE ___	

- A.** Ratify June EOM \$2,885,598.63; July MIDA \$1,410,829.42; July MIDB \$331,162.22
- B.** Approve Purchase Orders 260001-260109
- C.** Approve RHECC Cadet Corp Field Training Phelan, CA August 1-3, 2025
- D.** Approve RES PIQE Services Acceptance MOU Family Literacy P-3rd – \$16,000
- E.** Approve WES PIQE Services Acceptance MOU Family Literacy P-3rd – \$16,000
- F.** Approve TMS PIQE Services Acceptance MOU Family Engagement – \$14,000
- G.** Approve RHECC & REHS PIQE Services Acceptance MOU Bridge to College Program – \$8,000
- H.** Approve RHECC & REHS PIQE Services Acceptance MOU Family Financial Literacy – \$8,000
- I.** Approve Bridges to Educational Excellence Proposal for Service Becky Wetzel – \$60,000
- J.** Approve Impact Canine Solutions Agreement 10 Visits – \$4,500
- K.** Approve PLNU Fieldwork Placement Agreement with Cooperating School District
- L.** Approve Spectrum Business Services Order Modifications – \$774.95
- M.** Approve Medallion Contracting, Inc. TMS Planter Area Next to Classroom #51 – \$34,120
- N.** Approve Centegix (34ED, LLC) Change Order Acknowledgement Add Alternative Education – \$1,500
- O.** Approve Lamar Contract #5113214 Employment Recruitment Billboard on Hwy 14 and Ave I – \$18,000
- P.** Approve RHECC Application for Funding Agricultural Career Technical Education Incentive Grant Program Year 2025-2026
- Q.** Approve Salary Schedules for the 2025-2026 School Year
- R.** Approve Citadel EHS Proposal #1867.1003.P TMS Asbestos Consulting Services – \$9,500

IX. General

- A.** Schools Legal Service Board of Directors CBEDS Category 2: 2,500 – 10,000 – *Gaines* **ACTION**

To be counted, the ballot must be returned and received by noon on July 21, 2025.

Call for Discussion (**Vote for Two**)

<input type="checkbox"/>	Brian Bell Tehachapi Unified School District
<input type="checkbox"/>	Lora Brown (Incumbent) Fruitvale School District
<input type="checkbox"/>	Leslie Garrison (Incumbent) Fruitvale School District
<input type="checkbox"/>	J. Bradley Maberry Wasco Union Elementary School District

MOTION: Gutierrez, Vincelette, Hepburn, Rendon, Wright, Finch	SECOND: Gutierrez, Vincelette, Hepburn, Rendon, Wright, Finch
VOTE: YEAS ___ NAYS ___ ABSENT ___ ABSTAIN ___ PREFERENTIAL STUDENT VOTE ___	

IX. General (Continued)

B. Schools Legal Service Board of Directors CBEDS/Representation Category: Eastern Kern County – **ACTION**
Gaines

To be counted, the ballot must be returned and received by noon on July 21, 2025.

Call for Discussion (**Vote for One**)

<input type="checkbox"/>	Katherine Aguirre (Incumbent) Mojave Unified School District
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MOTION: Gutierrez, Vincelette, Hepburn, Rendon, Wright, Finch VOTE: YEAS ___ NAYS ___ ABSENT ___ ABSTAIN ___ PREFERENTIAL STUDENT VOTE ___	SECOND: Gutierrez, Vincelette, Hepburn, Rendon, Wright, Finch
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X. Curriculum and Instruction

A. Accept Quarterly Report (April, May, June 2025) on the Williams Uniform Complaints under Education Code § 35186 – *Gaines* **ACTION**

This information is to be reported publicly to the Board of Trustees. Claims may be filed for reasons such as: insufficient instructional materials, teacher vacancies, and including facility conditions. Filing information is posted in the classrooms.

