

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

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**Wednesday,**  
**November 5, 2025**

**Meeting Location:**  
**2601 Rosamond Blvd., Rosamond, CA 93560**  
**Closed Session 3:30 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, November 5, 2025

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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. Expulsion Hearing for Student #02-25-26 3:30 p.m.

B. Expulsion Hearing for Student #12-25-26 5:00 p.m.

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

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

E. 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

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

SECOND: Gutierrez, Vincelette,

VOTE: YEAS \_\_\_ NAYS \_\_\_ ABSENT \_\_\_ ABSTAIN \_\_\_ PREFERENTIAL STUDENT VOTE \_\_\_ TIME: \_\_\_\_\_

Hepburn, Rendon, Wright, Finch

IV. Action determined in closed session:

A. Student Expulsion Hearing #02-25-26 action for consideration of violation of the California Education Code section(s) 48900(b), 48900(c), 48900(a)(1)

and in addition, \_\_\_ 48915(b)(1) states: that due to the nature of the violation other means of correction are not feasible or have repeatedly failed to bring about proper conduct,

AND/OR

and in addition, \_\_\_ 48915(b)(2) states: that due to the nature of the act, the presence of the pupil causes a continuing danger to the physical safety of the pupil or others.

- Board Decision: \_\_\_ To not expel student
- \_\_\_ To not expel the student and allow the student to return to school with conditions.
- \_\_\_ To expel the student and then suspend the expulsion order with conditions.
- \_\_\_ To expel the student from all schools and programs of the district.

MOTION: Gutierrez, Vincelette, Hepburn, Rendon, Wright

SECOND: Gutierrez, Vincelette, Hepburn, Rendon, Wright

VOTE: YEAS \_\_\_ NAYS \_\_\_ ABSENT \_\_\_ ABSTAIN \_\_\_

**IV. Action determined in closed session (Continued):**

**B.** Student Expulsion Hearing #12-25-26 action for consideration of violation of the California Education Code section(s) 48900(c)

and in addition, \_\_\_ 48915(b)(1) states: that due to the nature of the violation other means of correction are not feasible or have repeatedly failed to bring about proper conduct,

**AND/OR**

and in addition, \_\_\_ 48915(b)(2) states: that due to the nature of the act, the presence of the pupil causes a continuing danger to the physical safety of the pupil or others.

- Board Decision: \_\_\_ To not expel student  
\_\_\_ To not expel the student and allow the student to return to school with conditions.  
\_\_\_ To expel the student and then suspend the expulsion order with conditions.  
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VOTE: YEAS ___ NAYS ___ ABSENT ___ ABSTAIN ___	

**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 \_\_\_ Aliyah Finch, Student Board Member

**C.** Approve the agenda ACTION

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

**VI. 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* *October Attendance Recognition*
- 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.

**VII. Consent items A-F**

**ACTION**

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

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

- A. Ratify October EOM \$3,164,418.42
- B. Approve Purchase Orders 260474-260502, Purchase Vouchers 260507-260540
- C. Approve SHI Quote #26763642 Low Voltage for 10 New TK-Kinder WES Classrooms – \$96,788.24
- D. Approve All Sites Asset Disposition Computer Equipment
- E. Approve RHECC New Locker Room Building Earth Systems Soil Testing – \$47,890.00
- F. Approve RHECC CETA High School Festival January 15-18, 2026

**VIII. General**

- A. Initial Public Hearing Pursuant to Elections Code Section 10010(a)(1) to Receive Public Input Regarding the Composition of Proposed Trustee Areas (Attachment: Public Hearing Notice) – *Gaines* INFORMATIONAL

Recess Business Meeting/**Open** Public Hearing: Time: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Public Hearing Comments:

Close Public Hearing/Reconvene into Regular Session: Time: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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**IX. Business and Operations**

- A. Approve Change in Contract with Medallion Contracting, Inc. for the SKUSD – Construction of Pre-K & T-K Classrooms at Westpark Elementary School Alternate Scope (SKUSD-WES-PKTK-AALT) Total Change of \$10,132.48 – *Irving* ACTION

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

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

**X. 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.

<b><u>CLASSIFIED/CONFIDENTIAL EMPLOYMENT/RESIGNATIONS</u></b>					
<b><u>EMPLOYEE</u></b>	<b><u>DATE</u></b>	<b><u>SALARY</u></b>	<b><u>POSITION</u></b>	<b><u>SITE</u></b>	<b><u>STATUS</u></b>
Sickler, Alexandria	11/6/2025	S2 \$18.82	Paraeducator, SPED/Paraeducator, Classroom	TMS/RES	Transfer
Cornejo, Debbie	11/14/2025	---	Paraeducator, Classroom	WES	Resign

**X. Personnel Items (Continued)**

<b><u>CLASSIFIED STIPEND/EXTRA DUTY EMPLOYMENT/RESIGNATIONS</u></b>					
<b><u>EMPLOYEE</u></b>	<b><u>DATE</u></b>	<b><u>SALARY</u></b>	<b><u>POSITION</u></b>	<b><u>SITE</u></b>	<b><u>STATUS</u></b>
Newman, Merissa	11/6/2025	\$35/Hour	Expulsion & Reinstatement Administrative Assistant	DO	Hire

<b><u>CLASSIFIED SUBSTITUTES EMPLOYMENT/RESIGNATIONS</u></b>		
<b><u>EMPLOYEE</u></b>	<b><u>DATE</u></b>	<b><u>STATUS</u></b>
McVey, Hannah	11/06/2025	Hire
Whelchel, Janel	11/6/2025	Hire
James, Raye	11/6/2025	Hire
Cruz, Daniel	11/6/2025	Hire
Ledesma, Norma	11/6/2025	Hire
Uribe, Yesenia	11/6/2025	Hire
Ponce Gudino, Carolina	11/6/2025	Hire
Jorgensen, Jon	11/6/2025	Hire

<b><u>CERTIFICATED/ADMINISTRATIVE EMPLOYMENT/RESIGNATIONS</u></b>					
<b><u>EMPLOYEE</u></b>	<b><u>DATE</u></b>	<b><u>SALARY</u></b>	<b><u>POSITION</u></b>	<b><u>SITE</u></b>	<b><u>STATUS</u></b>
Higgins, Margaret	08/04/25	C4/S2 \$66,969	English Teacher	TMS	Salary Increase
Pikkel, Landon	10/17/2025	---	Math Teacher	TMS	Terminated

<b><u>CERTIFICATED SUBSTITUTES EMPLOYMENT/RESIGNATIONS</u></b>		
<b><u>EMPLOYEE</u></b>	<b><u>DATE</u></b>	<b><u>STATUS</u></b>
Adams, Colby	11/6/2025	Hire
Twyman, Melanie	11/6/2025	Hire
Byer, Jeannine	11/6/2025	Hire
Salazar, Nayeli	11/6/2025	Hire

<b><u>VOLUNTEERS FOR 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR</u></b>			
Lorena Segura	Ramona Segura	Christina Goit	Cesar Renteria
Quinten Pierce	Olivia Camargo	Diana Hernandez	Alma Marcial
Shirella Bird	Courtney Gardner	Sophia Rico	Courtne Mauldin
Siomara Solis	Melissa Olmos	Bre-anna Perez	Matthew Neild
Patricia Galindo	Ana Arias	Erika Chavez	Justine Neild
Deborah McVey	Alicia Munoz		

**XI. Adjournment**

**ACTION**

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