

**APPROVED MINUTES**  
**FENTON CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

**January 22, 2026**

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Fenton Charter Public Schools was held on Thursday, January 22, 2026, at 4:30 p.m. in the FCPS Business Office Boardroom and via Zoom (<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87479668758>).

**I. PRELIMINARY**

**A. Call to Order** – Chairperson of the Board - Joe Lucente

The Board of Directors meeting was called to order at 4:45 p.m. by the Board Chair, Joe Lucente.

**B. Roll Call** – Secretary of the Board - Irene Sumida

**Board Members Present**

Yvette King-Berg, *Community Representative*

Joe Lucente, *Community Representative*

Erin Studer, *Community Representative*

Carrie Wagner, *Community Representative*

Jed Wallace, *Community Representative*

*Via Zoom: 3817 Halcon Place, Davis, CA 95618*

Caprice Young, *Community Representative*

*Via Zoom: 1 Surf Way, #108, Monterey, CA 93940*

**Board Members Not Present**

Daniel Laughlin, *Parent Representative*

**C. Flag Salute** - Chair Lucente

Chair Lucente led the Board and the public in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**D. Approval of the Agenda** - Chair Lucente

On **MOTION** of Erin Studer, **SECONDED** by Erin Yvette King-Berg, and **CARRIED** by a vote of 6 (YES) and 0 (NO), the Agenda (Item I.D.) was approved as presented.

Aye: (6) Yvette King-Berg, Joe Lucente, Erin Studer, Carrie Wagner, Jed Wallace, Caprice Young

Nay: (0)

Abstentions: (0)

**E. Approval of Minutes of Previous Regular Meeting and Special Meeting**  
- Chair Lucente

1. Minutes of the December 11, 2025 Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

On **MOTION** of Carrie Wagner, **SECONDED** by Jed Wallace, and **CARRIED** by a vote of 6 (YES) and 0 (NO), the minutes of the December 11, 2025 Regular Meeting (Item I.E.1.) were approved as presented.

Aye: (6) Yvette King-Berg, Joe Lucente, Erin Studer, Carrie Wagner, Jed Wallace, Caprice Young  
Nay: (0)  
Abstentions: (0)

2. Minutes of the January 16, 2026 Special Meeting of the Board of Directors

On **MOTION** of Carrie Wagner, **SECONDED** by Jed Wallace, and **CARRIED** by a vote of 6 (YES) and 0 (NO), the minutes of the January 16, 2026 Special Meeting (Item I.E.2.) were approved as presented.

Aye: (6) Yvette King-Berg, Joe Lucente, Erin Studer, Carrie Wagner, Jed Wallace, Caprice Young  
Nay: (0)  
Abstentions: (0)

**II. COMMUNICATIONS**

**A. Presentations from the Public - Chair Lucente**

*There were no presentations from the public.*

**B. Committee/Council Reports**

Minutes of all meetings held by any committee and/or council were sent to the Board Members prior to this meeting.

*There were no further reports by committees/councils.*

**C. Financial Business Manager’s Report**

Erik Okazaki, Financial Business Manager of the FCPS, presented the results of the 2024-2025 independent audit and updates to the 2025-2026 approved budget. The following was presented:

**2025-2026 Forecast Update**

*Ending fund balances remain strong as an organization (operating income by site):*

FACS - \$1,834,303

FPC - \$526,430

SMBCCS - \$1,513,331

STEM - \$148,150

FCLA - \$153,899

***2025-2026 enrollment and ADA%:***

Total enrollment and average daily attendance decreased as of Month 4:

FACS - 98.5%

FPC - 99.3%

SMBCCS - 99.1%

STEM - 98.0%

FCLA - 98.4%

***2025-2026 ADA update:***

Projected P-2 ADA adjusted based on enrollment and attendance trends through P-2

***2025-2026 revenue changes since previous forecast:***

LCFF impacted by reduced ADA projections and lower UPP/FRL counts

***2025-2026 expense changes since previous forecast:***

Vacant positions were filled, increased special education costs at FPC and FCLA, and facility projects completed

***2025-2026 cash balance forecast:***

- FACS, SMBCCS and FCPS are expected to exceed 4-month cash on hand goal
- Of the obligated group, only FPC is expected to exceed the 4-month cash on hand goal

***Bond Covenants:***

- Liquidity - Minimum of 45 days of cash on hand required; current forecast for obligated group is 124 days (87 days with only (STEM and FCLA)
- Debt Service - 1.10 debt service coverage ratio required; current forecast for obligated group is 2.09 (1.89 with only STEM and FCLA)

**State Budget Update**

***Governor's January Budget proposal for 2026-2027:***

- 2.41% COLA
  - 0.6 percentage points less than June estimate
  - Affects LCFF, Sp. Ed., MBG, SB 740, Nutrition
  - FY26 COLA was 2.3%
- Improved funding
  - Student Support and Professional Development Discretionary Block Grant - additional ~\$512/FY25 ADA
  - Learning Recovery Emergency Block Grant - additional ~\$229/FY22 UP ADA

