



## SANTA BARBARA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

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**SPECIAL MEETING**  
August 21, 2025 – 9:00 a.m.

### MINUTES

*The Santa Barbara County Board of Education held this special meeting on Thursday, August 21, 2025 at the SBCEO North County Office, 402 Farnel Road, Santa Maria, CA*

#### UNAPPROVED

#### GENERAL FUNCTIONS

**1. Call to Order**

The special meeting of the County Board of Education was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Board President Marybeth Carty.

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

The board recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**3. Roll Call**

Board Members Present

Vedamarie Alvarez Flores  
Marybeth Carty  
Judith Frost  
Sarah Anne Read  
Guy Walker

Board Members Absent

Katya Armistead  
Nadra Ehrman

Staff Members Present

Susan Salcido, superintendent  
Austin Payne, legal counsel (via Zoom)  
Bridget Baublits, associate superintendent  
Elise Simmons, director, Child Welfare and Attendance Services  
Anna Freedland, executive assistant  
Parties involved in the interdistrict attendance transfer appeals

**4. Changes to the Agenda**

None.

**5. President and Board Comments**

None.

**6. Public Comments**

None.

**ACTION ITEM**

**7. Interdistrict Attendance Appeal Hearings – Closed Session**

Individual requests for interdistrict attendance appeal hearings were filed for students T26-03, T26-04, T26-05, and T26-06. In each of these cases, the appeal resulted from the denial by the Orcutt Union School District. There were 3 appeal hearings total; 1 hearing was held for 2 students in the same family (students T26-04 and T26-05), at the request of the parent. All three appeal hearings were heard in closed session at the request of the parents/guardians. Appeal hearings may be heard in closed session to protect pupil confidentiality under state and federal law.

The hearings began at 9:05 a.m. Board President Carty presided. Director of Child Welfare and Attendance Services Dr. Elise Simmons provided introductory comments.

Present at all hearings were: board members, County Superintendent of Schools Dr. Susan Salcido, board legal counsel Austin Payne (via Zoom), Director of Child Welfare and Attendance Services Dr. Elise Simmons, Associate Superintendent of Student and Community Services Bridget Baublits, Executive Assistant Anna Freedland, Orcutt Union School District Assistant Superintendent Sandy Knight, and Orcutt Union School District Assistant Superintendent Joe Schmidt.

Student T26-03

The parents of Student T26-03 were present. The hearing began at 9:05 a.m.

After hearing statements by both the appellant and the respondent school district, Board President Carty declared the hearing closed for board deliberations.

MOTION on Student T26-03: Uphold the decision of the Orcutt Union School District and deny the interdistrict transfer.

MOVED: **Mrs. Frost**                      SECONDED: **Mr. Walker**

**Ayes: Alvarez Flores / Carty / Frost / Read / Walker**

**Noes: None              Absent: Armistead / Ehrman      Abstain: None**

VOTE: **Motion Passed 5-0-2-0**

The hearing concluded at 9:40 a.m.

Student T26-04 and Student T26-05

The parents of Student T26-04 and Student T26-05, and one of the students (Student T26-05), were present. The hearing began at 10:00 a.m.

After hearing statements by both the appellant and the respondent school district, Board President Carty declared the hearing closed for board deliberations.

MOTION on Student T26-04 and Student T26-05: Uphold the decision of the Orcutt Union School District and deny the interdistrict transfers.

MOVED: **Mrs. Frost**                      SECONDED: **Mrs. Alvarez Flores**

**Ayes: Alvarez Flores / Carty / Frost / Read / Walker**

**Noes: None              Absent: Armistead / Ehrman      Abstain: None**

VOTE: **Motion Passed 5-0-2-0**

The hearing concluded at 10:28 a.m.

Student T26-06

The parent of Student T26-06 was present. The hearing began at 10:52 a.m.

After hearing statements by both the appellant and the respondent school district, Board President Carty declared the hearing closed for board deliberations.

MOTION on Student T26-06: Uphold the decision of the Orcutt Union School District and deny the interdistrict transfer.

MOVED: **Mrs. Frost**

SECONDED: **Mrs. Read**

**Ayes: Alvarez Flores/ Carty / Frost / Read / Walker**

**Noes: None**

**Absent: Armistead / Ehrman**

**Abstain: None**

**VOTE: Motion Passed 5-0-2-0**

The hearing concluded at 11:16 a.m.

The board reconvened at 11:17 a.m. in open session and the president reported the board actions taken in closed session for Students T26-03, T26-04, T26-05, and T26-06.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

### **8. Adjournment**

The special board meeting was adjourned at 11:20 a.m. to the next regular meeting to be held Thursday, September 11, 2025 in Santa Maria at a tentative time of 1:00 p.m.

MOVED: **Mrs. Frost**

SECONDED: **Mr. Walker**

VOTE: **Passed 5-0-2-0**

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Marybeth Carty, President  
County Board of Education

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Dr. Susan Salcido, Secretary  
County Board of Education