

MINUTES
RIALTO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
Special Board Meeting of the Board of Education

October 6, 2025
Dr. John R. Kazalunas Education Center
182 East Walnut Avenue
Rialto, California

Members Present: **Dr. Stephanie E. Lewis, President**
 Joseph W. Martinez, Vice President
 Edgar Montes, Clerk
 Evelyn P. Dominguez, LVN, Member
 Dakira R. Williams, Member
 Audrey Gonzalez, Student Board Member

Staff Present: **Denise Ellis, Ed.D., Associate Superintendent, Human**
 Resources

Staff Absent: **Judy D. White, Ed.D., Interim Superintendent**
 Rhea McIver Gibbs, Ed.D., Deputy Superintendent
 Jon Black, Ed.D., Associate Superintendent, Education
 Services
 Diane Romo, Associate Superintendent, Business Services

Others Present: **Also present was Tina Brown, Executive Assistant to the**
 Superintendent, and Rubi Amezcua-Sandoval/Noemi A.
 Moreno, Interpreters/Translators

A. OPENING

A.1 CALL TO ORDER 10:00 a.m.

 The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m.

A.2 OPEN SESSION

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

 Dakira R. Williams, Board Member, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved By Clerk Montes

Seconded By Member Dominguez

Vice President Martinez was not present during this vote. Vote by Board Members to adopt the agenda:

Approved by a Majority Vote

D. PUBLIC COMMENTS

D.1 COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

Any person wishing to speak on any item on the Closed Session Agenda will be granted three minutes.

Tobin Brinker, REA President, is hoping that, before the Board goes into Closed Session, someone can take a moment to explain what this meeting is about. He has received many questions and concerns about this meeting, which has been called fairly quickly. It is being held during a workday, and there are concerns that they would hire a superintendent today without including the unions and the public in the interview process. He would like to know more of the specifics, including next steps and how they are going to be included. He shared that they want to be included and be a part of this process. He continued that he knows that sometimes candidates want to stay secret without anyone knowing that they are in the mix because they do not want their current district to know about it. He shared that we should not allow that. We want someone who is going to be proud to be in the process. Those candidates need to be publicly vetted. He reviewed parts of 'The Brown Act', reminding the Board that it is a Sunshine Law. He explained. He is asking for the opportunity to get together, engage, and be a part of the interviews. He would like to be included on the interview panels to have buy-in and input.

E. CLOSED SESSION

Moved By Member Dominguez

Seconded By Member Williams

As provided by law, the following are the items for discussion and consideration at the Closed Session of the Board Meeting:

- **PUBLIC EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENT / EMPLOYMENT:
SUPERINTENDENT**

Vote by Board Members to move into Closed Session:

Time: 10:05 a.m.

Approved by a Unanimous Vote

F. ADJOURNMENT OF CLOSED SESSION

Moved By Member Dominguez

Seconded By Clerk Montes

Vice President Martinez was not present during this vote. Vote by Board Members to adjourn Closed Session.

Approved by a Majority Vote

G. OPEN SESSION RECONVENED

Open session reconvened at 12:01 p.m.

H. REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

The Board of Education took no action.

I. ADJOURNMENT

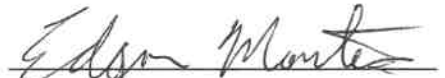
Moved By Member Dominguez

Seconded By Vice President Martinez

Vote by Board Members to adjourn:

Time: 12:04 p.m.

Approved by a Unanimous Vote


Clerk, Board of Education


Secretary, Board of Education