



BOARD MINUTES
June 17, 2025 REGULAR MEETING

CALL TO ORDER IN PUBLIC SESSION – The CalAPS regular board meeting was called to order at 5:39 PM. on Tuesday, June 17, 2025, by Board President Brad Crihfield. The meeting took place in Bellflower Unified District Office, East Conference Room at 16703 S. Clark Ave, Building A, Bellflower, CA 90706

REPLACEMENT PAGES – NONE.

ROLL CALL

Present

Brad Crihfield, President
Amie Stewart, Vice President
Erik Linstead, Clerk
Maria Lopez, Member
Alfonso Morales, Member

Absent

None.

Also present was Arlene Whitney, CalAPS CEO.

CalAPS BOARD COMMUNICATION/INTRODUCTIONS – Ms. Lopez shared her concern regarding the immigration raids occurring in the Lynwood community and surrounding areas. She shared that people are being taken as they are working or simply doing a food delivery as part of their job. She asked everyone to be prepared, be cautious and communicate with parents if necessary. Ms. Stewart asked Mrs. Whitney if we had any CalAPS courses during the summer. Mrs. Whitney shared the list of courses currently offered this summer. Ms. Lopez mentioned that immigration has been seen parked at the Cerritos College parking area. Ms. Stewart asked Mrs. Whitney if there was any concern from parents regarding drop off and pick up. Ms. Whitney shared that there was no concern that she was aware of and shared with Ms. Lopez that attendance was looking good and that most of the classes are full for the summer.

CalAPS STAFF COMMUNICATION/INTRODUCTIONS – Mrs. Whitney shared that the 2024 – 2025 school year concluded May 23rd. Some of our CalAPS instructors participated in College and Career Week activities at elementary school sites. Ms. Whitney added that a number of courses are being offered through our partnership with Cerritos College. These courses are Culinary Arts 230, Health Occupations 53 & 54, and Psychology 101. EMT is also being offered to those students who have graduated and will turn 18 before the end of the summer session. This course includes both lecture and lab components designed to prepare students to take the National EMT Certification Exam upon completion. The class concludes July 18 and currently serves a small group of students as some have opted to enter the workforce or military.

Teachers will be revisiting and refining their course outlines this summer to ensure high-quality instruction for the upcoming school year. They will also be presenting information about their pathways at the Bellflower and Mayfair High Summer Bridge summer program. This program includes incoming 9th grade students who did not meet promotion requirements in an effort to re-engage them and prepare for high school success.

President Crihfield asked if CalAPS was able to offer any intro courses for the middle school group with the current board bylaws as they are only set for grades 9 through 12. Mrs. Whitney noted that while the bylaws could be revised, instructor availability would be a challenge, as most instructors currently work full-time in their respective industries. Ms. Lopez shared that CalAPS' current funding and billing structure may complicate serving middle school students. Mrs. Whitney also noted potential equipment and facility limitations could restrict class capacity if expanded to lower grade levels. Ms. Stewart asked the Lynwood members how their grade levels were organized. Ms. Lopez explained that they are currently divided as K-6 for elementary, 7-8 for middle school and 9-12 for high school. Lynwood also shared that they may be looking at closing a campus due to declining enrollment; Lynwood is also considering plans for redevelopment of the property.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

- **2025-2026 CalAPS Budget**

President Crihfield opened the public hearing at 5:50 pm to provide an opportunity for public comment on the proposed 2025-2026 CalAPS budget. President Crihfield asked if any members of the public wished to address the budget. Hearing none, he requested a motion to close the public hearing. Motion made by Ms. Stewart and seconded by Mr. Linstead. The motion carried with all members present voting in favor.

Board Members:

Yes	Brad Crihfield, President
Yes	Amie Stewart, Vice President
Yes	Erik Linstead, Clerk
Yes	Maria Lopez, Member
Yes	Alfonso Morales, Member

The public hearing was closed at 5:51 pm.

VISITORS' AGENDA ITEMS – NONE.

ACTION ITEMS

STAFF CORRECTIONS – NONE.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

- **Approval of the minutes from the May 20, 2025 Board Meeting**

A motion to approve the minutes from the May 20, 2025 Board Meeting was made by Ms. Lopez and seconded by Ms. Stewart. The motion carried with all members present voting in favor.

Board Members:

Yes	Brad Crihfield, President
Yes	Amie Stewart, Vice President
Yes	Erik Linstead, Clerk
Yes	Maria Lopez, Member
Yes	Alfonso Morales, Member

MAJOR ACTION – Consideration of Waiver of Conflict in the Representation of Bellflower Unified School District and CalAPS by Sarega Law, APC.

- A motion to consider the waiver of conflict of interest for Sarega Law, APC representing both Bellflower USD and CalAPS was made by Ms. Lopez and seconded by Mr. Linstead. The motion carried with all members present voting in favor.

Board Members:

Yes Brad Carihfield, President
Yes Amie Stewart, Vice President
Yes Erik Linstead, Clerk
Yes Maria Lopez, Member
Yes Alfonso Morales, Member

CONSENT AGENDA – Item 101 - Calendar 2025 WITHHELD from Consent Agenda

Approval of the Consent Agenda

- A motion to approve the Consent Agenda was made by Ms. Lopez and seconded by Ms. Stewart. The motion carried with all members present voting in favor.

Board Members:

Yes Brad Carihfield, President
Yes Amie Stewart, Vice President
Yes Erik Linstead, Clerk
Yes Maria Lopez, Member
Yes Alfonso Morales, Member

WITHHELD FOR DISCUSSION AND ACTION – Item 101 – Calendar 2025.

Mrs. Whitney recommended that the board cancel the August meeting as done in previous years. The agenda for August is light and there are no pressing action items anticipated during that month. If the Board agrees, Mrs. Whitney will revise the calendar accordingly.

- A motion to approve the updated board-meeting calendar that includes the cancellation of the August 12 board meeting was made by Ms. Lopez and seconded by Mr. Linstead. The motion carried with all members present voting in favor.

Board Members:

Yes Brad Carihfield, President
Yes Amie Stewart, Vice President
Yes Erik Linstead, Clerk
Yes Maria Lopez, Member
Yes Alfonso Morales, Member

DISCUSSION AND NON-ACTION – NONE.

VISITOR NON-AGENDA ITEMS – NONE.

STUDENT/STAFF RECOGNITION – NONE.

INFORMATION ITEMS – NONE.

CLOSED SESSION – NONE.

ADJOURNMENT – The meeting adjourned without objection at 5:54 PM.

The June 17, 2025 regular meeting of the CalAPS Board adjourned at 5:54 PM until the next regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, July 8, 2025 at 5:30 PM.