# AGENDA
# MERCED COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
# March 16, 2026

## REGULAR BOARD MEETING

**Merced County Office of Education - 632 West 13th Street, Merced CA 95341 – Board Room**
**The meeting begins at 3:00 p.m.**

*[These proceedings may be recorded.]*

**I. Open**

A. Call to Order at _____ PM by Chairperson _____

B. Roll Call:

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| Geneva Brett, Chairperson | _____ |
| Ryan Heller, Vice Chairperson | _____ |
| Rodrigo Espinosa, Member | _____ |
| Dennis Hanks, Member | _____ |
| Frank Fagundes, Member | _____ |

C. Others Present: _____

**II. Flag Salute** - Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

**III. Presentation**

A. Presentation of Plaques to MCOE Outstanding Classified, Certificated, and Management Employees for the Quarter ending March 2026

1. Classified Employee: Troy Perez, Business Services Department
2. Classified Employee: Vanessa Guerrero-Sandoval, Special Education Department
3. Certificated Employee: Carlos Rodriguez, Special Education Department
4. Management Employee: Caleb Hampton, Special Education Department

**IV. Consent Agenda:** Items listed under Consent Agenda are considered to be routine administrative functions and will be acted on by the Board in one motion and one vote. Any items under the Consent Agenda may be discussed; however, if the item needs further clarification and discussion, it may be removed from the Consent Agenda at the request of the Board or the Superintendent and considered separately. Information concerning the Consent Agenda items will be provided to each Board Member for study before the meeting. It is understood that the Superintendent recommends approval of all consent items unless otherwise noted. *(Board Bylaw 9322)*

A. Minutes of Regular Meeting on February 17, 2026

B. Resolution No. 2026-03 Recognizing April 11-17, 2026, as the Week of the Young Child

Motioned by _____ Seconded by _____ Vote _____

**V. Written Communications**

A. Correspondence Received By Chairperson

B. Correspondence Received By Board Members

C. Correspondence Received By Superintendent

## VI. Call for Public Comments on Agenda & Non-Agenda Items

During this portion of the agenda, the public is invited to address the Board on any item of interest that is within the Board's jurisdiction *(Education Code 35145.5; Government Code 54954.3)*. The Board shall conduct no discussion, deliberation, or action on any item not appearing on the posted agenda, except as authorized by law raised (*Education Code 35145.5, Government Code 54954.2)*. Members of the public are limited to five minutes on each topic or agenda item and public participation cannot exceed 20 minutes total for each topic or agenda item *(Government Code 54954.3; Board Bylaw 9322 & 9323)*.

## VII. Superintendent's and Board Members' Report (Information/Discussion Only)

A. Board Member's Report *(if any)* — Board Members

B. Superintendent's Report *(if any)* — Steve Tietjen

## VIII. Business Items for Action

A. Come Back Charter School Renewal Petition — Laura Andrews & Sherre Vernon
*Assistant Superintendent & Coordinator - Educational Services.*

The Board of Education will consider and take action to approve or deny the Charter renewal petition of the Come Back Charter School

1. MCOE Charter School Petition Review Team Recommendation Report of the Come Back Charter School
2. Open Public Hearing
3. Close Public Hearing
4. **Approve Resolution No. 2026-04** Approving the Charter Petition filed for the Come Back Charter School by the Governing Board of the Merced County Office of Education.

Motioned by _____ Seconded by _____ Vote _____

B. Central Valley Education Coalition — Steve Tietjen
*County Superintendent*

It is recommended that the Board of Education authorize Board Members' attendance at the Central Valley Education Coalition Legislative Luncheon on April 9, 2026, at the Madera County Superintendent of Schools Conference Center.

Motioned by _____ Seconded by _____ Vote _____

C. 2025-2026 Second Interim Report (Refer to Booklet) — Martin Fregoso
*Deputy Superintendent -Business Services.*

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the Second Interim Report and the Criteria and Standards Review – Second Interim Budget

1. Approve and Authorize the Superintendent to Sign the Notice of Review
2. Approve Notice of Criteria and Standards Review – Second Interim Report

Motioned by _____ Seconded by _____ Vote _____

## IX. Call for Public Comments: Identified Closed Session Agenda Items

During this portion of the agenda, the public is invited to address the Board on identified closed session items before adjournment into Closed Session.

*The Board will proceed into **Closed** Session.*

**X.** **Closed session** Pursuant to Education Code 35146 to Hear Appeal of Denial of Interdistrict Attendance Request - **Appeal # 2026-04**

**XI.** **Closed session** to Deliberate Interdistrict Attendance **Appeal #2026-04**

*The Board will proceed to an **Open** Session*

**XII.** **Open session** Report Action of Interdistrict Attendance **Appeal #2026-04**

Moved by_____ Seconded by_____ Roll Call Vote:

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| Brett | _____ |
| Heller | _____ |
| Espinosa | _____ |
| Hanks | _____ |
| Fagundes | _____ |

**XIII.** **Adjournment: _____ PM**

Motioned by _____ Seconded by _____ Vote _____

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