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

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL ORGANIZATIONAL AND REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
of the Alum Rock Union School District
Held on Thursday, January 29, 2026, 5:30 p.m. at the Alum Rock Union School Board Members and Superintendent participated at 2930 Gay Avenue San Jose, CA 95127
Meeting #18-25/26

1. OPEN SESSION

1.01 Call to Order/Roll Call/Pledge of Allegiance

President Linda Chavez welcomed everyone in the audience. President Linda Chavez called the Board Meeting to order at 5:33 pm, 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 Sandra Garcia (Interim Superintendent), Daniel Burns (Interim Superintendent, Instructional Services), Teresa DeCelles (Assistant Superintendent, Business Services), Cesar Torrico (Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources), Maribel Carrillo (Sr. Executive Assistant, Superintendent's Office)

Call to order/Roll Call/Pledge of Allegiance: President Linda Chavez stated there was a quorum.

1.6 Discussion And/Or Modification(s) of the Agenda

MOTION #01-18 by Clerk Minh Pham to modify the agenda to move items 5.1 & 5.2 before item 1.3 and pull item 8.9 from the agenda. MOTION #01-18 was seconded by President Linda Chavez.

***MOTION #01-18 carried* with a *vote of 5 in favor; no opposition; no absent; and no abstention*.**

Interim Superintendent Garcia asked that items 5.2 and 11.5 be pulled.
The Board decided to leave item 11.5 on the agenda.

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5. Special Presentation/Recognition

5.1 Youth Help Youth Recognition

Lupe Ruvalcaba, Coordinator of Expanding Learning, and Jesus Araujo, Coordinator of Student Engagement, presented the student with a certificate of appreciation.

2. Public Members Who Wish To Address The Board

2.01 Requests to Address the Board

Public Comment:
David Williams and Vince Tran.

3. Closed Session

3. 1 Recess to Closed Session

Public Comment:
Shavdra Mupuldara, Yartiza Oregel, Maria Martinez, Maestra Diaz, Kathy Lowie, Kimberly Doty, Herminlinda Mendoza, Jackie, Nathan, Female Speaker (Teacher), and Sara Credavex.

The Board recessed to closed session.

4. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

4.1 Report of Action Taken in Closed Session.

President Linda Chavez said there was a quorum.

Assistant Superintendent Torrico reported the following:

Item 3.3

On a motion by Member Minh Nguyen and seconded by President Linda Chavez, the Board by a unanimous vote rejected the tort claim by YRM.

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4. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION *(continued)*

Item 3.6

On a motion by Vice-President Andrés Quintero, seconded by President Linda Chavez, the Board, by a unanimous vote, approved the appointment of Balbir Saini as the new Director of Fiscal Services.

There were no further actions to report.

MOTION #02-18 by President Linda Chavez to extend the meeting to 11:59 pm. MOTION #02-18 was seconded by Member Minh Nguyen.

***MOTION #02-18 carried* with a *vote of 5 in favor; no opposition; no absent; and no abstention*.**

MOTION #03-18 by Vice-President Andrés Quintero to reopen the agenda to move item 11.5 after item 6.4 and to hear comments from the Interim Superintendent & Board after. MOTION #03-18 was seconded by Clerk Minh Pham.

6. Comments and Communications

6.01 Teamsters, **6.02 California School Employees' Association (CSEA)**, **6.03 Alum Rock Educators' Association (AREA**), **and 6.04 Alum Rock Administrators' Association (ARAA)**.

11. Bond/ Facilities – Contracts Over $100,000

11.1 Operational Bonds Performance Audit for Measures J, I and S for Fiscal Years 2021-22, 2022-23, 2023-24.

Harvey Rose representatives Fred Russo and Lynden Berry gave a presentation regarding the Operational Bonds Performance Audit.

11.2 District Response to Operational Bonds Performance Audit.

Eric Wasinger, Senior Executive of Bonds & MOT, gave a presentation regarding The District's Response to the Operational Bonds Performance Audit.

10. Business

10.1 Approve Core Builders + Steinberg Hart Contract

A representative from Core Builders + Steinberg Hart gave an overview of the contract discussions that they had with the district staff.

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10. Business *(continued)*

MOTION #04-18 by Vice-President Andrés Quintero to approve Action Item 10.1 as presented. MOTION #04-18 was seconded by Member Corina Herrera-Loera.

