

CHUALAR UNION ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT

DISTRICT BOARD ROOM #29

24285 LINCOLN ST., CALIFORNIA 93925

MINUTES

Regular Board Meeting

7:00 PM

(Closed Session 6 - 7 pm)

March 11, 2026

The Board will meet in person at Chualar School.

All comments received by this time will be submitted into the record by the Board President or presiding officer. Please include your name and agenda item that you wish to comment on in the subject line of your email. If you wish to submit a public comment on more than one agenda item, please send a separate email for each item on which you are commenting. Please be aware that all written public comments, including your name and email address, may become public information. Send your comments to:

mcontreras@chualarUSD.org no later than March 10, 2026, at 4:00 p.m.

Public comments may be made during the public comment portion of the meeting. There will be a 2-minute limit for individuals. There is no ceding of one's time to other individuals. Efforts will be made by staff to read the comments received into the record, but it cannot be guaranteed that written comments received by email will be read, nor that there will be enough time to read all the comments.

1. Opening Business

1.1 Call to Order Time 6:03 p.m.

1.2 Pledge of Allegiance

1.3 Roll Call

Martha Gallegos, Board President	Trustee Area #3 <u>Present</u>
Esperanza Rangel, Board Clerk	Trustee Area #3 <u>Present</u>
Itzel Sanchez, Board Member	Trustee Area #2 <u>Present</u>
Domingo Rangel, Board Member	Trustee Area #3 <u>Late</u> (came in during closed session)
Andrea Azucena Brambila Flores	Trustee Area #1 <u>Present</u>

1.4 Adoption of Agenda

Changes, additions (based on Provision of Emergency/Urgency), and approval of the Agenda as presented. 2/3 vote required if any item is added to the Agenda.

1.4.1 Changes to the Agenda

1.4.2 Additions to the Agenda

1.4.3 Adoption of the Agenda

RECOMMENDATION/ACTION:

“That the Chualar Board of Trustees adopts the agenda as presented.

Adoption of Agenda. A motion was made by Trustee E. Rangel, seconded by Trustee I. Sanchez, to adopt the agenda as presented. The motion passed by a 4-0-1 vote. All in favor.

2. Identify Closed Session Topics of Discussion

Public Comment Period for Closed Session Items: General public comment on any closed session item that will be heard. Members of the public are welcome to participate as permitted by law. Persons wishing to be heard by the Board shall complete the available form and submit it to the Board Secretary prior to the meeting. The time of presentation is limited to two (2) minutes.

2.1 Personnel

2.1.1 Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release/Complaint/Employment/

3. Adjourn to Closed Session

Time: 6:07 p.m.

The Board of Trustees will meet in Closed Session to consider matters appropriate for Closed Session in accordance with Government Code Section 3549.1, 54956.7 through 54957.7, and Education Code Section 35146.

RECOMMENDATION/ACTION:

“That the Chualar Board of Trustees Adjourns to Closed Session.”

A motion was made by Trustee E. Rangel, seconded by Trustee I. Sanchez. The motion passed by a 4-0-1 vote. All in favor.

4. Reconvene to Open Session

Time: 7:05 p.m.

RECOMMENDATION/ACTION:

“That the Chualar Board of Trustees Reconvenes to Open Session.”

A motion was made by Trustee E. Rangel, seconded by Trustee I. Sanchez. The motion passed by a 5-0-0 vote. All in favor. (Mr. D. Rangel came in during closed session)

5. Report out of Closed Session:

Nothing to report

6. Presentations

A. Student Trustees

The Student Board of Trustees addressed the board, sharing concerns from students about their privacy in relation to the new cameras installed across the school campus. Natalia Ruelas, a 4th-grade student, also presented her project on the Mission in Oceanside, San Luis Rey de España, which was founded in 1798. The board president thanked both students for their presentations.

B. Measure J Projects Update – McFadden/Peartree

Mr. Mcfadden, commented on the new cameras and the student’s concerns about their privacy. He mentioned it was against the law to be videotaping the students. They were there in case of an emergency.

