APPROVED MINUTES
ALUM ROCK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT
2930 Gay Avenue
San Jose, CA 95127

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
of the Alum Rock Union School District
Held on Thursday, April 24, 2025, 5:30 p.m. at
Alum Rock Union Elementary School District – Board Room
Board Members and Superintendent participated at
2930 Gay Avenue San Jose, CA 95127
Meeting #29-24/25

1. OPEN SESSION – CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

1.1 Call to Order/Roll Call/Pledge of Allegiance - President Linda Chavez.

President Linda Chavez welcomed everyone and called the Board Meeting to order at 5:31 pm, followed by Roll Call. Board Members present were Linda Chavez (President), Andrés Quintero (Vice-President), Minh Pham (Clerk), Corina Herrera-Loera (Member), and Minh Nguyen (Member).

Administrative and Support Staff Members present were German Cerda (Superintendent), Teresa DeCelles (Assistant Superintendent, Business Services), Sandra Garcia (Assistant Superintendent, Instructional Services), Cesar Torrico (Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources), and Patricia Tovar (Interim Sr. Executive Assistant, Superintendent's Office). *(The meeting is being recorded.)*

1.2 Discussion and/or Modification(s) of the Agenda.

MOTION #01-29 by Clerk Minh Pham to move items 3.1 Copita Tournament, 5.2 Resolution No 59-24/25 Declaring Black April, and 5.1 600 Sinclair Drive Formerly Known as MACSA after item 1.3 Welcome and Explanation to Audience.

MOTION #01-28 carried* with a *vote of 5 in favor; no opposition; 0 absent; and no abstention.

3. SPECIAL PRESENTATION/RECOGNITION

3.1 Copita Tournament – Recognition

Cassell Principal, Alecia Kelley, introduced coach Josh Norden, whom recognized his outstanding coaching skills for the boy's at Cassell; Ocala Principal, Sharon Brown,

3. SPECIAL PRESENTATION/RECOGNITION (continued)

recognized amazing coaches Lopez and Solis for the girls' soccer team; and Renaissance at Mathson coach, Noel Kohl, for the soccer boys. All played outstanding during the Copita.

Board Comment:
Member Corina Herrera-Loera -Recognize all the champions: The Best of the Best! Thank you to Telemundo NBC, Erica Diaz, staff and ALL involved.
Clerk Minh Pham –Thankful for Telemundo and NBC Bay Area including East Side UHSD.
Vice President Andrés Quintero -Thank you to ALL involved including the volunteers and participants.
President Linda Chavez -Thank you to ALL involved.

5. SUPERINTENDENT / BOARD BUSINESS

5.2 Approve Resolution No. 59-24/25 Declaring Black April (Fall of Saigon) Memorial Month and Memorializing the 50th Anniversary of Black April

Clerk Minh Pham declares Black April on April 30, 2025 the 50th anniversary of the Fall of Saigon – free of communism. Vietnamese American communities throughout California will commemorate April 30, 2025, as Black Friday, a day of remembrance and rededication to the principles of freedom. The month of April 1st to April 30th, 2025, inclusive, shall be proclaimed Black April Memorial Month.

MOTION #02-29 by Clerk Minh Pham to approve Resolution No. 59-24/25 Declaring Black April (Fall of Saigon). MOTION #02-29 was seconded by Member Corina Herrera-Loera.

Board Comment:
Vice President Andrés Quintero –Appreciates and thanks his colleagues for bringing the resolution.
Member Corina Herrera-Loera -Thanks and supports this the resolution.
Member Minh Nguyen -Thank you to all for the support.
President Linda Chavez -Thankful for the resolution.

MOTION #02-29 carried* with a *vote of 5 in favor; no opposition; 0 absent; and no abstention.

