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ALUM ROCK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT
2930 Gay Avenue
San Jose, CA 95127

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
of the Alum Rock Union School District
Held on Thursday, March 26, 2026, 5:30 p.m. at the Alum Rock Union School
Board Members and Superintendent participated at 2930 Gay Avenue San Jose, CA 95127
Meeting #24-25/26

1. OPEN SESSION

1.01 Call to Order/Roll Call/Pledge of Allegiance

President Linda Chavez welcomed everyone in the audience. President Linda Chavez called the Board Meeting to order at 5:30 pm, followed by Roll Call. Board Members present were Linda Chavez (President), Andrés Quintero (Vice-President), Minh Pham (Clerk), Corina Herrera-Loera (Member), and Minh Nguyen (Member)

Administrative and Support Staff Members present were Sandra Garcia (Interim Superintendent), Daniel Burns, (Interim Superintendent, Instructional Services), Teresa DeCelles (Assistant Superintendent, Business Services), Cesar Torrico (Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources), Maribel Carrillo (Sr. Executive Assistant, Superintendent's Office)

Call to order/Roll Call/Pledge of Allegiance: Linda Chavez (President) stated there was a quorum.

President Linda Chavez said items 5.1, 7.9, 7.1, and 7.6 would be moved up on the agenda.

5. Special Presentation/Recognition

5.1 Copita Tournament 2026 – Recognition

Emily McChristain, POSA, VAPA, PE & Sports Program, asked that Principals Victor Guendulain from Adelante I, Jose Cortez from Adelante II, and Assistant Principal Adam Stickles from Ocala present the awards.

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7. **Superintendent/Board Business**

7.9 Direction to Negotiate Partnership Agreement with Eastridge Little League for Use of Fischer Middle School Fields.

MOTION #01-24 by Vice President Andrés Quintero to approve Action Item 7.9 to direct negotiations for a partnership agreement with Eastridge Little League for the use of the Fischer Middle School Fields, with the amendment that the district forward the terms being based on what the Little League currently already has so we can make sure that all Little Leagues here have the same treatment. If there needs to be slight adjustments, the administration will make them. MOTION #01-24 was seconded by Clerk Minh Pham.

Public Comments:
Ramón Cabera, John Jackson, Juanita Villas, Peter Ortiz, Yael Juárez, Office of Supervisor Betty Duong, Manuel Ortega, Angela Purnica, David Williams, and Christyne Villarreal.

AMENDED MOTION #02-24 by Vice President Andrés Quintero to approve Action Item 7.1, and the Board of Trustees directs the Superintendent or designee to enter into negotiations with Eastridge Little League for the development of a long-term Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) that would allow Eastridge Little League to designate Fischer Middle School as its home field and utilize District athletic facilities. The Board further directs the Superintendent or designee to return to the Board within 30 days with a proposed MOU outlining the terms and conditions of the partnership for the Board's review and consideration. League to start negotiations as a starting point. Additionally, Councilmember Ortiz and Supervisor Duong will be at the table when the district starts the conversations. MOTION #02-24 was seconded by Clerk Minh Pham.

MOTION #02-24 carried* with a *vote of 5 in favor; no opposition; no absent; and no abstention.

7.1 Report and Recommendation of the Mapping Committee; Consideration and Approval of Resolution #67-2025/2026 Re: Intent to Initiate a Change of District's Election System from At-Large Trustee Elections to By Trustee Elections in Single Member Trustee Areas and Directing Superintendent to Retain Appropriate Consultants, Including Demographer and Community Outreach Consultants to Support the Board of Trustees In This Process.

MOTION #03-24 by Vice President Andrés Quintero to approve with the dates that have been proposed April 2, April 14 Public Hearing, April 18, April 21, April 30 Public Hearing, and May 11. Public Hearing, May 20th, Public Hearing and June 8th Map reviewed. MOTION #03-24 was seconded by Clerk Minh Pham.

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7. **Superintendent/Board Business** *(continued)*

Public Comments:
Sandra Rivera, Maria Martinez, David Williams, Veronica Amador, Christyne Villarreal, Olivia Navarro, Victor Vasquez and Cynthia Hernandez.

AMENDED MOTION #04-24 by Vice President Andrés Quintero to approve as it stands with the dates that are mentioned. MOTION #04-24 was seconded by Clerk Minh Pham.

MOTION #04-24 carried* with a *vote of 3 in favor; two opposition (Member Corina Herrera-Loera and Member Minh Nguyen); no absent; and no abstention.

7.6 Fiscal Crisis and Management Assistance Team FCMAT Extraordinary Audit Findings

Dr. David Toston, Superintendent of Santa Clara County Office of Education, gave an Overview of the FCMAT Audit Findings.