C. Chualar Parent Teacher Club Presentation, by CPTC Members

Mrs. Covarrubias, mentioned that the PTC had other activities planned, like Easter celebration, Cinco de Mayo, and Mother’s Day Celebration.

D. Library Organization, Josie Covarrubias

E. CABE Presentation

Mrs. Perez, shared with the board that the full Bilingual Team attended the California Association for Bilingual Education four-day Conference. They had opportunities to network. One of the highlights was the cultural enriching opportunities.

7. Oral Comments from the Public

A. Guidelines

Public comments may be made during the public comment portion of the meeting. There will be a 2-minute limit for individuals. There is no ceding of one's time to other individuals. Efforts will be made by staff to read the comments received into the record, but it cannot be guaranteed that written comments received by email will be read, nor that there will be enough time to read all the comments.

Esmeralda Valencia greeted the Board and acknowledged that it has approved the termination of her position as a technology technician. She expressed her understanding that the Board must sometimes make difficult decisions to manage the school’s budget. Respectfully, she asked whether the Board and parents had been fully informed about the many responsibilities and support her position entails, and how its elimination may affect the school.

8. Consent Agenda

Action Items included on the Consent Agenda are to be approved by one motion unless a Board Member requests separate action on a specified item. There is no discussion of these items prior to the vote unless a member of the Board, staff or public requests in writing prior to the meeting specific items to be discussed. It is understood that the administrator recommends approval on all Consent Items. Each item on the Consent Agenda approved by the Board of Trustees shall be deemed to have been considered in full and adopted as recommended.

8.1 Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of February 18th, 2026.

8.2 Approval of Bill of Registers pg. 8-19

RECOMMENDATION/ACTION:

“That the Chualar Board of Trustees approves the Consent Agenda as presented.”

A motion was made by Trustee E. Rangel, seconded by Trustee I. Sanchez. The motion passed by a 5-0-0 vote. All in favor.

9. Resolution #11/2025-2026 Ordering an Election On November 3rd, 2026, Requesting the County Elections Department to Conduct the Elections, and Requesting Consolidation of the Election

RECOMMENDATION/ACTION: pg. 20-21

“That the Chualar Board of Trustees approve the Resolution #11/2025-2026 Ordering an Election on November 3rd, 2026, Requesting the County Elections Department to Conduct the Elections, and Requesting Consolidation of the Election.”

A motion was made by Trustee E. Rangel, seconded by Trustee I. Sanchez. The motion passed by a 5-0-0 vote. All in favor.

10. The California Department of Education and Division of the State Architect approved project number 65995-6, Construction of one restroom Building "Q", alterations to one synthetic turf field and track.

INFORMATION: Mrs. Yen Le explained that for the track and field project, Peartree submitted the plans to the Division of the State Architect (DSA), which approved them. The plans were then submitted to the California Department of Education (CDE), since approval from both DSA and CDE is required to receive State Matching Funds. On February 17, 2026, the CDE issued a letter approving the modernization of the soccer field, including the construction of a new restroom and the replacement of the track and field. She added that the request for funding assistance must be submitted to the State Allocation Board (SAB) within two years from the date of that letter.

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11. Design-Bid-Build (Hard Bid) vs. Lease - leaseback delivery method. Project number 65995-6, Construction of one restroom Building "Q", alterations to one synthetic turf field and track.

Option #1: Design-Bid-Build (Hard Bid) pg. 26-34

Option #2: Lease – leaseback

RECOMMENDATION/ACTION:

“That the Chualar Board of Trustees approve the Option _____ delivery method.

Project number 65995-6, Construction of one restroom Building "Q", alterations to one synthetic turf field and track.”

Tabled for next board meeting

12. Approval of the Revised ELO-Plan pg. 35-65

RECOMMENDATION/ACTION:

“That the Chualar Board of Trustees approve the Revised ELO-Plan.”

A motion was made by Trustee E. Rangel, seconded by Trustee I. Sanchez. The motion passed by a 5-0-0 vote. All in favor.

13. Approval of the 2025-2026 Home to School Transportation Plan

RECOMMENDATION/ACTION: pg. 66-77

“That the Chualar Board of Trustees approve the 2025-2026 Home to School Transportation Plan.”

