

SPECIAL MEETING
03/11/2026 04:00 PM
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
CARUTHERS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
CARUTHERS HIGH MEDIA CENTER

MEETING MINUTES

Attendance

Board Members

James Cummings, Board President
Valori Gallaher, Board Clerk
Darren Gilmore, Board Member
Kathy Spate, Board Member
Mario Alvarado Jr., Board Member

Administration

Orin Hirschhorn, Superintendent
Susan McCoy, Chief Administrative Officer

- 1. CALL TO ORDER by President James Cummings at 4:05 PM**
- 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- 3. ROLL CALL**
- 4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Superintendent Hirschhorn requested the Agenda be amended to reflect Agenda Item #7 *Items for Emergency Consideration* be the first order of business by the Board prior to Agenda Item #5 *Business*. Valori Gallaher moved to approve the Agenda with the amendment. Kathy Spate seconded.

Motion made by: Valori Gallaher

Motion seconded by: Kathy Spate

Voting:

James Cummings - Yes

Valori Gallaher - Yes

Darren Gilmore - Yes

Kathy Spate - Yes

Mario Alvarado Jr. - Yes

- 5. BUSINESS**

- 1. Review/Ratify - Memorandum of Understanding between California School Employees Association Chapter #792 and Caruthers Unified - Effects of Layoffs**

Motion to ratify Memorandum of Understanding between California School Employees Association Chapter #792 and Caruthers Unified - Effects of Layoffs as presented.

Motion made by: Valori Gallaher

Motion seconded by: Kathy Spate

Voting:

James Cummings - Yes
Valori Gallaher - Yes
Darren Gilmore - Yes
Kathy Spate - Yes
Mario Alvarado Jr. - Yes

2. Review/Approve - Resolution #2026-02 - Reduction of Classified Services for the 2026/2027 School Year

Motion to approve Resolution #2026-02 - Reduction of Classified Services for the 2026/2027 School Year as presented.

Motion made by: Darren Gilmore

Motion seconded by: Mario Alvarado Jr.

Voting:

James Cummings - Yes
Valori Gallaher - Yes
Darren Gilmore - Yes
Kathy Spate - Yes
Mario Alvarado Jr. - Yes

3. Review/Approve - Resolution #2026-03 - Reduction and Discontinuance of Particular Kinds of Certificated Services for the 2026/2027 School Year

Motion to approve Resolution #2026-03 - Reduction and Discontinuance of Particular Kinds of Certificated Services for the 2026/2027 School Year as presented.

Motion made by: Kathy Spate

Motion seconded by: Valori Gallaher

Voting:

James Cummings - Yes
Valori Gallaher - Yes
Darren Gilmore - Yes
Kathy Spate - Yes
Mario Alvarado Jr. - Yes

6. CLOSED SESSION 4:10 PM

Motion made by: Valori Gallaher

Motion seconded by: Darren Gilmore

Voting:

James Cummings - Yes
Valori Gallaher - Yes
Darren Gilmore - Yes
Kathy Spate - Yes
Mario Alvarado Jr. - Yes

- 1. CLOSED SESSION AGENDA ITEMS SECTION 54957 Public Employee Appointment/Employment Title: Administration/Certificated/Classified Formal Compliant – citing Board Policy 1312.3 SECTION 54957 Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release Title: Administration/Certified/Classified SECTION 54957 Public Employee Evaluation Title: Superintendent – Orin Hirschhorn SECTION 54957.6 Conference with Labor Negotiator Agency Negotiator: Orin Hirschhorn Employee Organization: CUTA, CSEA SECTION 54957.6 Conference with Labor Negotiator Agency Negotiator: Orin Hirschhorn Unrepresented Employee(s) Classified Confidential/Site Administrators/Superintendent**

2. OPEN SESSION AND REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION

The Board reconvened at 4:24 PM taking no action on any Closed Session Agenda Items.

Motion made by: Kathy Spate

Motion seconded by: Darren Gilmore

Voting:

James Cummings - Yes

Valori Gallaher - Yes

Darren Gilmore - Yes

Kathy Spate - Yes

Mario Alvarado Jr. - Yes

7. ITEMS FOR EMERGENCY CONSIDERATION

Motion to approve Overnight Field Trip Request Caruthers High FFA - State Convention

Motion made by: Kathy Spate

Motion seconded by: Valori Gallaher

Voting:

James Cummings - Yes

Valori Gallaher - Yes

Darren Gilmore - Yes

Kathy Spate - Yes

Mario Alvarado Jr. - Yes

8. ADJOURNMENT 4:25 PM

Motion made by: Mario Alvarado Jr.

Motion seconded by: Valori Gallaher

Voting:

James Cummings - Yes

Valori Gallaher - Yes

Darren Gilmore - Yes

Kathy Spate - Yes

Mario Alvarado Jr. - Yes