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XI. Business and Operations

A. Approve Change in Contract with Coast Construction Group Order 005 for the After-School Program at Rosamond Elementary School (F&M Job No. 3000.150) Total Change of \$50,131.83 – *Irving* **ACTION**

MOTION: Gutierrez, Vincelette, Hepburn, Rendon, Wright, Finch VOTE: YEAS ___ NAYS ___ ABSENT ___ ABSTAIN ___ PREFERENTIAL STUDENT VOTE ___	SECOND: Gutierrez, Vincelette, Hepburn, Rendon, Wright, Finch
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B. Approve Change in Contract with Medallion Contracting, Inc. Order 09 for the New Cafeteria at Rosamond High Early College Campus #(SKUSD-RHECC-NCB) Total Change of \$10,774.14 – *Irving* **ACTION**

MOTION: Gutierrez, Vincelette, Hepburn, Rendon, Wright, Finch VOTE: YEAS ___ NAYS ___ ABSENT ___ ABSTAIN ___ PREFERENTIAL STUDENT VOTE ___	SECOND: Gutierrez, Vincelette, Hepburn, Rendon, Wright, Finch
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C. Approve Change in Contract with Medallion Contracting, Inc. Order 01 for the Tropico Middle School Landscape, Drainage, & Parking Lot Upgrade Project (SKUSD-TMS-LDPU) Total Change of \$6,210.01 – *Irving* **ACTION**

MOTION: Gutierrez, Vincelette, Hepburn, Rendon, Wright, Finch VOTE: YEAS ___ NAYS ___ ABSENT ___ ABSTAIN ___ PREFERENTIAL STUDENT VOTE ___	SECOND: Gutierrez, Vincelette, Hepburn, Rendon, Wright, Finch
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XII. Personnel Items

A. Approve the following listed personnel items – *Hargus*

ACTION

MOTION: Gutierrez, Vincelette, Hepburn, Rendon, Wright
 VOTE: YEAS ___ NAYS ___ ABSENT ___ ABSTAIN ___

SECOND: Gutierrez, Vincelette, Hepburn, Rendon, Wright

The following personnel items, which may include hiring, resignations, contract adjustments, and retirements for certificated and classified employees are presented for Board approval. All personnel meet the necessary credentialing and/or certification requirements as required by the State or notification timelines, as appropriate.

<u>CLASSIFIED/CONFIDENTIAL EMPLOYMENT/RESIGNATIONS</u>					
<u>EMPLOYEE</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>SALARY</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>SITE</u>	<u>STATUS</u>
Roope, Shania	7/17/2025	\$1 \$22.93	Bus Driver	Trans	Hire
Hernandez, Gabriel	7/17/2025	\$8 \$26.99	Groundskeeper/School Site Student Transport Driver	Trans	Promotion
Anthony-Watts, Kathleen	8/1/2025	---	Special Education Paraeducator 1:1	WES/RHECC	Transfer
Bishop, Rebecca	8/1/2025	---	Special Education Paraeducator	RES/WES	Transfer
Bradley, Carlton	8/1/2025	---	Special Education Paraeducator	RES/Alt Ed	Transfer
Brown, Roseanna	8/1/2025	---	Special Education Paraeducator	RES/WES	Transfer
Cook, Karen	8/1/2025	---	Special Education Paraeducator 1:1	WES/TMS	Transfer
Fortson, Christopher	8/1/2025	---	Special Education Paraeducator 1:1	WES/TMS	Transfer
Gomez, Maria	8/1/2025	---	Special Education Paraeducator 1:1	RES/TMS	Transfer
Martinez Mendez	8/1/2025	---	Special Education Paraeducator	RES/RHECC	Transfer
McKinney, Jacob	8/1/2025	---	Special Education Paraeducator 1:1	RHECC/TMS	Transfer
Newman, Merissa	8/1/2025	---	Office Clerk	Alt Ed/WES	Transfer
Serrano, Brianna	8/1/2025	---	Special Education Paraeducator 1:1	RES/WES	Transfer
Villanueva, Krystle	8/1/2025	---	Special Education Paraeducator 1:1	RHECC/WES	Transfer

