

Santa Ana Unified School District  
1601 East Chestnut Avenue  
Santa Ana, CA 92701

MINUTES

Special Board Meeting - Governance Workshop  
Santa Ana Board of Education

Tuesday, February 10, 2026

1. CALL TO ORDER

Board President Brazer Aceves called the meeting to order at 5:10 p.m.

Ms. Brazer Aceves announced that Ms. Lebsack was participating in the meeting via Zoom from a remote location pursuant to a "Just Cause" provision under Government Code 54953 and Board Bylaw 9320, in order to provide caregiving for a family member. Ms. Lebsack confirmed that no other individuals over the age of 18 were present in the room at her remote location.

Other Board Members in attendance in the Board Room were Mr. Bustos, Dr. Alvarez, and Ms. Magdaleno.

Executive Cabinet Member in attendance was Superintendent Dr. Perez.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Dr. Perez led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Ms. Brazer Aceves read the following statement: *"I want to recognize that our District and school campuses are located in the Village of Pasbenga. I want to acknowledge that this land we refer to as Orange County, is the unceded and traditional lands of the Gabrielino Tongva Nation, and the Juaneño Band of Mission Indians Acjachemen Nation. These lands were taken through a process of colonization, physical, and cultural genocide. I want to pay my respect to elders, both past and present, as well as the Tongva and Acjachemen Youth who have attended and are currently attending our schools, or in the neighboring districts."*

4. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

There was no one wishing to address the Board related to the agenda item.

5. PRESENTATION/DISCUSSION

5.1 Governance Workshop for Santa Ana Unified School District Board of Education

The Board participated in a governance workshop facilitated by Terilyn Finders, former Trustee and Chief Client Services Officer at F3 Law, and Sandy Lyon, former Superintendent and Next Level Client Services Consultant at F3 Law. The workshop focused on strengthening the governance team's collaboration, enhancing communication protocols, and clarifying roles and responsibilities. Following discussion, the Board reached consensus on several operational commitments intended to support effective governance practices. The Board also agreed to direct the facilitators to draft a governance handbook reflecting the discussions and commitments from the workshop for future Board review and consideration.

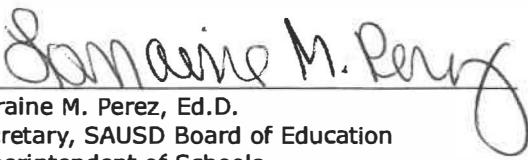
6. ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business to come before the Board, Ms. Brazer Aceves adjourned the meeting at 8:26 p.m.

7. FUTURE MEETING

The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Education will be held on Tuesday, February 24, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.

ATTEST:

  
Lorraine M. Perez, Ed.D.  
Secretary, SAUSD Board of Education  
Superintendent of Schools