



BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR MEETING  
2309 TULARE STREET  
BOARD ROOM, SECOND FLOOR  
FRESNO, CA 93721  
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## **MINUTES – BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING**

**Fresno, California**  
**February 11, 2026**

Fresno Unified School District, Education Center, 2309 Tulare Street, Fresno, CA 93721.

At the regular meeting of the Fresno Unified School District Board of Education, held February 11, 2026, there were present Board Members Cazares, Islas, Jonasson Rosas, Levine, Thomas, and Wittrup. Superintendent Her was also present as well as Student Members Mayes and Souksamlane.

For the record, Board Member Thomas arrived at 4:33 p.m.

Board Clerk Levine CONVENED the Regular Board Meeting at 4:31 p.m.

Board Clerk Levine shared that President Islas requested to participate in the meeting via teleconferencing based on “Just Cause” under Government Code Section 54953, Subdivision (e)(2)(A)(i).

President Islas provided a brief, general reason for this request, and confirmed there were no individuals over the age of 18 at President Islas’ remote location.

This request required a majority vote under Government Code Section 54954.2, Subdivision (b)(4).

On a motion by Board Member Wittrup, seconded by Board Member Cazares, the Board approved President Islas to participate via teleconference by a roll call vote of 5-0-0-2 as follows: AYES: Board Members: Cazares, Jonasson Rosas, Wittrup, Clerk Levine, and President Islas. ABSENT: Board Members Davis and Thomas.

For the record, Clerk Levine served on behalf of President Islas and Member Cazares acted as Board Clerk.

Additionally, Member Davis was traveling out of state with a group of students from Sunnyside High School and was unable to attend the meeting.

## **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Adela Garcia Duncan led the Pledge of Allegiance.

## **OPPORTUNITY for Public Comment on Closed Session Items**

For the record, the Board received no public requests to address the Board on Closed Session items.

## **A. RECEIVE INFORMATION & REPORTS**

For the record, the Board was in receipt of agenda items A-1 through A-5 as follows:

A-1, Receive Proposed Revisions for Board Policies – Constituent Services.

A-2, RECEIVE Resolution 26-55, Authorizing the Issuance and Sale of General Obligation Bonds, Election of 2020, Series D, in the Aggregate Principal Amount of Not to Exceed \$60,000,000, and Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of a Bond Purchase Agreement and Official Statement, and Approving Documents and Official Actions Relating Thereto.

A-3, RECEIVE Resolution 26-56, Authorizing the Issuance and Sale of General Obligation Bonds, Election of 2024, Series B, in the Aggregate Principal Amount of Not to Exceed \$30,000,000, and Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of a Bond Purchase Agreement and Official Statement, and Approving Documents and Official Actions Relating Thereto.

A-4, RECEIVE Resolution 26-57, Authorizing the Issuance and Sale of 2026 Refunding General Obligation Bonds to Refund Outstanding General Obligation Bonds and Refunding General Obligation Bonds, Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of Related Escrow Agreements, Bond Purchase Agreement and Official Statement, and Approving Documents and Official Actions Relating Thereto.

A-5, RECEIVE Resolution 26-58, Authorizing Debt Service Information to be Provided to the County of Fresno Respecting Unsold General Obligation Bonds of the Fresno Unified School District for Fiscal Year 2026/27.

Board Clerk Levine ADJOURNED the Regular Board Meeting to Closed Session at 4:35 p.m.

Board Clerk Levine RECONVENED the meeting to Open Session at 5:42 p.m.

## Reporting Out of Closed Session

Board Member Cazares reported the following:

On a motion by Board Member Thomas, seconded, by Board Member Cazares, the Board took action in Closed Session to deny a claim for Ruben Gonzalez and Josefina Gonzalez, Claim No. GL25-0821-16550, by a roll call vote of 6-0-0-1 as follows: AYES: Board Members: Cazares, Jonasson Rosas, Thomas, Wittrup, Clerk Levine, and President Islas. ABSENT: Board Member Davis

On a motion by Board Member Cazares, seconded, by Board Clerk Levine, the Board took action in Closed Session to deny a claim for a Minor, Claim No. GL25-1209-16514, by a roll call vote of 6-0-0-1 as follows: AYES: Board Members: Cazares, Jonasson Rosas, Thomas, Wittrup, Clerk Levine, and President Islas. ABSENT: Board Member Davis.

On a motion by Board Member Cazares, seconded, by Board Member Jonasson Rosas, the Board took action in Closed Session to deny a claim for a Minor, Claim No. GL25-1209-16515, by a roll call vote of 6-0-0-1 as follows: AYES: Board Members: Cazares, Jonasson Rosas, Thomas, Wittrup, Clerk Levine, and President Islas. ABSENT: Board Member Davis.

