

**APPROVED MINUTES  
FENTON CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

**July 17, 2025**

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Fenton Charter Public Schools was held on Thursday, July 17, 2025, at 4:30 p.m. in the FCPS Business Office Boardroom and via Zoom (<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8747966875>).

**I. PRELIMINARY**

**A. Call to Order** – Chairperson of the Board – Joe Lucente

The Board of Directors meeting was called to order at 4:38 p.m. by the Board Chair, Joe Lucente.

**B. Roll Call** – Secretary of the Board – Irene Sumida

**Board Members Present**

Yvette King-Berg, *Community Representative*

*Via Zoom: 1355 W. Eckerman Avenue, West Covina, CA*

Daniel Laughlin, *Parent Representative*

Joe Lucente, *Community Representative*

Erin Studer, *Community Representative*

Caprice Young, *Community Representative*

**Board Members Not Present**

Carrie Wagner, *Community Representative*

Jed Wallace, *Community Representative*

**C. Flag Salute** – Chair Lucente

Chair Lucente led the Board and the public in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**D. Approval of the Agenda** – Chair Lucente

On **MOTION** of Yvette King-Berg, **SECONDED** by Daniel Laughlin, and **CARRIED** by a vote of 5 (YES), and 0 (NO), the Agenda (Item I.D.) was approved as presented.

Aye: (5) Yvette King-Berg, Daniel Laughlin, Joe Lucente, Erin Studer,  
Caprice Young

Nay: (0)

Abstentions: (0)

**E. Approval of Minutes of Previous Regular Meeting** – Chair Lucente

On **MOTION** of Daniel Laughlin, **SECONDED** by Yvette King-Berg, and **CARRIED** by a vote of 5 (YES), and 0 (NO), the minutes from June 12, 2025 (Item I.D.) were approved as presented.

Aye: (5) Yvette King-Berg, Daniel Laughlin, Joe Lucente, Erin Studer,  
Caprice Young  
Nay: (0)  
Abstentions: (0)

## **II. COMMUNICATIONS**

### **A. Presentations from the Public – Chair Lucente**

*There were no presentations from the public.*

### **B. Public Hearing – Independent Study – California Education Code (EC) Section 51747**

A notice of public hearing regarding *California Education Code (EC) Section 51747, Independent Study*, was posted on the Fenton website beginning on July 1, 2025. The Board encouraged participation from parents, teachers and community members prior to the adoption of written policies related to independent study to be implemented at the Fenton schools beginning in the 2025-2026 school year.

*There were no presentations from the public.*

### **C. Committee/Council Reports**

*Committee and Council reports for meetings conducted since the official start of the 2025-2026 school year will be posted in the September agenda.*

### **D. Financial Business Manager’s Report**

*Erik Okazaki, Financial Business Manager of the FCPS, will review the current financial standing of each school and the organization beginning at the September 18, 2025 meeting.*

### **E. Site Directors’ Reports**

*Site Directors introduced their school leadership teams: Assistant Directors, Administrative Coordinators and ELO-P Coordinators. Lead Teachers and Focus Leads will be introduced at the August meeting.*

**1. Fenton Avenue Charter School (FACS)** - Ms. Monica Castañeda reported.

**2. Santa Monica Boulevard Community Charter School (SMBCCS)** - Mr. Walter Gomez reported.

**3. Fenton Primary Center (FPC)** - Mrs. Sirui Thomassian reported.

4. **Fenton STEM Academy (STEM)** - Dr. Beth Henschel reported.
5. **Fenton Charter Leadership Academy (FCLA)** - Dr. Beth Henschel reported.

**F. FCPS Directors’ Reports**

1. **Director of Instruction’s Report** - Mrs. Jennifer Miller reported.
2. **Director of Special Education’s Report** - Mrs. Kristine Khachian reported.
3. **Director of Community Schools’ Report** - Mr. Richard Parra was excused from the meeting and Dr. Riddick presented highlights from Mr. Parra’s report.