5.1 600 Sinclair Drive, Formerly Known as MACSA

Public Comment: Uritzi, Stephanie Hernandez, Celia Plascencia, Fernando Ramirez, Cynthia Fernandez Castro, Councilmember Peter Ortiz, Veronica Amador, Eliza Gonzalez, Angelica Flores, Jeremy Bruce, Guadalupe Perez, Kiana Munoz, Miguel Saucedo, Vicenta, Ericka Lujano, Lupita Perez, Jessica Paz-Cedillos, Victor Vasquez, Julio Vasquez, Lisette Sanchez, Susanna Burgos, Olivia Ortiz, Ray Mendoza, Flor DeLeon, Laly Martinez, Yarmani Rhodes, Ashley Guerrero, Magdalena.

5. SUPERINTENDENT / BOARD BUSINESS

Superintendent Cerda reported that he met with the SOAC and Mayfair on two occasions, April 1st and on April 21st to address the following 4 questions:

1) How will the liability be addressed by the coalition?
2) How will the site security be managed?
3) How will maintenance and upkeep be handled?
4) How will the District ensure this remains a partnership and not simply just a handover of the site?

The participants included Victor Vasquez and Gabriel Fernandez from SOMOS Mayfair, Jessica Paz-Cedillos from SOAC (School of Arts and Culture), Deacon Ruben Solorio from CET, Councilmember Peter Ortiz, Angel Rios Jr.- Deputy City Mgr for the City of SJ, and Asst Superintendent Business Services, Teresa DeCelles, Director of MOT, Ed Villarreal, and Chief of Communications/Community Engagement, Sergio Diaz-Luna.

Discussion included the buildings' legacy as a vital community hub for the life-changing services to the alum youth and families. The collective is requesting 2-3 months to continue working in partnership with my office to develop a joint operational plan and long-term ground lease. The proposal would be designed to serve both ARUSD student and the broader community, including addressing the 4 questions outlined by the Board. The outcome is to return with a comprehensive proposal for the Board's consideration within that time frame or at a future board meeting determined by the Board.

Board Comment:
Vice President Andrés Quintero –Thanked the coalition and SOMOS Mayfair for the proposal. It's moving in the right direction. Would like to hear from the other colleagues.
Member Corina Herrera-Loera -Thanked colleague Vice President Andrés Quintero, and our real property advisors, Public Property Advisors.
Clerk Minh Pham
Member Minh Nguyen

MOTION #03-29 by Clerk Minh Pham to 1) Give collective (SOMOS Mayfair/SOAC) an additional month and address the 4 stated questions -
-How will the liability be addressed by the coalition?
-How will the site security be addressed?
-How will maintenance and upkeep be addressed?
-Ask the Administration to underscore that this is a partnership and there is a financially viable partnership for both the District and SOMOS Mayfair/SOAC; 2) add the 600 Sinclair Drive list of properties to be assessed by Lisa Gillmor with Public Property Advisors. MOTION #03-29 was seconded by Vice President Andres Quintero.

MOTION #03-29 carried* with a *vote of 5 in favor; no opposition; 0 absent; and no abstention.

4. COMMENTS / COMMUNICATION

4.1 Teamsters – None

4.2 California School Employee's Association (CSEA) – None

4.3 Alum Rock Educator's Association (AREA) – Sandra Rivera– shared the ORENDA concern along with the moving of the school sites with many educators.

4.4 Alum Rock Administrator's Association (ARAA) – Kelsey White and Suyen Jimenez gave site accomplishments and highlights across the District.

4.5 Superintendent – Celebrations: Ren @ Mathson Student, Raymond Matlock for the CA State Spelling Bee on April 26; Dual Immersion Programs are being recognized at SCCOE tonight at 5-6:30pm; and Duane Williams from Ocala is the finalist for the 2025 All Star teacher award of NBC Bay Area.

4.6 Board of Trustees / Communications / Comments – Clerk Minh Pham congratulated Duane Williams for his recognition and again for Copita; Member Corina Herrera-Loera participated in the Cesar Chavez March on March 28 and on the evening attended the Black and Brown Get Down, followed on April 6 attended the Hands-Off Rally at St. James Park, on 4/9 participated in support with Community members in Sacramento the SB743, the Education Equalization Endowment Act, and Earth Day at Russo/McEntee; President Linda Chavez acknowledged Russo/McEntee's Earth Day with the students creativeness, and the summer program session is from June 16 through July 15, along with Open Enrollment is now open.