For the record, Member Cazares read the approved Board Shared Agreements as follows:

- **Respect and Civility** – Honor our shared agreements.
- **Be Honest and Honorable** – Honor my word and do not lie, deflect, or disparage others.
- **Honor the Process and any Time Limits**
- **Honor Confidentiality**
- **Be Prepared and On Time** – Be on time. Read materials or share questions ahead of time. Share as early as possible if I will be late or miss a commitment.
- **Represent All Students** - Do not represent solely my region/area.

## **B. CONFERENCE AND DISCUSSION AGENDA**

For the record, there were no items for this section of the agenda.

## **OPPORTUNITY for Public Comment on Consent Agenda Items**

For the record, the Board received no public requests to speak on the Consent Agenda.

On a motion by Board Member Cazares, seconded by Board Member Jonasson Rosas, the Board approved the Consent Agenda with the exception of C17 which was pulled for Board member recusal, by a roll call vote of 6-0-0-1 as follows: AYES: Board Members Cazares, Jonasson Rosas, Thomas, Wittrup, Clerk Levine, and President Islas. Student Member Souksamlane voted yes as well. ABSENT: Board Member Davis.

**ALL CONSENT Agenda items** are considered routine by the Board of Education and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of items unless a Board member requests, in which event, the item(s) will be considered following approval of the Consent Agenda. Pulled Consent Agenda items will be considered for approval after the Conference/Discussion Agenda.

### **C. CONSENT AGENDA**

#### **C-1, ADOPT Findings of Fact and Recommendations of District Administrative Board**

**ADOPTED as recommended**, the Findings of Fact and Recommendations of District Administrative Panels resulting from Hearings on expulsion and readmittance cases conducted during the period since the regular meeting of the Board held January 28, 2026.

#### **C-2, ADOPT Resolution No. 26-63, Support of Extending Proposition 55**

**ADOPTED as recommended**, Resolution No. 26-63, Support of Extending Proposition 55. Proposition 55, approved by California voters in 2016, provides a dedicated and ongoing revenue stream for K–12 public schools and community colleges throughout the state. Support of the extension of Proposition 55 will preserve and strengthen stable state funding for public education as continued revenues from Proposition 55 are essential to maintaining the educational programs, student supports, and staffing necessary to meet the needs of Fresno Unified students.

#### **C-3, ADOPT Provisional Internship Permits**

**ADOPTED as recommended**, Provisional Internship Permit recommendations to rehire or hire upon Board adoption.

#### **C-4, ADOPT Variable Term Waiver for Bilingual, Cross-Cultural, Language and Development Authorization**

**ADOPTED as recommended**, a Variable Term Waiver request for Bilingual, Cross-Cultural, Language and Development (BCLAD) Authorization for the 2025/26 school year.

- C-5, APPROVE Personnel List**  
**APPROVED as recommended**, the personnel List, Appendix A, as submitted.
- C-6, APPROVE Meeting Minutes**  
**APPROVED as recommended**, draft minutes of the Fresno Unified School District Board of Education from the regular meeting held January 28, 2026.
- C-7, APPROVE Proposed Revisions to Board Policies - Constituent Services**  
**APPROVED as recommended**, proposed revisions for four Board Policies (BP) as follows: BP 1260 Parent/Guardian Involvement (DELETE); BP 1312.3 Uniform Complaint Procedures; BP 1325 Advertising and Promotion; and BP 5141.5 Emotional Well-Being and Mental Health.
- C-8, APPROVE Addition to Legal Services Agreements for 2025/26**  
**APPROVED as recommended**, a document listing an additional legal firm recommended for approval to provide legal services to Fresno Unified School District during the 2025/26 fiscal year.
- C-9, APPROVE Amendment No. 1 to the Agreement with Kraw Law Group APC**  
**APPROVED as recommended**, amendment No. 1 to the agreement with Kraw Law Group, APC, to provide legal consulting services to the Joint Health Management Board (JHMB).
- C-10, APPROVE Amendment No. 8 to the Agreement with MedImpact Healthcare Systems, Inc.**  
**APPROVED as recommended**, amendment No. 8 to the agreement with MedImpact Healthcare Systems, Inc., formerly Elixir Rx Solutions, LLC, related to Prescription Benefit Management (PBM) services.
- C-11, APPROVE Award of Bid 26-27, Viking Elementary School Administration Building Health Suite Modernization**  
**APPROVED as recommended**, information on Bid 26-27, Viking Elementary School Administration Building Health Suite Modernization. The project will include upgrading the Administration building to increase the size of the nurse suite to accommodate the new health suite requirements.
- C-12, APPROVE Award of Bid 26-28, Wawona Middle School Administration Building Health Suite Modernization**  
**APPROVED as recommended**, is information on Bid 26-28, Wawona Middle School Administration Building Health Suite Modernization. The project will include upgrading the Administration building to increase the size of the nurse suite to accommodate the new health suite requirements.

