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

MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
of the Alum Rock Union School District
Held on Saturday, August 2, 2025, 9:00 a.m. at
Alum Rock Union Elementary School District – Board Room
Board Members and Superintendent participated at
2930 Gay Avenue San Jose, CA 95127
Meeting #03-25/26

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 called the Board Meeting to order at 9:00 am, 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 Teresa DeCelles (Assistant Superintendent, Business Services), Cesar Torrico (Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources), and Patricia Tovar (Interim Sr. Executive Assistant, Superintendent's Office). *(The meeting was recorded.)*

2. CLOSED SESSION

2.1 Announcement and Public Comments Regarding items to be Discussed in Closed Session

2.2 Public Employee Appointment/Public Employment

Public Comments: Maria Martinez, Councilmember Peter Ortiz, Suyen Jimenez, Kelsey White, David Williams, Andrea Flores Shelton, Veronica Talton, Cinna Ruiz, Veronica (parent), Victor Vasquez, Delia Navarro, Sandra Rivera, Gerardo Loera, Matt Simmons, Mayra (parent).

The Board recessed to closed session at 9:20 a.m.

3. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

3.1 Report of Action Taken in Closed Session

3.1 Report of Action Taken in Closed Session (continued)

The Board reconvened to Open Session at 10:51 a.m.

Vice President Andres Quintero reported the following action:

On a vote of 5-0, the Board voted to appoint Sandra Garcia as Acting Superintendent effective August 12th, and effective immediately, has been delegated to perform the duties under Education Code 35035. The Board is directing the Board President to work with legal counsel to prepare a contract for consideration by the Board at the August 14th regular board meeting. Mrs. Garcia is a seasoned education leader who has dedicated 35 years of her career to the Alum Rock School District. Mrs. Garcia has been a classroom teacher, resource teacher, instructional coach, site principal, coordinator, director, and assistant superintendent. She was recognized as a principal of the year as well as an East Side Hero by D5 United.

The Board is confident that under Mrs. Garcia's leadership, she will provide proper guidance and stability so as to ensure that we have a successful start to the upcoming school year.

Mrs. Garcia now becomes the first homegrown Superintendent since Superintendent Pedro Perales in 1994.

MOTION #01-33 carried unanimously by the Board to appoint Sandra Garcia as Acting Superintendent effective August 12th, and effective immediately, has been delegated to perform the duties under Education Code 35035.

Public Comment: None

4. ADJOURNMENT

4.1 President Adjourns the Meeting

President Linda Chavez announced the next regularly scheduled board meeting on August 14, 2025. The meeting adjourned at 10:53 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Minh Pham, Board Clerk

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