A motion was made by Trustee E. Rangel, seconded by Trustee I. Sanchez. The motion passed by a 5-0-0 vote. All in favor.

14. Approval of the 2025-2026 Second Interim Report

RECOMMENDATION/ACTION: pg. 78-95
"That the Chualar Board of Trustees approve the 2025-2026 Second Interim Report."

A motion was made by Trustee E. Rangel, seconded by Trustee I. Sanchez. The motion passed by a 5-0-0 vote. All in favor.

15. Approval of an independent contractor agreement, Beatris Huerta, provides psychoeducational assessments.

RECOMMENDATION/ACTION: pg. 96-97
"That the Chualar Board of Trustees approve the independent contractor agreement, Beatris Huerta, to provide psychoeducational assessments."

A motion was made by Trustee E. Rangel, seconded by Trustee I. Sanchez. The motion passed by a 5-0-0 vote. All in favor.

16. It is recommended that the Board ratify the Tentative Agreement between Chualar Union School District and California School Employees Association for the 2025-2026 School Year.

RECOMMENDATION/ACTION: pg. 98-114
"That the Chualar Board of Trustees ratify the Tentative Agreement between Chualar Union School District and California School Employees Association for the 2025-2026 School Year."

A motion was made by Trustee E. Rangel, seconded by Trustee I. Sanchez. The motion passed by a 5-0-0 vote. All in favor.

17. Board approval of the AB 1200 disclosure report, a 2% ongoing increase to the California School Employees Association Salary Schedule 2025-2026.

RECOMMENDATION/ACTION: pg. 115-116
"That the Chualar Board of Trustees approve the AB 1200 disclosure report, a 2% ongoing increase to the California School Employees Association Salary Schedule 2025-2026 ."

A motion was made by Trustee E. Rangel, seconded by Trustee I. Sanchez. The motion passed by a 5-0-0 vote. All in favor.

18. PERSONNEL REPORT

18.1 Coach Job Description

RECOMMENDATION/ACTION:
"That the Chualar Board of Trustees approve the Coach Job Description ."

A motion was made by Trustee E. Rangel, seconded by Trustee I. Sanchez. The motion passed by a 5-0-0 vote. All in favor.

19. Superintendent's and/or Board Correspondence

1. Lifetouch

Unfortunately, the owners of Lifetouch have been associated with the Epstein controversy, which has raised concerns among school communities. As a result, many school districts are choosing to distance themselves from the organization. Although the company maintains that it does not share student photos with any outside parties, the perception alone remains a concern. I will be sending a letter to both parents and the company to inform them that we will be discontinuing these services.

2. Read Across America Update

All students had the opportunity to hear a story from our visitors, CHP Commander Chavez and his dispatcher, who joined him throughout the morning to read to each class. Mr. Pulido thanked Ms. Gallegos for her support.

-The community clean-up will take place tomorrow morning, rather than in the afternoon, due to the heat later in the day. All students will be provided with bottled water, and ice cream will be served after the clean-up.

-We have received the test results for the library, which show no air quality issues. The space will be cleaned, and the library will reopen to students next Monday.

-We received communication from the MCOE regarding the Iran conflict. There are some concerns because we are the closest to the conflict, then the rest of the United States. They are reporting that at this time state officials have indicated there is no creditable threat to California.

-Ms. Gallegos informed the Board that she received a draft recruitment brochure from Ms. Butler of the Monterey County Office of Education (MCOE), as well as the results of the community and staff survey. She also emailed Commander Rosas from the Sheriff's Department to invite him to participate in the school carnival. Additionally, she spoke with a CHP officer, who has reserved the date to attend and participate in the event.

20. Advance Planning

20.1 Next Regular Board Meeting, April 22nd, 2026

20.2 Agenda Items for the next Board Meeting (Board Members Only)

-Measure J update

-Update on the Lease - leaseback delivery method

-School Bond Oversight Committee

21. Adjournment

Time 10:50 p.m.

There being no further business, this meeting is adjourned.