<u>CLASSIFIED STIPEND/EXTRA DUTY EMPLOYMENT/RESIGNATIONS</u>					
<u>EMPLOYEE</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>SALARY</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>SITE</u>	<u>STATUS</u>
New, Thomas	7/21/2025	8% \$4,622.16	Varsity Coach – Wrestling	RHECC	Hire
Vasquez, Nissa	7/21/2025	6% \$3,466.62	Varsity Assistant Coach – Girls Soccer	RHECC	Hire
Valencia, Oscar	7/21/2025	4% \$2,311.08	JV Assistant Coach – Girls Soccer	RHECC	Hire

<u>CLASSIFIED SUBSTITUTES EMPLOYMENT/RESIGNATIONS</u>		
<u>EMPLOYEE</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>STATUS</u>
Webb, Amanda	07/17/2025	Hire
Klein, Tiffany	07/17/2025	Hire

XII. Personnel Items (Continued)

<u>CERTIFICATED/ADMINISTRATIVE EMPLOYMENT/RESIGNATIONS</u>					
<u>EMPLOYEE</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>SALARY</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>SITE</u>	<u>STATUS</u>
Long, Tania	08/04/2025	C1/S1 \$54,770	5 th Grade Teacher	RES	Hire
Lopez, Jasmine	08/04/2025	C4/S2 \$65,335	2 nd Grade Teacher	RES	Hire
Towell, Sharon	08/04/2025	C3/S1 \$60,970	6 th Grade Teacher	TMS	Hire
Landolt, Kimberly	05/01/2025	C4/S4 \$9,902.14 (prorated)	2 nd Grade Teacher	WES	Column Change
Rubin, Reylan Jay	07/01/2025	C5/S27 \$101,049	Math Teacher	TMS	Column Change
Saavedra, Laura	07/01/2025	C4/S6 \$78,201	Spanish Teacher	TMS	Column Change
Soriano, Bryall Kenneth	07/01/2025	C4/S13 \$92,244	Adaptive PE Teacher	DO	Column Change
Watts, Toni	07/01/2025	C5/S8 \$87,008	TK Teacher	RES	Column Change
Van Pelt, Mercedes	08/04/2025	C6/S1 \$70,545	4 th Grade Teacher	RES	Salary Correction
Polanco-Gordi, Vanessa	06/30/2025	---	1 st Grade Teacher	WES	Resign
Valenzuela, Guadalupe	06/30/2025	---	Health Teacher	RHECC	Resign

The following certificated employees are presented for Board approval to be hired for the 2025-2026 school year utilizing a Provisional Intern Permit (PIP) or Waiver:

<u>EMPLOYEE</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>CREDENTIAL TYPE</u>
Avante, Meri June	08/01/2025	SDC Mod/Severe Teacher	PIP
Miller, Rebecca	07/07/2025	Assistant Principal	Waiver
Stevenson, Rachel	08/11/2025	Speech Pathologist	Waiver
Towell, Sharon	08/01/2025	6 th Grade Teacher	PIP

<u>VOLUNTEERS FOR 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR</u>			
Donna Cisneros	Alma Ventura	Betty Price	April Amaya
Fabiola Martinez Morales	Vanessa Avilez	Caralena Zack	Michael L. Brown Jr.

B. Annual Revision of Complaint Procedure Notices: Uniform Complaint Forms, Williams Complaint Forms, Policies, and Procedures – *Hargus* **ACTION**

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VOTE: YEAS ___ NAYS ___ ABSENT ___ ABSTAIN ___	

XIII. Adjournment **ACTION**

MOTION: Gutierrez, Vincelette, Hepburn, Rendon, Wright, Finch	SECOND: Gutierrez, Vincelette, Hepburn, Rendon, Wright, Finch
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