UPDATED AGENDA
MERCED COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
January 30, 2026

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Merced County Office of Education - 632 West 13th Street, Merced, CA 95341 – Board Room

TIME: 9:00 a.m.

[These proceedings may be recorded.]

I. Open

A. Call to Order at _____ PM by Chairperson _____

B. Roll Call:

Geneva Brett, Chairperson	_____
Ryan Heller, Vice Chairperson	_____
Rodrigo Espinosa, Member	_____
Dennis Hanks, Member	_____
Frank Fagundes, Member	_____

C. Others Present: _____

II. Flag Salute - Pledge Allegiance to the Flag

III. Consent Agenda:

Items listed under Consent Agenda are considered to be routine administrative functions and will be acted on by the Board in one motion and one vote. Any items under the Consent Agenda may be discussed; however, if the item needs further clarification and discussion, it may be removed from the Consent Agenda at the request of the Board or the Superintendent and considered separately. Information concerning Consent Agenda items will be provided to each Board member for study prior to the meeting. It is understood that the Superintendent recommends approval of all consent items, unless otherwise noted. *(Board Bylaw 9322)*

A. Minutes of Regular Meeting on December 15, 2025

B. **Resolution No. 2026-01** Recognizing February 2026 as Black American History Month

Motioned by _____ Seconded by _____ Vote _____

IV. Written Communications

A. Correspondence Received By Chairperson

B. Correspondence Received By Board Members

C. Correspondence Received By Superintendent

V. Call for Public Comments on Agenda & Non-Agenda Items

During this portion of the agenda, the public is invited to address the Board on any item of interest that is within the Board's jurisdiction *(Education Code 35145.5; Government Code 54954.3)*. The Board shall conduct no discussion, deliberation, or action on any item not appearing on the posted agenda, except as authorized by law raised (*Education Code 35145.5, Government Code 54954.2)*. Members of the public are limited to five minutes on each topic or agenda item, and public participation cannot exceed 20 minutes total for each topic or agenda item *(Government Code 54954.3; Board Bylaw 9322 & 9323)*.

VI. Superintendent's and Board Members' Report (Information/Discussion Only)

A. Board Member's Report *(if any)* — Board Members

B. Superintendent's Report — Steve M. Tietjen

VII. Business Items for Action

A. Outstanding Employee Selection Committee — Steve M. Tietjen, *County Superintendent*

It is recommended that the Board of Education select a Board Representative to serve on the *Outstanding Employee Selection Committee*.

Nominee:_____

Motioned by _____ Seconded by _____ Vote _____

B. MCSBA Executive Committee — Steve M. Tietjen, *County Superintendent*

It is recommended that the Board of Education select a Board Representative to serve on the *Merced County School Boards Association (MCSBA) Executive Committee*. (current rep: Geneva) [2-year term, expires 2027]

Nominee:_____

Motioned by _____ Seconded by _____ Vote _____

C. Head Start Policy Council — Steve M. Tietjen, *County Superintendent*

It is recommended that the Board of Education select a Board Representative to serve on the *Head Start Policy Council*. (current rep: Rodrigo) [2-year term, expires 2027]

Nominee:_____

Motioned by _____ Seconded by _____ Vote _____

D. Merced County Committee on School District Organization — Steve M. Tietjen, *County Superintendent*

It is recommended that the Board of Education select a Board Representative to serve on the *Merced County Committee on School District Organization*. (current rep: Geneva) [4-year term, expires 2029]

Nominee:_____

Motioned by _____ Seconded by _____ Vote _____

E. Merced County Board of Education Regular Meeting Schedule

Steve M. Tietjen
County Superintendent

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the Merced County Board of Education Regular Meeting Schedule for July 2026 through June 2027.

Motioned by _____ Seconded by _____ Vote _____

F. Come Back Charter School Renewal Petition, through June 30, 2031

Sherre Vernon
Coordinator, Ed. Services

In compliance with Education Code 47605 and 47607, the Merced County Board of Education will hold a public hearing on the provisions of a petition of the Come Back Charter School: A California Public Charter School. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the renewal petition beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2031.

Renewal Petition with RED LINE Changes *Petition with Signed Assurances & Appendices*

1. Open Public Hearing
2. Close Public Hearing

Motioned by _____ Seconded by _____ Vote _____

G. School Accountability Report Cards (SARCs) 2024-2025

Sherre Vernon
Coordinator, Ed. Services

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the 2024-2025 School Accountability Report Cards for the following:

- Valley Community School Atwater
- Valley Community School Los Banos
- Valley Community School Merced
- Merced County Juvenile Hall Court School
- Merced Scholars Charter School
- Come Back Charter School

Motioned by _____ Seconded by _____ Vote _____

H. School Accountability Report Cards (SARCs) 2024-2025

Maria Duran-Barajas
Director, Special. Ed.

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the 2024-2025 School Accountability Report Cards for the following:

- Merced County Special Education
- Floyd A. Schelby School

Motioned by _____ Seconded by _____ Vote _____

VIII. Adjournment: _____ PM

Motioned by _____ Seconded by _____ Vote _____

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