***MOTION #04-18 carried* with a *vote of 5 in favor; no opposition; no absent; and no abstention*.**

6. Comments and Communications

6.5 Interim Superintendent and 6.6 Board of Trustees.

7. Public Hearing

7.1 Public Hearing District's Initial Bargaining Proposal to Open Negotiations with AREA; Re: 2025-2026 Reopeners.

President Linda Chavez opened the hearing at 10:44 pm and closed it at 10:45 pm.

7.1 Public Hearing AREA Initial Bargaining Proposal to Open Negotiations with the Alum Rock Union Elementary School District; Re: 2025-2026 Reopeners.

President Linda Chavez opened the hearing at 10:44 pm and closed it at 10:45 pm.

Public Comment:
Sandra Rivera

8. Superintendent/Board Business

8.1 Board Policy 0410: Nondiscrimination in District Programs And Activities- First Reading.

8.2 Board Policy 1312.13: Uniform Complaint Procedures- First Reading.

8.3 CSBA Board Policy 5145.13 – Response to Immigration Enforcement has been retired and replaced by Board Policy 1445 -Response to Immigration Enforcement- First Reading.

8.4 Form J-13A Request for Allowance of Attendance Due to Emergency Conditions.

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8. Superintendent/Board Business *(continued)*

MOTION #05-18 by Vice-President Andrés Quintero to approve Action Item 8.1 as presented. MOTION #05-18 was seconded by Clerk Minh Pham.

***MOTION #05-18 carried* with a *vote of 5 in favor; no opposition; no absent; and no abstention*.**

8.5 Amendment to the July 31st, 2025 Super Copita Directive.

MOTION #06-18 by Clerk Minh Pham to approve Action Item 8.5 as presented. MOTION #06-18 was seconded by Member Corina Herrera-Loera.

***MOTION #06-18 carried* with a *vote of 5 in favor; no opposition; no absent; and no abstention*.**

8.6 Approve Resolution No. 41-25/26 Relating to the Naming Of the New Multi-Purpose Gym to Horace Cureton.

MOTION #07-18 by Vice-President Andrés Quintero to approve Action Item 8.6 as presented. MOTION #07-18 was seconded by Member Corina Herrera-Loera.

Public Comment:
Chrystine Villarreral

***MOTION #07-18 carried* with a *vote of 5 in favor; no opposition; no absent; and no abstention*.**

8.7 Discuss and Approve a Process for the Selection and Hiring of a Permanent Superintendent.

MOTION #09-18 by Clerk Minh Pham to approve Action Item 8.7 as presented. MOTION #09-18 was seconded by Vice-President Andrés Quintero.

***MOTION #09-18 carried* with a *vote of 3 in favor; two opposition (Member Corina Herrera-Loera and Member Minh Nguyen); no absent; and no abstention*.**

8.8 Direct Administration to put out a request for proposals for a search firm to assist with the Process of Hiring a Superintendet.

MOTION #10-18 by Vice-President Andrés Quintero to approve Action Item 8.8 with the amendment that the administration will send all responses directly to President Linda Chavez. MOTION #10-18 was seconded by Clerk Minh Pham.

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8. Superintendent/Board Business *(continued)*

***MOTION #10-18 carried* with a *vote of 3 in favor; two opposition (Member Corina Herrera-Loera and Member Minh Nguyen); no absent; and no abstention*.**

8.10 Consideration/Approval of Resolution No. 42-25/26 Relative to Organization of District Administrators through June 30, 2028.

MOTION #11-18 by Clerk Minh Pham to approve Action Item 8.10 with the amendments subsequence clauses. MOTION #11-18 was seconded by Vice-President Andrés Quintero.

Public Comment:
Chrystine Villarreal

***MOTION #11-18 carried* with a *vote of 3 in favor; two opposition (Member Corina Herrera-Loera and Member Minh Nguyen); no absent; and no abstention*.**

9. Instructional Services

9.1 Resolution No. 35-25/26 Lunar New Year February 17, 2026.

MOTION #12-18 by Vice-President Andrés Quintero to approve Action Item 9.1 as presented. MOTION #12-18 was seconded by Clerk Minh Pham.

***MOTION #12-18 carried* with a *vote of 5 in favor; no opposition; no absent; and no abstention*.**

9.2 Resolution No. 34-25/26 Black History Month- February 2026

MOTION #13-18 by Member Corina Herrera-Loera to approve Action Item 9.2 as presented. MOTION #13-18 was seconded by Vice-President Andrés Quintero.