***Board President Chavez moved back to the order of the agenda. ***

2. PUBLIC MEMBERS WHO WISH TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Public Comment: Rocio Arena.

5. SUPERINTENDENT / BOARD BUSINESS

5.3 Approve Resolution No. 62-24/25
Resolution in Support of Senate Bill 743 – The Education Equalization Endowment Act

Public Comment: Female speaker, Victor Vasquez.

MOTION #04-29 by Member Corina Herrera-Loera to approve Resolution No. 62-24/25 in Support of Senate Bill 742-The Education Equalization Endowment Act. MOTION #04-29 was seconded by Clerk Minh Pham.

Board Comment:
Member Corina Herrera-Loera, Clerk Minh Pham, Board President Chavez

MOTION #04-29 carried* with a *vote of 4 in favor; no opposition; 0 absent; and 1 abstention (President Linda Chavez).

6. HUMAN RESOURCES

6.1 Approve Declaration of Need for Fully Qualified Educators for 2025/2026.

MOTION #05-29 by Vice President Andrés Quintero approve Declaration of need for fully qualified educators for 2025/2026. MOTION #05-29 was seconded by Member Corina Herrera-Loera.

Public Comment: None

MOTION #05-29 carried* with a *vote of 5 in favor; no opposition; no absent; and no abstention.

6.2 Resignations.

6.3 Approval of Job Description – Director, Student Support Programs, Services and Compliance.

MOTION #06-29 by Vice President Andrés Quintero approve job description-Director, Student Support Programs, Services and Compliance. MOTION #06-29 was seconded by Member Corina Herrera-Loera.

Public Comment: None

Assistant Superintendent Garcia added the following minor edits to the job description: Under Performance Responsibilities section (add *Title IX*); Under Qualifications section (add *or related*).

MOTION #06-29 carried* with a *vote of 5 in favor; no opposition; no absent; and no abstention.

7. INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES

7.1 Quarterly Report on Williams Uniform Complaints.

MOTION #07-29 by Vice President Andrés Quintero approve the quarterly report on Williams Uniform Complaints. MOTION #07-29 was seconded by Clerk Minh Pham.

Public Comment: None

MOTION #07-29 carried* with a *vote of 5 in favor; no opposition; no absent; and no abstention.

7.2 Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) – Initial Findings Presentation

Kiela Jimenez, State & Federal Director II, presented a findings summary based on stakeholder's input.

7. **INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES** (continued)

7.3 School Sponsored Field Trips.

MOTION #08-29 by Vice President Andrés Quintero approve the school sponsored field trips. MOTION #08-29 was seconded by Clerk Minh Pham.

Public Comment: None

Board Comment: Clerk Minh Pham – Bon Voyage

MOTION #08-29 carried* with a *vote of 5 in favor; no opposition; no absent; and no abstention.

7.4 Resolution No. 58-24/25
Mental Health Awareness Month – May 2025

MOTION #09-29 by Vice President Andrés Quintero approve the Resolution No. 58-24/25 Mental Health Awareness Month-May 2025. MOTION #09-29 was seconded by Member Corina Herrera-Loera.

Public Comment: None

Board Comment: Member Corina Herrera-Loera

MOTION #09-29 carried* with a *vote of 5 in favor; no opposition; no absent; and no abstention.

7.5 Resolution No. 60-24/25
National Teacher Appreciation Week-May 5-9, 2025.

MOTION #10-29 by Vice President Andrés Quintero approve the Resolution No. 60-24/25 National Teacher Appreciation Week-May 5-9, 2025. MOTION #10-29 was seconded by Member Corina Herrera-Loera.

Public Comment: None

Board Comment: Clerk Minh Pham -Appreciation for all-San Jose Finest Teachers; Vice President Andres Quintero -Thanked all the teachers for ALL you do and work you do; Member Minh Nguyen -Teachers are the meat and show much appreciation; Member Corina Herrera-Loera -Thank you for ALL you do and choosing to be at the District; President Linda Chavez -Thank you for being in their lives and the memories of these kids.

