SANTA BARBARA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

4400 Cathedral Oaks Road
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REGULAR MEETING
April 9, 2026 – 2:00 p.m.

MINUTES

The Santa Barbara County Board of Education held this meeting on Thursday, April 9, 2026, at the following two locations, which were connected via videoconference: SBCEO, 4400 Cathedral Oaks Road, Santa Barbara CA, and 1431 Jefferson Street, Oakland, CA

UNAPPROVED

GENERAL FUNCTIONS

1. Call to Order

The regular meeting of the County Board of Education was called to order at 2:00 p.m. by Board President Nadra Ehrman.

2. Spanish Interpretation/Interpretación

The president announced that Spanish interpretation of the board meeting was available online via Zoom.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

The board recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Roll Call

Board Members Present

Vedamarie Alvarez Flores
Marybeth Carty
Nadra Ehrman
Sarah Anne Read
Guy Walker (Oakland, via Zoom)

Board Members Absent

Katya Armistead
Judith Frost

Staff Members Present

Susan Salcido, superintendent
Austin Payne, legal counsel
Anna Freedland, executive assistant

Ellen Barger	Gina Branum	Mari Minjarez	Brandon Weber
Camie Barnwell	Kirsten Escobedo	Amy Ramos	
Bridget Baublits	Don Lockwood	Steve Torres	

Others Present

Hugo Santos-Gomez, interpreter (via Zoom)
Regina Santos-Moreno, interpreter (via Zoom)

5. Changes to the Agenda

None.

6. President and Board Comments

The president and board members commented on various topics, including:

- Board Member Carty acknowledged the many community partners that were helping to keep students in school given recent ICE activity and impacts.
- Board President Ehrman congratulated Board Member Carty for being recognized as Person of the Year by the Santa Barbara Foundation.

7. Public Comments

None.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

8. Superintendent's Report

The superintendent's report was presented as an information item. In the written report, Dr. Salcido highlighted the statewide awards received by the Communications department.

The superintendent also shared the following additional information:

- Person of the Year Award – Dr. Salcido congratulated Board Member Carty for being recognized as Person of the Year by the Santa Barbara Foundation.
- Family Service Agency Award – The superintendent congratulated Board Member Walker and his wife, Molly Carrillo-Walker, for receiving the Family Service Agency's Champion's Award.
- Young Artists and Authors Showcase – Dr. Salcido shared that the Young Artists and Authors Showcase was happening today in the SBCEO Auditorium from 4–6 p.m.
- SBCEO Education Celebration – The superintendent highlighted the invitations at board member places to the SBCEO Education Celebration. She stated that the May board agenda would have an action item on it to reimburse board members' cost to attend the event. She asked board members to let her know if they would like to attend.

CONSENT AGENDA

The board approved all consent agenda items:

9. Minutes of Meeting Held March 12, 2025

10. Registration of Credentials and Other Certification Documents: Issuance of Temporary County Certificates

Registration of credentials and other certification documents registered in the Santa Barbara County Education Office from February 7, 2026 to March 6, 2026, and the issuance of temporary county certificates for that same time period.

11. Declaration of Surplus

Declaration of surplus for the following departments:

- Human Resources
- Juvenile Court and Community Schools
- Teacher Induction Program

12. Issuance of High School Graduation Diploma

Issuance of a high school graduation diploma to the following students:

Dos Puertas School

- Student CSIS # 7127547581 – March 6, 2026
- Student CSIS # 7239376124 – March 18, 2026

Motion to approve all consent items:

MOVED: **Mrs. Read** SECONDED: **Mrs. Carty** VOTE: **Passed 5-0**

ACTION ITEMS

13. Recommended Approval of the Santa Barbara County Education Office Comprehensive School Safety Plan

The board approved the Santa Barbara County Education Office Comprehensive School Safety Plan for Juvenile Court and Community Schools, Special Education, and Early Care and Education.

MOVED: **Mrs. Carty** SECONDED: **Mrs. Alvarez Flores** VOTE: **Passed 5-0**

14. Board Policies, Reading and Adoption

The following board policies were presented for reading and adoption. The board adopted all of the board policies, with board policy 1340 adopted as amended.

- BP 0450 – Comprehensive Safety Plan (new)
- BP 1340 – Access to County Education Office Records (new)
- BP 1445 – Response to Immigration Enforcement (new)
- BP 5125 – Student Records (revised)
- BP 5125.1 – Release of Directory Information (new)

MOVED: **Mrs. Alvarez Flores** SECONDED: **Mrs. Read** VOTE: **Passed 5-0**

15. Reimburse Expenses for Board Members to Attend the Santa Barbara County School Boards Association (SBCSBA) Annual Dinner

The board approved the reimbursement of actual and necessary expenses for board members to attend the Santa Barbara County School Boards Association (SBCSBA) Annual Dinner, April 16, 2026, 5:15 p.m., at the Brothers Restaurant at the Red Barn in Santa Ynez, cost: $75/person, in accordance with Board Policy 9250.

MOVED: **Mrs. Read** SECONDED: **Mrs. Carty** VOTE: **Passed 5-0**

INFORMATION ITEMS

16. Update on Olive Grove Charter School – Santa Barbara

Associate Superintendent of Student and Community Services Bridget Baublits provided a brief update on Olive Grove Charter School – Santa Barbara, which

was recently approved for a 5-year renewal by the State Board of Education with SBCEO as the authorizer beginning July 1, 2026.

17. AB 1390 Regarding Board Member Compensation

Assembly Bill (AB) 1390 was signed into law in October 2025. Per the California School Boards Association (CSBA), who sponsored the bill, it "modernizes the 40-year-old compensation stipends afforded to school district and county office of education board members based upon LEA size by bringing existing stipend rates into alignment with the impacts of inflation and providing that district and county boards of education retain the authority to determine the amount of the stipend within the cap." Associate Superintendent of Administrative Services Steve Torres provided information about the bill.

18. Personnel Report

The certificated and classified personnel reports were presented as an information item.

19. Williams Uniform Complaints Quarterly Report

The Williams Uniform Complaints Quarterly Report for Juvenile Court and Community Schools, and Special Education, indicating no complaints filed for the period of December 16, 2025 through March 15, 2026, was presented to the board as an information item.

ACTION ITEM

20. Recommended Adoption of Resolution for Application for Waiver of Educational Interpreter Certification (Education Code § 33050)

The board adopted Resolution No. 2609 for the application for a waiver for educational interpreter certification.

Ayes: 5 **Noes: 0** **Absent: 2** **Abstain: 0**
MOVED: **Mrs. Read** SECONDED: **Mrs. Carty** VOTE: **Passed 5-0-2-0**

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

21. Future agenda items

The president mentioned the future agenda items that were listed on the agenda as an information item:

- Presentation by the Lompoc Teen Center program manager regarding their teen leadership advocacy council and their advocacy trips

- Presentation by FUTURE For Lompoc Youth
- Information on Olive Crest Hope Refuge

The following were mentioned as future agenda items:

- Teacher of the Year announcement at the May board meeting
- Presentation by Meg Rydman, executive director of Olive Grove Charter School, tentatively set for the May board meeting
- AB 1390 discussion

ADJOURNMENT

22. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:09 p.m. to the next regular meeting to be held May 14, 2026 in Santa Barbara.

MOVED: **Mrs. Carty** SECONDED: **Mrs. Alvarez Flores** VOTE: **Passed 5-0**

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Nadra Ehrman, President County Board of Education	Dr. Susan Salcido, Secretary County Board of Education