***MOTION #13-18 carried* with a *vote of 5 in favor; no opposition; no absent; and no abstention*.**

9.3 Resolution No. 30-25/26 The Great Kindness Challenge Week January 26-30,2026.

MOTION #14-18 by Clerk Minh Pham to approve Action Item 9.3 as presented. MOTION #14-18 was seconded by Vice-President Andrés Quintero.

***MOTION #14-18 carried* with a *vote of 5 in favor; no opposition; no absent; and no abstention*.**

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9. Instructional Services *(continued)*

9.4 Quarterly Report on Williams Uniform Complaints

MOTION #15-18 by Vice-President Andrés Quintero to approve Action Item 9.4 as presented. MOTION #15-18 was seconded by Clerk Minh Pham.

***MOTION #15-18 carried* with a *vote of 5 in favor; no opposition; no absent; and no abstention*.**

9.5 School-Sponsored Field Trips

MOTION #16-18 by Vice-President Andrés Quintero to approve Action Item 9.5 as presented. MOTION #16-18 was seconded by Clerk Minh Pham.

Public Comment:
Sandra Rivera

***MOTION #16-18 carried* with a *vote of 5 in favor; no opposition; no absent; and no abstention*.**

9.6 School Accountability Report Cards (SARC) and School Safety Plans

MOTION #17-18 by Vice-President Andrés Quintero to approve Action Item 9.6 as presented. MOTION #17-18 was seconded by Clerk Minh Pham.

***MOTION #17-18 carried* with a *vote of 5 in favor; no opposition; no absent; and no abstention*.**

11. Bond/ Facilities – Contracts Over $100,000

11.3 Approve Architectural Fee Proposal for the Replacement of the Fire Alarm System at Ocala STEAM Academy

MOTION #18-18 by Vice-President Andrés Quintero to approve Action Item 11.3 as presented. MOTION #18-18 was seconded by Clerk Minh Pham.

***MOTION #18-18 carried* with a *vote of 5 in favor; no opposition; no absent; and no abstention*.**

11.4 Approve C and B Landscape Inc (DBA California Landscape Company) Proposal for a New Student Drop-Off area at Aptitud Academy and a New Parking Area and Student Drop- Off Area at Painter Elementary.

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11. Bond/ Facilities – Contracts Over $100,000 *(continued)*

MOTION #19-18 by Vice-President Andrés Quintero to approve Action Item 11.4 as presented. MOTION #19-18 was seconded by Clerk Minh Pham.

***MOTION #19-18 carried* with a *vote of 5 in favor; no opposition; no absent; and no abstention*.**

11.5 For Review of Proposal for VER Consultants to Provide Consulting/Government Relations Services -1720 Hopkins Drive

MOTION #20-18 by Clerk Minh Pham to approve Action Item 11.5 as presented. MOTION #20-18 was seconded by Vice-President Andrés Quintero.

Public Comment:
Chrystine Villarreal

12. Human Resources

12.1 Resignations

12.2 Approve the adoption of the District's Initial Bargaining Proposal to Open Negotiations with AREA; Re: 2025-2026 Reopeners

MOTION #21-18 by Member Corina Herrera-Loera to approve Action Item 12.2 as presented. MOTION #21-18 was seconded by Clerk Minh Pham.

***MOTION #21-18 carried* with a *vote of 5 in favor; no opposition; no absent; and no abstention*.**

12.3 Receive AREA Initial Bargaining Proposal to Open Negotiations with the Alum Rock Union Elementary School District; Re: 2025-2026 Reopeners

MOTION #21-18 by Member Corina Herrera-Loera to approve Action Item 12.2 as presented. MOTION #21-18 was seconded by Clerk Minh Pham.

***MOTION #21-18 carried* with a *vote of 5 in favor; no opposition; no absent; and no abstention*.**

13. Contracts Over $100,000

13.1 Approve the KV Educational Services Contract for the 2025/2026 SY.

MOTION #22-18 by Vice-President Andrés Quintero to approve Action Item 13.1 as presented. MOTION #22-18 was seconded by Member Corina Herrera-Loera.