- Expanded Learning Opportunities Program - Tier 2 increase to \$1,800/PY TK-6 UP ADA
- Special Education - \$509M to ‘equalize Base Rates’
- Continued funding
  - Community Schools - \$1B
  - Universal Meals - continues to be fully funded
  - Additional funds for Kitchen Infrastructure, College/Career Pathways, Reading Screenings

**Additional Information**

***Special Education expenses far exceed revenues:***

- Increased contracted Sp. Ed. costs at FPC and FCLA based on current spending trends

***Facility Lease Budget:***

- Lease expenses have a significant impact on operating income:
  - FPC - <\$748,576>
  - STEM - <\$542,209>
  - FCLA - <\$532,622>
  - TOTAL - <\$1,823,407>

**D. Site Directors’ Reports**

*Site Directors’ Reports were distributed to Board members 72 hours prior to the regular meeting. All Board members were asked to submit any questions or requests for clarification to Board Chair Lucente prior to the beginning of the meeting. There were no questions and Directors’ reports were received as published.*

*Board Chair Lucente called Director Walter Gomez to present his report to the Board.*

- 1. Fenton Avenue Charter School (FACS)** – Ms. Monica Castañeda’s report was received as published.
- 2. Santa Monica Boulevard Community Charter School (SMBCCS)** – Mr. Walter Gomez reported.
- 3. Fenton Primary Center (FPC)** – Mrs. Sirui Thomassian’s report was received as published.
- 4. Fenton STEM Academy (STEM)** – Dr. Beth Henschel’s report was received as published.
- 5. Fenton Charter Leadership Academy (FCLA)** – Dr. Beth Henschel’s report was received as published.

**E. FCPS Directors’ Reports**

*FCPS Directors' Reports were distributed to Board members 72 hours prior to the regular meeting. All Board members were asked to submit any questions or requests for clarification to Board Chair Lucente prior to the beginning of the meeting. There were no questions and Directors' reports were received as published.*

*Board Chair Lucente called Director Richard Parra to present his report to the Board.*

1. **Director of Instruction's Report** - Mrs. Jennifer Miller's report was received as published.
2. **Director of Special Education's Report** – Mrs. Kristine Khachian's report was received as published.
3. **Director of Community Schools' Report** – Mr. Richard Parra reported.

**F. FCPS Officers' Reports**

1. **Chief Operating Officer's Report** – Mr. Jason Gonzalez reported.
2. **Chief Executive Officer's Report** – Dr. David Riddick reported.

**III. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

- A. Recommendation to receive and file 2024-2025 School Accountability Report Cards (SARCs) for Fenton Avenue Charter School, Fenton Primary Center, Santa Monica Boulevard Community Charter School, Fenton STEM Academy and Fenton Charter Leadership Academy**

On **MOTION** of Carrie Wagner, **SECONDED** by Yvette King-Berg, and **CARRIED** by a vote of 6 (YES) and 0 (NO), the recommendation to approve the Consent Agenda (Item III.A.) was approved as presented.

Aye: (6) Yvette King-Berg, Joe Lucente, Erin Studer, Carrie Wagner, Jed Wallace, Caprice Young  
Nay: (0)  
Abstentions: (0)

**IV. ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR ACTION**

- A. Recommendation to approve expenditures for items above the spending authority of the Chief Executive Officer**

On **MOTION** of Erin Studer, **SECONDED** by Caprice Young, and **CARRIED** by a vote of 6 (YES) and 0 (NO), the recommendation to approve expenditures for items above the spending authority of the Chief Executive Officer (Item IV.A.) was approved as presented.

Aye: (6) Yvette King-Berg, Joe Lucente, Erin Studer, Carrie Wagner, Jed Wallace, Caprice Young  
Nay: (0)  
Abstentions: (0)

*Specific items approved:*

**Sylvan Learning Center (\$41,160) (STEM)** - Fenton STEM Academy has paid \$36,960 for ELO-P tutoring to Sylvan Learning Center. This additional quote is for \$41,160 for a yearly total of \$78,120.

**Sylvan Learning Center (\$41,160) (FCLA)** - Fenton Charter Leadership Academy has paid \$36,960 for ELO-P tutoring to Sylvan Learning Center. This additional quote is for \$41,160 for a yearly total of \$78,120.

**V. ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR INFORMATION**

- A. Form 700 Filers**
- B. Update on FCPS OPEB Trust and Investment Portfolio**
- C. Mid-Year LCAP Report**

*These were information items only and no action was taken.*

**VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The next regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Fenton Charter Public Schools will be held on Thursday, March 12, 2026 at 4:30 p.m. in the FCPS Business Office Boardroom and via Zoom.

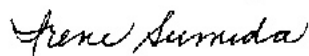
**VII. FUTURE MEETINGS**

March 12, 2026  
April 16, 2026  
May 14, 2026  
June 11, 2026

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:



Irene Sumida  
Secretary of the Board