Public Comment:
Maestra Diaz, Natalie Abal, David Williams, Veronica Amador, and Chrystine Villarreal.

1. **OPEN SESSION** *(continued)*

1.6 Discussion And/Or Modification(s) of the Agenda

MOTION #05-24 by Member Corina Herrera-Loera to adopt the agenda. MOTION #05-24 was seconded by Vice President Andrés Quintero.

MOTION #05-24 carried* with a *vote of 5 in favor; no opposition; no absent; and no abstention.

2. **Public Members Who Wish To Address The Board**

2.01 Requests to Address the Board

Public Comment:
Jesus Guerrera, Kelley Martinez, Robert Hernandez, David Williams, Veronica Amador, and Candace Douglas.

3. **Closed Session**

3. 1 Recess to Closed Session

The Board recessed to closed session.

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4. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

4.1 Report of Action Taken in Closed Session.

President Linda Chavez said there was a quorum.

President Linda Chavez said there were no items to report out.

7. Superintendent/Board Business

7.8 Approve the Public Bid Waiver Application to the Waiver Office of the State Board of Education.

MOTION #06-24 by Member Corina Herrera-Loera to approve Action Item 7.8 as presented. MOTION #06-24 was seconded by Vice President Andrés Quintero.

MOTION #06-24 carried* with a *vote of 5 in favor; no opposition; no absent; and no abstention.

6. Comments and Communications

6.1 Teamsters, 6.2 California School Employees' Association (CSEA), 6.3 Alum Rock Educators' Association (AREA), 6.4 Alum Rock Administrators' Association (ARAA),6.5 Interim Superintendent, and 6.6 Board of Trustees.

7. Superintendent/Board Business

7.2 Designation of Independent Auditing Firm and Approve Contract for Services and Approve Establishment of Audit Committee.

MOTION #07-24 by Vice President Andrés Quintero to approve Action Item 7.2 and designate Harvey M. Rose Associates, LLC as the Board's Independent Auditing Firm effective immediately; and direct staff to take all necessary steps to engage and onboard the firm without delay; and establish and aduti committee of the Board, which shall work in coordination with Harvey M. Rose Associates, LLC to provide oversite review audit findings, and support financial transparency and accountability. MOTION #07-24 was seconded by Clerk Minh Pham.

MOTION #07-24 carried* with a *vote of 5 in favor; no opposition; no absent; and no abstention.

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7. **Superintendent/Board Business** *(continued)*

7.3 Approval of the contract with WBCP to support the Board with the search for a permanent superintendent.

MOTION #08-24 by Vice President Andrés Quintero to approve Action Item 7.3 as presented. MOTION #08-24 was seconded by Clerk Minh Pham.

MOTION #08-24 carried* with a *vote of 5 in favor; no opposition; no absent; and no abstention.

7.4 Discussion/Action to Approve Change of the Name of the Cesar Chavez Early Learning Center to the "Mayfair Early Learning Center".

MOTION #09-24 by Vice President Andrés Quintero to approve Action Item 7.4 as presented. MOTION #09-24 was seconded by Clerk Minh Pham.

Public Comment:
Victor Vasquez

MOTION #09-24 carried* with a *vote of 5 in favor; no opposition; no absent; and no abstention.

7.5 Rescind Resolution No. 51-25/26 – proclaiming March 31, 2026, as Cesar Chavez Day.

MOTION #10-24 by Vice President Andrés Quintero to approve Action Item 7.5 as presented. MOTION #10-24 was seconded by President Linda Chavez.

MOTION #10-24 carried* with a *vote of 5 in favor; no opposition; no absent; and no abstention.

7.7 Determination to Conduct Voter Survey Research for Potential November 2026 GO Bond & Parcel Tax Measures.

MOTION #11-24 by Vice President Andrés Quintero to approve Action Item 7.7 as presented. MOTION #11-24 was seconded by Clerk Minh Pham.

MOTION #12-24 by Clerk Minh Pham to approve extending the meeting until 11:59 pm. MOTION #12-24 was seconded by Member Corina Herrera-Loera.

MOTION #12-24 carried* with a *vote of 5 in favor; no opposition; no absent; and no abstention.

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7. **Superintendent/Board Business** *(continued)*

MOTION #11-24 carried **with a** ***vote of 4 in favor; 1 opposition (President Linda Chavez); no absent; and no abstention.***

Public Comment:
Maria Martinez

7.10 Approve Longevity Increments to Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources and Assistant Superintendent of Business Services.

MOTION #13-24 by Vice President Andrés Quintero to approve Action Item 7.10 as presented. MOTION #13-24 was seconded by Member Minh Nguyen.

