



BOARD OF EDUCATION
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MINUTES – BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING

Fresno, California
October 15, 2025

Fresno Unified School District, Education Center, 2309 Tulare Street, Fresno, CA 93721.

At the regular meeting of the Fresno Unified School District Board of Education held October 15, 2025, there were present Board Members Cazares, Jonasson Rosas, Levine, Thomas, Wittrup, Clerk Islas, and Board President Davis. Superintendent Her was also present as well as Student Members Mayes and Souksamlane.

For the record, Board Member Thomas participated from the teleconference location as follows: Omni La Costa Resort & Spa, 2100 Costa Del Mar Road, Carlsbad, CA 92009, and pursuant to Government Code Section 54953 (B) (2) all action taken during this teleconference meeting was by roll call vote.

For the record, Board Member Jonasson Rosas arrived at 4:34 p.m.

Board President Davis CONVENED the Regular Board Meeting at 4:30 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Tami Lundberg led the Pledge of Allegiance.

OPPORTUNITY for Public Comment on Closed Session Items

For the record, the Board received no public requests to address the Board on Closed Session items.

A. RECEIVE INFORMATION & REPORTS

For the record, there were no items for the Board to receive.

Board President Davis ADJOURNED the Regular Board Meeting to Closed Session at 4:30 p.m.

Board President Davis RECONVENED the meeting to Open Session at 5:46 p.m.

Reporting Out of Closed Session

- On a motion by Board Member Cazares, seconded by Board Member Levine, the Board acted in closed session to approve a Risk Management Settlement on J.C., a minor, by and through his Guardian ad Litem, Stephanie Smith v. FUSD, et al. Claim No. GL22-0927-7709, by a roll call vote of 7-0-0-0 as follows: AYES: Board Members Cazares, Jonasson Rosas, Levine, Thomas, Wittrup, Clerk Islas, and President Davis.
- On a motion by Board Member Wittrup, seconded by Board Clerk Islas the Board acted in Closed Session to accept the recommendation of the Trustee Subcommittee on a personnel complaint, employee appeal, employee #1033472, by a roll call vote as follows: AYES: Board Members Cazares, Jonasson Rosas, Levine, Thomas, Wittrup, Clerk Islas, and President Davis.

For the record, Clerk Islas read the approved Board Shared Agreements which are as follows:

- **Respect and Civility** – Honor our shared agreements.
- **Be Honest and Honorable** – Honor my word and do not lie, deflect, or disparage others.
- **Honor the Process and any Time Limits**
- **Honor Confidentiality**
- **Be Prepared and On Time** – Be on time. Read materials or share questions ahead of time. Share as early as possible if I will be late or miss a commitment.
- **Represent All Students** - Do not represent solely my region/area.

B. CONFERENCE/DISCUSSION AGENDA

B-1, DISCUSS and APPROVE Literacy Intervention Goal Monitoring Report

For the record, the Board received no public requests to speak on agenda item B-1, Discuss and approve Literacy Intervention Goal Monitoring Report.

For the record, Board Members provided comments and raised questions regarding agenda item B-1. A summary of Board Member feedback is outlined below:

Clerk Islas requested clarity whether the 84 schools referenced in the presentation were all Fresno Unified elementary and middle schools. Requested clarity as to the number of students enrolled at Ewing Elementary School. Thanked Principal Ramirez and commented that the growth at Ewing is worthy of uplifting.

Member Jonasson Rosas reminded Trustees of scoring requirements related to Student Outcomes Focused Governance.

Member Cazares referenced slide No. 7 and the first bullet point under the Actions column which states, “SOS will facilitate opportunities for principals to share best practices for progress monitoring and differentiated instruction by October 27”. Member Cazares commented that a lot of the goals are on the shoulders of teachers and principals, including actions by others not in those two groups, and asked about the flow of accountability with that particular action.

Member Wittrup commented that depending on their progress the district categorizes schools using the colors green, yellow, and red, and asked what is happening to help schools stay on track, specifically schools that may barely reach the green category. Member Wittrup commented on seeing instructional practices that were not very engaging or effective even at schools in the green category.

Member Thomas asked in relation to literacy walks, curriculum reviews, and practiced skill building if staff also review supplemental and intervention materials.

Member Levine thanked staff for the presentation and for the Ewing team sharing their work. Commented on appreciating the model of bringing site leaders, teachers, and students to share their experience. Thanked Clerk Islas for sharing context of why the Board conducts presentations like this as part of the Student Outcomes Focused Governance model. Member Levine asked, when a student makes more than one year’s growth is it possible to track or predict continued growth.

President Davis thanked staff, expressed appreciation of framework, and asked when will the district lead this work.

Member Jonasson Rosas requested clarity as to whether the team uses a focused or broad approach to reviewing root causes. Member Jonasson Rosas asked if the team reviews areas other than academics.