MOTION #10-29 carried* with a *vote of 5 in favor; no opposition; no absent; and no abstention.

7. INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES (continued)

7.6 Resolution No. 61-24/25
Cinco de Mayo – May 5, 2025.

MOTION #11-29 by Clerk Minh Pham approve the Resolution No. 61-24/25 Cinco de Mayo-May 5, 2025. MOTION #11-29 was seconded by Vice President Andrés Quintero.

Public Comment: None

Board Comment: Vice President Andres Quintero, Member Corina Herrera-Loera

MOTION #11-29 carried* with a *vote of 5 in favor; no opposition; no absent; and no abstention.

7.7 Resolution No. 62-24/25
Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month – May 2025.

MOTION #12-29 by Clerk Minh Pham approve the Resolution No. 62-24/25 Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month-May 2025. MOTION #12-29 was seconded by Vice President Andrés Quintero.

Public Comment: None

Board Comment: Clerk Minh Pham

MOTION #12-29 carried* with a *vote of 5 in favor; no opposition; no absent; and no abstention.

8. CONTRACTS OVER $100,000

8.1 Approve the Pine Health, LLC Services Contract for the 2025/2026 SY. This Contract will Provide a Licensed Marriage Family Therapist (LMFT) to Provide Mental Health Services to Alum Rock Students as per Students' IEP.

MOTION #13-29 by Vice President Andrés Quintero to approve the Pine Health, LLC Services Contract for the 2025-26 SY. MOTION #13-29 was seconded by Member Corina Herrera-Loera.

Public Comment: None

MOTION #13-29 carried* with a *vote of 5 in favor; 0 opposition; no absent; and no abstention.

9. CONTRACTS EXTENSIONS OVER $100,000

9.1 Approve the Maxim Healthcare Services Holdings Service Contract for the 2024/2025 SY. This Contract Extension is to Provide Additional Behavior Technicians for Classroom and Student Support.

MOTION #14-29 by Vice President Andrés Quintero to approve Maxim Healthcare Services Holdings Service Contract for the 2024-25 SY. MOTION #14-29 was seconded by Clerk Minh Pham.

Public Comment: None

MOTION #14-29 carried* with a *vote of 5 in favor; 0 opposition; no absent; and no abstention.

9.2 Approve the Amergis Health Staffing, Inc. Contract for the 2024/2025 SY. This Contract Extension is to Continue Providing LVN Service Coverage for Students with Medical Needs.

MOTION #15-29 by Vice President Andrés Quintero to approve Amergis Health Staffing, Inc. Contract for the 2024-25 SY. MOTION #15-29 was seconded by Clerk Minh Pham.

Public Comment: None

MOTION #15-29 carried* with a *vote of 5 in favor; 0 opposition; no absent; and no abstention.

10. CONSENT CALENDAR

MOTION #16-29 by Clerk Minh Pham to approve the Consent Calendar Items 10.1 thru 10.9. MOTION #16-29 was seconded by Member Corina Herrera-Loera.

Public Comment: None

MOTION #16-29 carried* with a *vote of 5 in favor; 0 opposition; no absent; and no abstention.

11. CLOSED SESSION

Superintendent Cerda announced the following Closed Sessions Items to be discussed:
11.2 Public Employee Performance Evaluation: Superintendent;
11.3 Conference with Legal Counsel-Anticipated Litigation;
11.4 Conference with Legal Counsel-Existing Litigation;
11.5 Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release.

11. CLOSED SESSION (continued)

The Board recessed to Closed Session at 8:05 p.m.

12. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION – DISTRICT OFFICE BOARD ROOM

12.1 Report of Action Taken in Closed Session.

The Board reconvened to Open Session at 9:21 p.m.

President Linda Chavez stated that there is nothing to report.

13. ADJOURNMENT

13.1 President Adjourns the Meeting.

President Linda Chavez announced the next regularly scheduled board meeting on May 8, 2025. The meeting adjourned at 9:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Minh Pham, Board Clerk

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