MOTION #13-24 carried **with a** ***vote of 3 in favor; no opposition; no absent; and two abstentions (President Linda Chavez and Clerk Minh Pham).***

8. **Bonds/ Facilities**

8.1 Resolution No. 65-25/26 Designation of Specific Material, Product, Thing, or Service for Construction Contract (Roofing Materials).

MOTION #14-24 by Vice President Andrés Quintero to approve Action Item 8.1 as presented. MOTION #14-24 was seconded by Member Corina Herrera-Loera.

MOTION #14-24 carried **with a** ***vote of 5 in favor; no opposition; no absent; and no abstention.***

8.2 Reject all bids for the Renaissance of Fischer School Roof Replacement Project (Bid No. 2526-Bonds05, Project #25)

MOTION #15-24 by Vice President Andrés Quintero to approve Action Item 8.2 as presented. MOTION #15-24 was seconded by Member Corina Herrera-Loera.

MOTION #15-24 carried **with a** ***vote of 5 in favor; no opposition; no absent; and no abstention.***

9. **Business Services**

9.1 Approve Home to School Transportation Plan for Fiscal Year 2026-2027.

MOTION #16-24 by Vice President Andrés Quintero to approve Action Item 9.1 as presented. MOTION #16-24 was seconded by Clerk Minh Pham.

MOTION #16-24 carried **with a** ***vote of 5 in favor; no opposition; no absent; and no abstention.***

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10. Instructional Services

10.1 Approve School-Sponsored Field Trips.

MOTION #17-24 by Vice President Andrés Quintero to approve Action Item 10.1 as presented. MOTION #17-24 was seconded by Clerk Minh Pham.

MOTION #17-24 carried* with a *vote of 5 in favor; no opposition; no absent; and no abstention.

10.2 Resolution No. 52-25/26 Public School Volunteer Week – April 20-24, 2026

MOTION #18-24 by Vice President Andrés Quintero to approve Action Item 10.2 as presented. MOTION #18-24 was seconded by Member Corina Herrera-Loera.

MOTION #18-24 carried* with a *vote of 5 in favor; no opposition; no absent; and no abstention.

10.3 National Environmental Education Week – April 20-26, 2026

MOTION #19-24 by Vice President Andrés Quintero to approve Action Item 10.3 as presented. MOTION #19-24 was seconded by Clerk Minh Pham.

MOTION #19-24 carried* with a *vote of 5 in favor; no opposition; no absent; and no abstention

10.4 Resolution No. 53-25/26 Proclaiming April 2026 "Bilingual/Multilingual Learner Advocacy Month"

MOTION #20-24 by Clerk Minh Pham to approve Action Item 10.4 as presented. MOTION #20-24 was seconded by Member Corina Herrera-Loera.

MOTION #20-24 carried* with a *vote of 5 in favor; no opposition; no absent; and no abstention

11. Human Resources

11.1 Approve Declaration of Need for Fully Qualified Educators for 2026/2027

MOTION #21-24 by Clerk Minh Pham to approve Action Item 11.1 as presented. MOTION #21-24 was seconded by Member Corina Herrera-Loera.

MOTION #21-24 carried* with a *vote of 5 in favor; no opposition; no absent; and no abstention

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11. Human Resources

11.2 Resignations

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12. Contracts Over $100,000

12.1 Approve CDW Government Services Contract for the 2026/2027 SY.

MOTION #22-24 by Member Corina Herrera-Loera to approve Action Item 12.1 as presented. MOTION #22-24 was seconded by Clerk Minh Pham.

MOTION #22-24 carried* with a *vote of 5 in favor; no opposition; no absent; and no abstention.

12.2 Approve Orenda Education Services Contract for the 2026/2027 SY.

MOTION #23-24 by President Linda Chavez to approve Action Item 12.2 as presented. MOTION #23-24 was seconded by Member Corina Herrera-Loera.

Public Comment:
Maria Martinez and Sandra Rivera

MOTION #23-24 carried* with a *vote of 5 in favor; no opposition; no absent; and no abstention.

13. CONSENT CALENDAR

There was a consensus from the Board to combine and take action on ***Agenda Items 13. 1, 13.2, 13.3, 13.4, 13.5, 13.6, and 13.7.***

MOTION #24-24 by Vice President Andrés Quintero to approve Agenda Item 13. 1, 13.2, 13.3, 13.4, 13.5, 13.6, and 13.7 as presented. MOTION #24-24 was seconded by Member Corina Herrera-Loera.

MOTION #24-24 carried* with a *vote of 5 in favor; no opposition; no absent; and no abstention.

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14. Future Board Agenda Requests

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Public Comment:
Victor Vasquez

15. ADJOURNMENT

15.1 President Adjourns the Meeting

President Linda Chavez adjourned the meeting at 10:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Signed by:
Minh Pham
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Minh Pham, Board Clerk
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