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13. Contracts Over $100,000 (continued)

***MOTION #22-18 carried* with a *vote of 5 in favor; no opposition; no absent; and no abstention*.**

13.2 Approve the Silicon Valley Education Services Contract for the 2025/2026 SY.

MOTION #23-18 by Clerk Minh Pham to approve Action Item 13.2 as presented. MOTION #23-18 was seconded by Vice-President Andrés Quintero.

***MOTION #23-18 carried* with a *vote of 5 in favor; no opposition; no absent; and no abstention*.**

13.3 Approve and Ratify the Bay Alarm Company Services Contract for the 2025/2026 SY.

MOTION #24-18 by Vice-President Andrés Quintero to approve Action Item 13.3 as presented. MOTION #24-18 was seconded by Clerk Minh Pham.

***MOTION #24-18 carried* with a *vote of 5 in favor; no opposition; no absent; and no abstention*.**

13.4 Approve Resource Area for Teaching Services Contract for the 2025/2026 SY.

MOTION #25-18 by Clerk Minh Pham to approve Action Item 13.4 as presented. MOTION #25-18 was seconded by Vice-President Andrés Quintero.

***MOTION #25-18 carried* with a *vote of 5 in favor; no opposition; no absent; and no abstention*.**

13.5 Approve Little Heroes Services Contract for the 2025/2026 SY.

MOTION #26-18 by Clerk Minh Pham to approve Action Item 13.5 as presented. MOTION #26-18 was seconded by Vice-President Andrés Quintero.

***MOTION #26-18 carried* with a *vote of 5 in favor; no opposition; no absent; and no abstention*.**

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14. Contracts Extensions Over $100,000

14.1 Approve FORXA services contract for the 2025/2026 SY.

MOTION #27-18 by President Linda Chavez to approve Action Item 14.1 as presented. MOTION #27-18 was seconded by Clerk Minh Pham.

***MOTION #27-18 carried* with a *vote of 5 in favor; no opposition; no absent; and no abstention*.**

14.2 Approve Blossom Hill Glass & Mirror services contract for the 2025/2026 SY.

MOTION #28-18 by President Linda Chavez to approve Action Item 14.2 as presented. MOTION #28-18 was seconded by Clerk Minh Pham.

***MOTION #28-18 carried* with a *vote of 5 in favor; no opposition; no absent; and no abstention*.**

14.3 Approve Leader Services services contract for the 2025/2026 SY.

MOTION #29-18 by President Linda Chavez to approve Action Item 14.3 as presented. MOTION #29-18 was seconded by Member Corina Herrera-Loera.

***MOTION #29-18 carried* with a *vote of 5 in favor; no opposition; no absent; and no abstention*.**

14.4 Approve InPlay Learning Networks Services Contract for the 2025/2026 SY.

MOTION #30-18 by President Linda Chavez to approve Action Item 14.4 as presented. MOTION #30-18 was seconded by Member Corina Herrera-Loera.

***MOTION #30-18 carried* with a *vote of 5 in favor; no opposition; no absent; and no abstention*.**

14.5 Approve Amergis Healthcare Staffing Services Contract for the 2025/2026 SY.

MOTION #31-18 by President Linda Chavez to approve Action Item 14.5 as presented. MOTION #31-18 was seconded by Member Corina Herrera-Loera.

***MOTION #31-18 carried* with a *vote of 5 in favor; no opposition; no absent; and no abstention*.**

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15. CONSENT CALENDAR

There was a consensus from the Board to combine and take action on ***Agenda Items 15.1, 15.2, 15.3, 15.4, 15.5, 15.6, 15.7, 15.8, 15.9, and 15.10.***

MOTION #32-18 by President Linda Chavez to approve Agenda Item 15.1, 15.2, 15.3, 15.4, 15.5, 15.6, 15.7, 15.8, 15.9, and 15.10 as presented. MOTION #32-18 was seconded by Member Corina Herrera-Loera.

***MOTION #32-18 carried* with a *vote of 5 in favor; no opposition; no absent; and no abstention*.**

16. Future Board Agenda Requests

16.1 Future Board Agenda Requests

17. ADJOURNMENT

17.1 President Adjourns the Meeting

The Board meeting was adjourned in memory of a parent whose children attended Ryan Steam Academy. She was fatally struck by a vehicle in the San Jose neighborhood of King and Story Road.

President Linda Chavez adjourned the meeting at 11:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Signed by:
Minh Pham
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Minh Pham, Board Clerk
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