



BOARD MINUTES
November 12, 2025 REGULAR MEETING

CALL TO ORDER IN PUBLIC SESSION – The CalAPS regular board meeting was called to order at 5:32 PM. on Tuesday, November 12, 2025, by Board President Brad Carihfield. The meeting took place in Bellflower Unified District Office, East Conference Room at 16703 S. Clark Ave, Building A, Bellflower, CA 90706

REPLACEMENT PAGES – NONE

ROLL CALL

Present

Brad Carihfield, President
Amie Stewart, Vice President
Erik Linstead, Clerk

Absent

Maria Lopez, Member
Alfonso Morales, Member

Also present was Arlene Whitney, CalAPS CEO

CalAPS BOARD COMMUNICATION/INTRODUCTIONS – NONE

CalAPS STAFF COMMUNICATION/INTRODUCTIONS – Mrs. Whitney has participated in a range of events and collaboration opportunities that continue to expand CalAPS's partnerships, visibility, and student opportunities.

Mrs. Whitney attended CTE Advisory Committee meetings for both Bellflower USD and Lynwood USD, where she provided program updates, gathered industry feedback, and identified future areas of collaboration to strengthen pathway alignment and work-based learning. Mrs. Whitney also met with Harbor Freight Tools for Schools to explore potential summer grant opportunities.

Student-focused events included participating in Rio Hondo College's Public Service Pathways Day with our Fire Technology and EMT programs, as well as the Paramount Unified College/Career Fair, where the CalAPS team promoted CalAPS pathways and certifications. Mrs. Whitney had the opportunity to also attend the SoFi STEAM Educators Open House hosted by the LA Rams, gaining insight into innovative STEAM partnerships, and took part in Bellflower USD's State of the District and the Mayfair HS Athletic Field groundbreaking.

Mrs. Whitney met with Board Member Mr. Linstead to discuss the development of a future CalAPS AI pathway centered on a two-year sequence introducing foundational AI skills and preparing students for emerging technology careers.

The CalAPS students had several exciting learning experiences. Culinary Arts students from Lynwood and Bellflower completed a Saturday study session and all passed their ServSafe Food Handlers certification. Lynwood culinary students also attended SoFi's Culinary Career Day and displayed their skills during a class visit hosted by

Chef Lovato. Bellflower Culinary and Baking/Pastry students toured the Yakult Factory, and Aviation student's explored industry careers at a Career Day and the Flight Path Museum at LAX.

Upcoming experiences include the LA Auto Show for our Automotive Technology students, the CDFA Greater Los Angeles Farm to School mini-conference for Urban Farming and Culinary instructors, and a cross-collaborative project between Urban Farming and Lynwood Culinary programs focused on sustainable food production and preparation.

These ongoing events, partnerships, and hands-on learning opportunities continue to enrich our programs and strengthen connections between classroom learning and real-world industry applications.

Mrs. Whitney then presented with photos of this month's student activities and hands-on learning experiences.

Mrs. Stewart asked Mrs. Whitney what was the focus of the Makerspace course. She explained that it is based on robotics, engineering, and smart home, overall a focus on STEAM careers. She also asked what happened after the Jaimie Oliver healthy cooking event. Mrs. Whitney shared that both the Mental Health Pathway, Hospitality Pathway and the Urban Farming pathway have integrated the experience into their lesson plans and curriculum.

Mr. Crihfield asked more details about the AI pathway conversation that Mr. Linstead and Mrs. Whitney had. Both Mrs. Whitney and Mr. Linstead shared that he has written a course outline and potential titles for both sections within the pathway. This course is scheduled to be offered fall 2026 after the board has approved the course in the summer and course has been created in the system

President Crihfield asked when the last time a survey was scheduled was, Mrs. Whitney shared that possibly back in 2021 or 2022. Mrs. Whitney will begin working on the survey to then share with the board before distributing to our partner school districts.

Mr. Crihfield asked about future plans for the Build a Tiny Home project. Mrs. Whitney shared that she has been working with Instructor Drown to create a proposal with detailed budget numbers, certifications and potential scholarships for summer 2026. Mr. Chrifield shared the BUSD is releasing a film & video pilot program asking if Mrs. Whitney was aware. CalAPS will offer a course once the classroom and supplies is complete. He also asked for an update on Esports registration and if the construction class at Mayfair affected the CalAPS program, but CalAPS does not offer a construction class currently so it does not affect our registration numbers in any way.

PUBLIC HEARINGS – NONE

VISITORS' AGENDA ITEMS – NONE

ACTION ITEMS

STAFF CORRECTIONS – NONE

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

- **Approval of the minutes from the October 14, 2025 Board Meeting**

A motion to approve the minutes from the October 14, 2025 Board Meeting was made by Mr. Linstead and seconded by Ms. Stewart. The motion carried with all members present voting in favor.

Board Members:

Yes	Brad Crihfield, President
Yes	Amie Stewart, Vice President
Yes	Erik Linstead, Clerk

MAJOR ACTION - NONE

CONSENT AGENDA

- **Approval of the Consent Agenda**

A motion to approve the Consent Agenda was made by Ms. Stewart and seconded by Mr. Linstead. The motion carried with all members present voting in favor.

Board Members:

Yes Brad Carihfield, President
Yes Amie Stewart, Vice President
Yes Erik Linstead, Clerk

WITHHELD FOR DISCUSSION AND ACTION – NONE

DISCUSSION AND NON-ACTION – NONE

VISITOR NON-AGENDA ITEMS – NONE

STUDENT/STAFF RECOGNITION – NONE

INFORMATION ITEMS – NONE

CLOSED SESSION – 5:56pm

ADJOURNMENT – The meeting adjourned without objection at 6:04 PM.

The November 12, 2025 regular meeting of the CalAPS Board adjourned at 6:04 PM until the next regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, December 16, 2025 at 5:30 PM.