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MINUTES – BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING

Fresno, California
October 08, 2025
Fresno Unified School District, Education Center, 2309 Tulare Street, Fresno, CA 93721.

At the regular meeting of the Fresno Unified School District Board of Education held October 08, 2025, there were present Board Members Cazares, Jonasson Rosas, Levine, Thomas, Wittrup, Clerk Islas, and Board President Davis. Superintendent Her was also present as well as Student Members Mayes and Souksamlane.

For the record, Member Thomas arrived at 4:40 p.m.

Board President Davis CONVENED the Regular Board Meeting at 4:33 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Ambra O'Connor led the Pledge of Allegiance.

OPPORTUNITY for Public Comment on Closed Session Items

For the record, the Board received no public requests to address the Board on Closed Session items.

A. RECEIVE INFORMATION & REPORTS

For the record, the Board was in receipt of Agenda Item A-1, Receive Proposed Revisions for Board Bylaws.

Board President Davis ADJOURNED the Regular Board Meeting to Closed Session at 4:33 p.m.

For the record, Closed Session extended to 6:40 p.m.

Board President Davis RECONVENED the meeting to Open Session at 6:32 p.m.

Reporting Out of Closed Session

- On a motion by Board Member Levine, seconded by Board Member Cazares, the Board acted in closed session to approve the Harris Construction Proposed Renewal of Tolling Agreement re Indemnity Claims, by a roll call vote of 7-0-0-0 as follows: AYES: Board Members Cazares, Jonasson Rosas, Levine, Thomas, Wittrup, Clerk Islas, and President Davis.

For the record, Clerk Islas read the approved Board Shared Agreements which are as follows:

- **Respect and Civility** – Honor our shared agreements.
- **Be Honest and Honorable** – Honor my word and do not lie, deflect, or disparage others.
- **Honor the Process and any Time Limits**
- **Honor Confidentiality**
- **Be Prepared and On Time** – Be on time. Read materials or share questions ahead of time. Share as early as possible if I will be late or miss a commitment.
- **Represent All Students** - Do not represent solely my region/area.

B. CONFERENCE/DISCUSSION AGENDA

B-1, CONDUCT and APPROVE the Board Quarterly Self-Evaluation

For the record, the Board received no public requests to speak on agenda item B-1, Conduct and Approve the Board Quarterly Self-Evaluation.

For the record, Clerk Islas facilitated the discussion.

On a motion by Board Clerk Islas, seconded by Board Member Cazares, the Board approved the Board Quarterly Self-Evaluation, by a roll call vote of 7-0-0-0 as follows: Board Members Cazares, Jonasson Rosas, Levine, Thomas, Wittrup, Clerk Islas, and President Davis. Student Members Mayes and Souksamlane voted yes as well.

B-2, DISCUSS and ADOPT Resolution No. 26-21, Approving Public Agency Retirement Services Supplementary Retirement Plan for 2025/26

For the record, the Board received no public requests to speak on agenda item B-2, Discuss and Adopt Resolution No. 26-21, Approving Public Agency Retirement Services Supplementary Retirement Plan for 2025/26.

For the record, Board Members provided comments and raised questions regarding agenda item B-2. A summary of Board Member feedback is outlined below:

Member Cazares requested staff when communicating to employees, to clearly message information related to the employee's right to rescind a Letter of Retirement, and that the district may decide not to go through with this plan.

Member Levine asked the district to fully communicate the responsibilities and options to employees that may opt into this plan. Member Levine asked if employees will still have the opportunity to return as substitutes if they take the retirement offer. Requested the district to be sure to communicate the option to return to work as a substitute, pending advice from PERS and STRS.

Member Jonasson Rosas expressed appreciation for the diligence and work that went into this work and acknowledged that we are faced with tough choices related to the budget. Member Jonasson Rosas commented on having reservations and requested staff to proceed with caution.

For the record, Patrick Jensen and Dennis Yu with Public Agency Retirement Services were available to provide clarity.

