LATON UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
AGENDA

LATON UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
December 12, 2025
6:15 P.M.

GC §54954.2 Requests for disability-related accommodation or modification, including auxiliary aids and services should be made in writing to the Superintendent 48 hours prior to meeting time. Mail to: Laton Unified School District P.O. Box 248 Laton, CA 93242.

I. OPENING OF MEETING **6:15 P.M.**

Preliminary

Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

Attendance

	Present	Absent
A. Board Members		
1. Daniel Vargas, President	_____	_____
2. Nikki Alford, Clerk	_____	_____
3. Guadalupe Andrade	_____	_____
4. Holly Torres	_____	_____
5. Jose Ibarra	_____	_____
B. B. Student Board Members		
1. Jessica Gomez – LHS	_____	_____
2. Ariana Murillo – LMS	_____	_____
C. Staff in attendance:		
Lupe G. Nieves, Superintendent	_____	_____

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D. Approval of Minutes for the November 12, 2025 Regular Board Meeting **6:18 P.M.**

Superintendent's Recommendation: The School Board Approve the Minutes for the November 12, 2025 Regular Board Meeting

Motion:	Vote:	Yes	No
Second:	Daniel Vargas:	☐	☐
	Nikki Alford:	☐	☐
	Guadalupe Andrade:	☐	☐
	Holly Torres:	☐	☐
	Jose Ibarra:	☐	☐

E. Agenda and/or Emergency Addition [G.C. 54954.2 (b)(2)] **6:20 P.M.**

(2/3 approvals required)

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Superintendent's Recommendation: The School Board Approve the Agenda

Motion:	Vote:	Yes	No
Second:	Daniel Vargas:	☐	☐
	Nikki Alford:	☐	☐
	Guadalupe Andrade:	☐	☐
	Holly Torres:	☐	☐
	Jose Ibarra:	☐	☐

II. PUBLIC HEARING SESSION:

A. Persons addressing the Board must be recognized by the president prior to their remarks. Individual speakers shall be allowed three minutes to address the Board on each agenda or non-agenda item as stated in Laton Unified School District Board Bylaw 9323(b). The School Board is prohibited by law from taking action on matters discussed that are not on the Agenda, and no adverse conclusions should be drawn if the School Board does not respond to public comment at this time.

Testimony with regard to complaints against staff is not protected from damage claims for libel. Public charges or allegations may result in legal action being brought by those individuals.

III. ORGANIZATION

A. Election of Officers **6:23 P.M.**

a. President

Motion:	Vote:	Yes	No
Second:	Daniel Vargas:	☐	☐
	Nikki Alford:	☐	☐
	Guadalupe Andrade:	☐	☐
	Holly Torres:	☐	☐
	Jose Ibarra:	☐	☐

b. Clerk

Motion:	Vote:	Yes	No
Second:	Daniel Vargas:	☐	☐
	Nikki Alford:	☐	☐
	Guadalupe Andrade:	☐	☐
	Holly Torres:	☐	☐
	Jose Ibarra:	☐	☐

B. Approval of Appointment of the Superintendent to Serve as Secretary to the Board **6:28 P.M.**

Motion:	Vote:	Yes	No
Second:	Daniel Vargas:	☐	☐
	Nikki Alford:	☐	☐
	Guadalupe Andrade:	☐	☐
	Holly Torres:	☐	☐
	Jose Ibarra:	☐	☐

IV. COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS TO THE BOARD:

A. Superintendent, Directors, and Administration Reports

1. Lupe G. Nieves – Superintendent **6:31 P.M.**
2. Patty Nuñez – Chief Business Official **6:41 P.M.**
3. Miriam Segura - Community Liaison **6:51 P.M.**
4. Deven Avila – Lead Grounds **7:01 P.M.**
5. Susan Giles – Director of Food Services **7:11 P.M.**
6. Jeanna White – Laton Elementary and Laton Middle School Principal **7:21 P.M.**
7. Lucio Cortez – Laton High School Principal **7:31 P.M.**

V. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:

A. Approval of Accounts Payable Warrants for November 2025 **7:41 P.M.**

Superintendent's Recommendation: The School Board Approve the Accounts Payable Warrants for November 2025

Motion:	Vote:	Yes	No
Second:	Daniel Vargas:	☐	☐
	Nikki Alford:	☐	☐
	Guadalupe Andrade:	☐	☐
	Holly Torres:	☐	☐
	Jose Ibarra:	☐	☐

B. Approval of Laton Unified School District First Interim **7:44 P.M.**

Superintendent's Recommendation: The School Board Approve the Laton Unified School District First Interim

Motion:	Vote:	Yes	No
Second:	Daniel Vargas:	☐	☐
	Nikki Alford:	☐	☐
	Guadalupe Andrade:	☐	☐
	Holly Torres:	☐	☐
	Jose Ibarra:	☐	☐

C. Approval of Voting Representative to Participate in Electing Persons to the Fresno County Committee on School District Organization 2025 **7:47 P.M.**

Superintendent Recommendation: The School Board Approve the Voting Representative to Participate in Electing Persons to the Fresno County Committee on School District Organization 2025

Motion:	Vote:	Yes	No
Second:	Daniel Vargas:	☐	☐
	Nikki Alford:	☐	☐
	Guadalupe Andrade:	☐	☐
	Holly Torres:	☐	☐
	Jose Ibarra:	☐	☐

D. Approval of Alternate Voting Representative to Participate in Electing Persons to the Fresno County Committee on School District Organization 2025 **7:50 P.M.**

Superintendent Recommendation: The School Board Approve the Alternate Voting Representative to Participate in Electing Persons to the Fresno County Committee on School District Organization 2025

Motion:	Vote:	Yes	No
Second:	Daniel Vargas:	☐	☐
	Nikki Alford:	☐	☐
	Guadalupe Andrade:	☐	☐
	Holly Torres:	☐	☐
	Jose Ibarra:	☐	☐

E. Fundraisers: **7:53 P.M.**

1. Christmas Photos with Santa – LES ASB – December 2025
2. Varsity Boys Basketball Tourney – LHS Varsity Boys Basketball – December 24-30, 2025
3. World's Finest Chocolate – LHS Class of 2028 – January 12- February 6, 2026
4. Super bowl BBQ Rib Takeout – LHS FFA – January 12-29, 2026

Superintendent's Recommendation: The School Board Approve the Fundraisers Listed Above

Motion:	Vote:	Yes	No
Second:	Daniel Vargas:	☐	☐
	Nikki Alford:	☐	☐
	Guadalupe Andrade:	☐	☐
	Holly Torres:	☐	☐
	Jose Ibarra:	☐	☐

VI. CLOSED SESSION ITEMS:

A. Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release – Government Code 54957 **7:56 P.M.**

VII. CLOSED SESSION ACTION: (In Open Session)

A. Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release – Government Code 54957 **8:01 P.M.**

Motion:	Vote:	Yes	No
Second:	Daniel Vargas:	☐	☐
	Nikki Alford:	☐	☐
	Guadalupe Andrade:	☐	☐
	Holly Torres:	☐	☐
	Jose Ibarra:	☐	☐

VIII. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: **8:04 P.M.**

A.

B.

At _____, it was moved by _____, seconded by _____ and unanimously -approved to extend the meeting beyond the three (3) hour limit.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by _____, seconded by _____ and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at _____ P.M.

Vote:	Yes	No
Daniel Vargas:	☐	☐
Nikki Alford:	☐	☐
Guadalupe Andrade:	☐	☐
Holly Torres:	☐	☐
Jose Ibarra:	☐	☐

NOTE: The next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held in the Laton Unified District Board Room at 6:15 P.M. on Wednesday, January 14, 2026.

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Clerk's Signature