**G. FCPS Officers’ Reports**

1. **Chief Operating Officer’s Report** - Mr. Jason Gonzalez reported on a possible change to the frequency of payroll, then yielded the majority of his time to the IT Manager, Richard Pearson, and the Facilities Manager, Ziggy Del Toro. Both managers shared reports related to their respective responsibilities.
2. **Chief Executive Officer’s Report** - Dr. David Riddick reported.

**III. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

**A. Recommendation to approve the 2025-2026 Board Resolution regarding council and committee responsibilities and membership**

On **MOTION** of Caprice Young, **SECONDED** by Erin Studer, and **CARRIED** by a vote of 5 (YES) and 0 (NO), the recommendation to approve the Consent Agenda (Item III.A.) was approved as presented.

Aye: (5) Yvette King-Berg, Daniel Laughlin, Joe Lucente, Erin Studer, Caprice Young  
 Nay: (0)  
 Abstentions: (0)

**IV. ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR ACTION**

**A. Recommendation to approve slate of FCPS Board Officers for the 2025-2026 school year**

On **MOTION** of Caprice Young, **SECONDED** by Yvette King-Berg, and **CARRIED** by a vote of 5 (YES) and 0 (NO), the recommendation to approve the slate of FCPS Board Officers for the 2025-2026 school year (Item IV.A.) was approved as presented.

*Joe Lucente will continue as the Chair of the Board, and Carrie Wagner will assume the position of Vice Chair.*

Aye: (5) Yvette King-Berg, Daniel Laughlin, Joe Lucente, Erin Studer,  
Caprice Young  
Nay: (0)  
Abstentions: (0)

**B. Recommendation to approve Independent Study Agreement for 2025-2026 school year**

On **MOTION** of Daniel Laughlin, **SECONDED** by Erin Studer, and **CARRIED** by a vote of 5 (YES) and 0 (NO), the recommendation to approve the Independent Study Agreement for the 2025-2026 school year (Item IV.B.) was approved as presented.

Aye: (5) Yvette King-Berg, Daniel Laughlin, Joe Lucente, Erin Studer,  
Caprice Young  
Nay: (0)  
Abstentions: (0)

**C. Recommendation to approve the Updated Scope of Work with Deveau Burr Group to Support Family and Community Engagement**

On **MOTION** of Caprice Young, **SECONDED** by Daniel Laughlin, and **CARRIED** by a vote of 5 (YES) and 0 (NO), the recommendation to approve the Updated Scope of Work with the Deveau Burr Group to Support Family and Community Engagement (Item IV.C.) was approved as presented.

Aye: (5) Yvette King-Berg, Daniel Laughlin, Joe Lucente, Erin Studer,  
Caprice Young  
Nay: (0)  
Abstentions: (0)

**D. Recommendation to approve the employment of Carmen Hernandez on a Provisional Internship Permit at Fenton Avenue Charter School**

On **MOTION** of Yvette King-Berg, **SECONDED** by Erin Studer, and **CARRIED** by a vote of 5 (YES) and 0 (NO), the recommendation to approve the employment of Carmen Hernandez on a Provisional Internship Permit at Fenton Avenue Charter School (Item IV.D.) was approved as presented.

Aye: (5) Yvette King-Berg, Daniel Laughlin, Joe Lucente, Erin Studer,  
Caprice Young  
Nay: (0)  
Abstentions: (0)

**V. ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR INFORMATION**

*There were no items scheduled on the information agenda.*

**VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The next regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Fenton Charter Public Schools will be held on Thursday, August 14, 2025 at 4:30 p.m. in the FCPS Business Office Boardroom and via Zoom.

**VII. FUTURE MEETINGS**

August 14, 2025  
September 18, 2025  
October 23, 2025  
December 11, 2025  
January 22, 2026  
March 12, 2026  
April 16, 2026  
May 14, 2026  
June 11, 2026

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Irene Sumida  
Secretary of the Board