



SANTA BARBARA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

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REGULAR MEETING
February 12, 2026 – 2:00 p.m.

MINUTES

The Santa Barbara County Board of Education held this meeting on Thursday, February 12, 2026 at the SBCEO North County Office, 402 Farnel Road, Santa Maria, CA

UNAPPROVED

GENERAL FUNCTIONS

1. Call to Order

The regular meeting of the County Board of Education was called to order at 2:00 p.m. by Board President Nadra Ehrman.

2. Spanish Interpretation/Interpretación

The president announced that Spanish interpretation of the board meeting was available online via Zoom.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

The board recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Roll Call

Board Members Present

Vedamarie Alvarez Flores
Katya Armistead
Marybeth Carty
Nadra Ehrman
Judith Frost

Board Members Absent

Sarah Anne Read
Guy Walker

Staff Members Present

Susan Salcido, superintendent
Austin Payne, legal counsel (via Zoom)
Anna Freedland, executive assistant

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| Ellen Barger | Marc Cunningham | Isabel Guerrero | Steve Torres |
| Bridget Baublits | Kirsten Escobedo | Don Lockwood | Brandon Weber |
| Gina Branum | Nicole Evenson | Elise Simmons | Rene Wheeler |

Others Present

Yleana Anda, District Attorney’s Office
Megan Riker-Rheinschild, District Attorney’s Office
Hugo Santos-Gomez, interpreter (via Zoom)
Regina Santos-Moreno, interpreter (via Zoom)

5. Changes to the Agenda

The president highlighted the correction that had been made to the posted agenda: the addition of agenda item number 22.

6. President and Board Comments

The president and board members commented on various topics, including:

- Board Member Carty shared that she attended the budget perspectives workshop about the governor’s January budget proposal and the Santa Barbara Reading Coalition’s “Reading Skills 101” workshop.
- Board President Ehrman shared that she visited Olive Crest Hope Refuge with Associate Superintendent Bridget Baublits and Amy Willis, director of Transitional Youth Services. She also wished everyone a happy Black History Month and shared that it was the 100th anniversary of it.

7. Public Comments

None.

PRESENTATION

8. Presentation on Human Trafficking in Santa Barbara County

Director of the Victim-Witness Assistance Program at the Santa Barbara District Attorney's Office, Megan Riker-Rheinschild, provided a presentation on human trafficking in Santa Barbara County.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

9. Superintendent's Report

The superintendent's report was presented as an information item. Dr. Salcido highlighted the following items in the written report:

- JCCS WASC accreditation
- Upcoming State of Education event
- SBCEO Employee Service Awards – The superintendent shared that Board President Ehrman would attend and comment on behalf of the board. She asked any other board members who would like to attend and comment to let her know.
- Introduction of SBCEO's new chief technology officer – Dr. Salcido introduced Brandon Weber, who briefly commented.

The superintendent also shared the following additional information:

- She recently met with the new superintendent of College School District, Ian Trejo
- Olive Grove Charter School (OGCS) – The superintendent provided an update on OGCS's appeal to the State Board of Education (SBE). She reported that the OGCS – Santa Barbara appeal was heard by a state advisory commission that decided the appeal should go forward to the SBE and recommended the SBE approve it for 5 years. Dr. Salcido reported the SBE and the California Department of Education (CDE) were reviewing the appeal and would decide if it should be approved and if so, who should be the authorizer. She said she would meet with CDE staff soon and would share her thoughts on who might be the appropriate authorizer. The superintendent stated the SBE would make its decision on March 11 or 12.
- Immigration resources posted on the SBCEO website
- Staff visit to the property/building recently acquired by SBCEO – Dr. Salcido reported that some staff members visited the Airpark Drive, Santa Maria building, just prior to the board meeting, to refine the plan and design of the building for SBCEO's use.
- SBCSBA Annual Dinner – The superintendent reminded the board that she emailed them a save-the-date message for the Santa Barbara County School Boards Association (SBCSBA) Annual Dinner on April 16. She shared that prior to the dinner would be an optional tour of the new Chumash Museum in Santa Ynez, but it would be limited to about 30

people. She asked the board members to let her know if they would like to attend.