**C-13, APPROVE Award of Bid 26-29, Baird Middle School Administration Building Health Suite Modernization**

**APPROVED as recommended**, information on Bid 26-29, Baird Middle School Administration Building Health Suite Modernization. The project will include upgrading the Administration building to increase the size of the nurse suite to accommodate the new health suite requirements.

**C-14, APPROVE Award of Bid 26-30, Birney Elementary School Administration Building Health Suite Modernization**

**APPROVED as recommended**, is information on Bid 26-30, Birney Elementary School Administration Building Health Suite Modernization. The project will include upgrading the Administration building to increase the size of the nurse suite to accommodate the new health suite requirements.

**C-15, APPROVE Award of Request for Qualifications 26-15, Expanded Learning Enrichment Services**

**APPROVED as recommended**, information on Request for Qualifications (RFQ) 26-15, to qualify a pool of vendors to deliver programs outside of school time that focus on at least one of the following themes: Adventure, Career Discovery, Creative Arts, Sports and Fitness, or Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM). The qualification term is five (05) years and will begin July 01, 2026.

**C-16, RATIFY Purchase Orders from November 01, 2025, through November 30, 2025 – Primary Report**

**RATIFIED as recommended**, information on purchase orders issued from November 01, 2025, through November 30, 2025. Two agenda items are presented to ratify purchase orders. The first item includes the Primary Report with all purchase orders issued during the reported dates with the exception of those that may present a potential conflict of interest for an individual Board member. All remaining purchase orders are in the Supplemental Report and presented as a second agenda item.

**C-17, RATIFY Purchase Orders from November 01, 2025, through November 30, 2025 – Supplemental Report**

**RATIFIED as recommended**, information on purchase orders issued from November 01, 2025, through November 30, 2025. Two agenda items are presented to ratify purchase orders. The first item includes the Primary Report with all purchase orders issued during the reported dates with the exception of those that may present a potential conflict of interest for an individual Board member. All remaining purchase orders are in the Supplemental Report and presented as a second agenda item.

For the record, Clerk Levine read the statement as follows:

“Agenda item C-17 on tonight’s Consent Agenda contains purchase orders between Fresno Unified School District and the California Teaching Fellows Foundation, the CSUF Fresno Foundation, and the CSUF Downing Planetarium.

I did not participate in the making of the purchase orders related to this agenda item; however, because of my employment with Fresno State, I have a remote financial interest in the purchase orders.

Therefore, in the interest of full transparency, I am abstaining from this vote pursuant to Board Bylaw 9270.”

On a motion by Board Member Cazares, seconded by Board Member Thomas, the Board approved agenda item C17, by a roll call vote of 5-0-1-1 as follows: AYES: Board Members Cazares, Jonasson Rosas, Thomas, Wittrup, and President Islas. Student Member Souksamlane voted yes as well. ABSTENTIONS: Board Clerk Levine. ABSENT: Board Member Davis, and Student Member Mayes.

### **OPPORTUNITY FOR UNSCHEDULED ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

For the record, the Board received seventeen (18) requests to address the Board during Unscheduled Oral Communications. The individual’s name and a summary of topic are as follows:

For the record, speakers (13) Lizbeth Marquez, Alex Belamontez, Luis Munoz, Albert Rojas, Debbie Acosta, Manuel Bonilla, Marissa Rodriguez, Maria Pacheco, Eric Payne, Matt Gillian, Michael Dunlop, Laurin Hubbard, and Rom Orm raised common themes as follows:

Classified employees are essential workers vital to the district’s daily operations and are not disposable; they are valued professionals whose work deserves recognition and respect.

A recurring concern was the potential impact of cutting or reducing wages for the district’s lowest-paid employees. Commenters urged the Board to consider how such reductions would affect not only the workers themselves, but also the students and school communities that rely on their support.

Additionally, speakers raised questions and concerns regarding the wages of district administrators, noting this as a crucial factor in

budget priorities.

Debra Goodman requested the Board to place a hiring freeze on substitute teachers. Ms. Goodman provided the Board with a full copy of Ms. Goodman's comments. \*Appendix A.

Eimear O'Brien commented on running for County Superintendent of Schools and commended the district on its time commitment and progress monitoring.

Ash M. ceded time to Kristine McIntyre.

Kristina Holmes McIntyre requested the district stop treating student civic engagement as a risk to be managed and instead recognize it as a core educational outcome and urged the district to update its implementation of California Education Code 48205 to reflect that commitment.

Neaven Ward commented on the Board doubling their monthly stipend while the district is in a budget deficit. Referenced comments made by Trustees Thomas and Levine related to monthly stipends as well as comments by Superintendent Her related to student protests.

**OPPORTUNITY for Board Member Reflections on the Board Shared Agreements**

For the record there were no shared reflections.

**D. ADJOURNMENT**

Board Clerk Levine ADJOURNED the meeting at 6:37 p.m.