For the record, Superintendent Her facilitated the discussion and Principal Ramirez and Carlos Castillo, Ed.D., were available to provide clarity.

On a motion by Board Clerk Islas, seconded by Board Member Cazares, the Board approved the Literacy Intervention Goal Monitoring Report, by a roll call vote of 7-0-0-0 as follows: Board Members Cazares, Jonasson Rosas, Levine, Thomas, Wittrup, Clerk Islas, and President Davis. Student Members Mayes and Souksamlane voted yes as well.

OPPORTUNITY for Public Comment on Consent Agenda Items

For the record, the Board received no public requests to speak on the Consent Agenda.

On a motion by Board Clerk Islas, seconded by Board Member Cazares, the Board approved the Consent Agenda by a roll call vote of 7-0-0-0, as follows: AYES: Board Members Cazares, Jonasson Rosas, Levine, Thomas, Wittrup, Clerk Islas, and Board President Davis. Student Members Mayes and Souksamlane voted yes as well.

ALL CONSENT Agenda items are considered routine by the Board of Education and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of items unless a Board member requests, in which event, the item(s) will be considered following approval of the Consent Agenda. Pulled Consent Agenda items will be considered for approval after the Conference/Discussion Agenda.

C. CONSENT AGENDA

C-1, ADOPT Findings of Fact and Recommendations of District Administrative Board

ADOPTED as recommended, the Findings of Fact and Recommendations of District Administrative Panels resulting from Hearings on expulsion and readmittance cases conducted during the period since the regular meeting of the Board held October 08, 2025.

C-2, APPROVE Personnel List

APPROVED as recommended, the personnel List, Appendix A, as submitted.

C-3, APPROVE Meeting Minutes

APPROVED as recommended, the draft minutes for the regular meeting of the Fresno Unified School District Board of Education held, October 08, 2025.

C-4, APPROVE Student Outcomes Focused Governance Implementation Timeline

APPROVED as recommended, the updated Student Outcomes Focused Governance implementation timeline.

- C-5, APPROVE Budget Revision No. 1 for Fiscal Year 2025/26**
APPROVED as recommended, Budget Revision No. 1 for fiscal year 2025/26. Periodic updates to the district's budget are presented to the Board of education for approval. Budget Revision No. 1 includes adjustments for updated information regarding carryover, actual beginning balances, and necessary adjustments to support the acceptance of various grant awards.
- C-6, APPROVE Proposed Revisions for Board Bylaws**
APPROVED as recommended, proposed revisions for the following four Board Bylaws (BB): 9322 Agenda/Meeting Materials, 9323 Meeting Conduct, 9324 Minutes and Recording, and 9400 Board Self-Evaluation. These revisions are in alignment with Student Outcomes Focused Governance and best practices.
- C-7, DENY Claim GL21-0701-15290**
DENIED as recommended, a Claim for Damages by minor, case GL21-0701-15290.
- C-8, RATIFY Change Orders**
RATIFIED as recommended, information on Change Orders for the projects as follows: Bid 24-25, Education Center Board Room Remodel; Bid 24-70, Dishwasher Installation at Various Sites Phase II; Bid 24-84, Scandinavian Middle School Sitework and Portable Improvement; Bid 25-30, 2011 Fresno Fulton Tenant Improvements and HVAC Controls Upgrade; and Bid 25-49, Ericson Elementary School Energy Management System Replacement.
- C-9, RATIFY Filing of Notices of Completion**
RATIFIED as recommended, Notices of Completion for projects which have been completed according to plans and specifications, as follows: Bid 24-25, Education Center Board Room Remodel; Bid 24-84, Scandinavian Middle School Sitework and Portable Improvement; and Bid 25-30, 2011 Fresno Fulton Tenant Improvements and Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning Controls Upgrade.

OPPORTUNITY FOR UNSCHEDULED ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

For the record, the Board received six (6) request to address the Board during Unscheduled Oral Communications. The individual's name and a summary of topic are as follows:

1. Leah Louterback shared concerns related to tablet placement within school busses.
2. Corina Lozoya shared concerns related to student behavior issues on school busses.
3. Nicole Willis, ceded time to Steven Fabela
4. Steve Fabela shared concerns related to student conduct on school busses and comments pertaining to the authority of the school bus driver. Referenced Board Policy 5131.1.
5. Matthew Gillian shared concerns related to Golden Charter Academy oversight and conflict of interest.
6. Kristina Holmes McIntyre shared comments related to Golden Charter Academy compliance review.

OPPORTUNITY for Board Member Reflections on the Board Shared Agreements

Member Jonasson Rosas entrusted with tracking the Board's effectiveness toward the goal monitoring process shared the Board received a score of 88% for their written questions. Member Jonasson Rosas shared areas of improvement as follows: keeping questions specific to the data in the report and making sure questions are open-ended.

D. ADJOURNMENT

Board President Davis ADJOURNED the meeting at 6:54 p.m.