CONSENT AGENDA

The board approved all consent agenda items:

10. Minutes of Meeting Held December 12, 2025

11. Registration of Credentials and Other Certification Documents: Issuance of Temporary County Certificates

Registration of credentials and other certification documents registered in the Santa Barbara County Education Office from November 7, 2025 to January 6, 2026, and the issuance of temporary county certificates for that same time period.

12. 2026-27 Central Office Calendar

13. Acceptance of Donations

Acceptance of donations for the following department:

- Teacher Programs and Support

14. Declaration of Surplus

Declaration of surplus for the following departments:

- Communications
- Early Care and Education
- Maintenance and Operations
- Teacher Induction Program

15. Issuance of High School Graduation Diploma

Issuance of a high school graduation diploma to the following students:

Dos Puertas School

- Student CSIS # 6606294952 – December 12, 2025
- Student CSIS # 9553469938 – December 19, 2025

Motion to approve all consent items:

MOVED: Mrs. Carty

SECONDED: Dr. Armistead

VOTE: Passed 5-0

ACTION ITEM

16. Reimburse Expenses for Board Members to Attend the State of Education

The board approved the reimbursement of actual and necessary expenses, in accordance with Board Policy 9250, for board members to attend the State of Education event, February 24, 2026, 4:00–6:30 p.m., cost: \$50 for Chamber members and educators, \$65 for non-members, hosted by the Santa Maria Valley Chamber of Commerce.

MOVED: **Mrs. Frost**

SECONDED: **Mrs. Carty**

VOTE: **Passed 5-0**

INFORMATION ITEMS

17. 2025-26 Local Control and Accountability Plan Mid-Year Monitoring Report

The 2025-26 Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) Mid-Year Monitoring Report was presented to the board as an information item. Director of Student and Community Services Elise Simmons provided a presentation on the report.

18. 2024-25 School Accountability Report Cards – Juvenile Court and Community Schools, and Special Education

The 2024-25 School Accountability Report Cards for Juvenile Court and Community Schools, and Special Education were presented to the board for review/information.

19. Overview of Federal Funding for Small and Rural School Districts

An overview of federal funding for small and rural school districts was provided as an information item.

20. Personnel Report

The certificated and classified personnel reports were presented as an information item.

21. Williams Uniform Complaints Quarterly Report

The Williams Uniform Complaints Quarterly Report indicating no complaints filed for the period of September 16, 2025 through December 15, 2025, for Juvenile Court and Community Schools, and Special Education, was presented to the board as an information item.

DISCUSSION ITEM

22. Board Retreat

Board Organization and Governance Committee Chair Veda Alvarez Flores reported on the committee's recent meeting to plan a board retreat. She shared some ideas for topics at the retreat, such as have the board get to know each other, review handbooks, and consider attending a future conference together. Board Member Frost suggested SBCEO's budget be considered as a topic. Board Member Armistead suggested the committee provide the board with categories to help them respond with ideas for topics. Mrs. Alvarez Flores requested board members submit any topics for the board retreat to the superintendent or board president.

Committee Chair Alvarez Flores reported that the superintendent was looking into a facilitator for the board retreat. Dr. Salcido shared that the goal was to find a facilitator who had knowledge of county offices of education and county boards of education.

Mrs. Alvarez Flores shared that the location of the board retreat would be mid-county and that Board Member Walker was looking into venues.

Committee Chair Alvarez Flores shared two possible dates for the retreat, both of which were regularly scheduled board meeting dates: June 18 or July 9. She stated that the time of the retreat might be roughly 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., then the regular board meeting would begin at its regular time of 2 p.m. Board Member Armistead said she could not attend on June 18 but could attend on July 9.

Lastly, Mrs. Alvarez Flores shared that the committee would continue to plan the board retreat and bring the item back to the full board.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

23. Future agenda items

The president mentioned the following future agenda item that was listed on the agenda:

- AB 1390 – Board member compensation

ADJOURNMENT

24. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:33 p.m. to the next regular meeting to be held March 12, 2026 in Santa Barbara.

MOVED: Mrs. Alvarez Flores SECONDED: Dr. Armistead VOTE: Passed 5-0

Nadra Ehrman, President
County Board of Education

Dr. Susan Salcido, Secretary
County Board of Education