



BOARD MINUTES
September 10, 2025 REGULAR MEETING

CALL TO ORDER IN PUBLIC SESSION – The CalAPS regular board meeting was called to order at 5:36 PM. on Tuesday, September 10, 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 – President Crihfield communicated with the board that there were replacement pages added in the board book for item 300 – Purchase Orders for July and August and Item 310 – contracts.

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 – NONE

CalAPS STAFF COMMUNICATION/INTRODUCTIONS – Mrs. Whitney reported to the board that LACOE approved the 2025–2026 budget. Over the summer, she held two staff meetings to prepare for the upcoming WASC visit, reviewing the Mission, Vision, and student learning outcomes. Classes began on August 20, with registration continuing through September 12. Currently, about 797 students are enrolled for the Fall semester.

CalAPS staff have been active at Back-to-School Nights across partner districts, attending events at Bellflower, Mayfair, and Gahr High Schools, with representation planned for Paramount and Firebaugh. Attendance at Lynwood’s event was not possible due to the board meeting.

The board also discussed integrating Artificial Intelligence (AI) and cybersecurity into courses. Mr. Linstead emphasized exploring AI opportunities, while Mrs. Whitney also shared the importance of starting with classroom teachers and ensuring curriculum they also understand AI and how they can use it to help with instruction. She also shared her experience with an AI course and plans to extend training to staff. President Crihfield encouraged moving quickly on an AI course with board support. Ms. Stewart also suggested seeking curriculum resources from similar organizations.

Finally, Mrs. Whitney also shared photos of classroom learning and activities and the board expressed satisfaction with the hands-on work students are completing.

PUBLIC HEARINGS – NONE

VISITORS’ AGENDA ITEMS – NONE

ACTION ITEMS

STAFF CORRECTIONS – NONE

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

- **Approval of the minutes from the July 8 17, 2025 Board Meeting**

A motion to approve the minutes from the July 8, 2025 Board Meeting was made by Mr. Linstead 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

MAJOR ACTION

- **Approval of the Revised JPA Agreement**

A motion to approve the revised JPA Agreement was made by Mr. Morales and seconded by Ms. Lopez. 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

- **Approval of the Consent Agenda**

A motion to approve the Consent Agenda was made by Mr. Linstead 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 – NONE

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 6:02 PM.

The September 10, 2025 regular meeting of the CalAPS Board adjourned at 6:02 PM until the next regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, October 14, 2025 at 5:30 PM.