On a motion by Board Member Cazares, seconded by Board Member Wittrup, the Board adopted Resolution No. 26-21, Approving Public Agency Retirement Services Supplemental Retirement Plan for 2025/26, by a roll call vote of 6-0-1-0 as follows: Board Members Cazares, Levine, Thomas, Wittrup, Clerk Islas, and President Davis. ABSTENTIONS: Board Member Jonasson Rosas.

OPPORTUNITY for Public Comment on Consent Agenda Items

For the record, the Board received no public requests to speak on the Consent Agenda.

For the record, staff pulled agenda item C-12, DENY Claim GL21-0701-15290 from the agenda. Therefore, no discussion or action was taken.

On a motion by Board Clerk Islas, seconded by Board Member Cazares, the Board approved the Consent Agenda by with the exception of agenda items C-12 and C-15 by a roll call vote of 7-0-0-0, as follows: AYES: Board Members Cazares, Jonasson Rosas, Levine, Thomas, Wittrup, Clerk Islas, and Board President Davis. Student Members Mayes and Souksamlane voted yes as well.

ALL CONSENT Agenda items are considered routine by the Board of Education and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of items unless a Board member requests, in which event, the item(s) will be considered following approval of the Consent Agenda. Pulled Consent Agenda items will be considered for approval after the Conference/Discussion Agenda.

C. CONSENT AGENDA

C-1, ADOPT Findings of Fact and Recommendations of District Administrative Board

ADOPTED as recommended, the Findings of Fact and Recommendations of District Administrative Panels resulting from Hearings on expulsion and readmittance cases conducted during the period since the regular meeting of the Board held September 24, 2025.

C-2, ADOPT Resolution No. 26-13, California Department of Education for California State Preschool Programs Continued Funding Application

ADOPTED as recommended, Resolution No. 26-13, California State Preschool Programs Continued Funding Application. Resolution No. 26-13 certifies the Board's approval to submit the Continued Funding Application to the California Department of Education for California State Preschool Programs. The resolution also authorizes the designated representatives to sign the Continued Funding Application and all related contract documents for the 2026/27 school year. The submission of the Continued Funding Application is required annually to renew the contracts that fund both the part-day and full-day California State Preschool and the California Prekindergarten and Family Literacy Support Programs.

C-3, ADOPT Resolution No. 26-20, Recognizing October as Cyber Security Awareness Month 2025

ADOPTED as recommended, Resolution No. 26-20, Recognizing October as National Cyber Security Awareness Month 2025. Fresno Unified School District will join others across the country in recognizing the month of October as National Cyber Security Awareness Month. Our Nation's children spend hours each week in an online environment which profoundly impacts their social, emotional, and physical development. Fresno Unified School District will recognize Cyber-Safety Week at all its K-12 schools from October 20 through October 24 and will provide instruction in Cyber Safety using appropriate grade level curriculum materials.

C-4, ADOPT Variable Term Waiver for Bilingual Cross-Cultural Language and Development Authorization

ADOPTED as recommended, a Variable Term Waiver request for Bilingual Cross-Cultural Language and Development (BCLAD) Authorization for the 2025/26 school year.

C-5, APPROVE Personnel List

APPROVED as recommended, the personnel List, Appendix A, as submitted.

C-6, APPROVE Meeting Minutes

APPROVED as recommended, the draft minutes for the regular meeting of the Fresno Unified School District Board of Education held, September 24, 2025.

C-7, APPROVE the Board of Education Time Use Evaluation

APPROVED as recommended, the Board of Education time use evaluation for July 2025 through September 2025. The time use evaluation will be presented as a routine item for review and approval on a quarterly basis.

C-8, APPROVE Proposed Revisions for Board Bylaw 9270, Conflict of Interest

APPROVED as recommended, proposed revisions for Board Bylaw 9270, Conflict of Interest. These revisions are aligned with Student Outcomes Focused Governance and best practices

C-9, APPROVE Salary Schedule Revision - Certificated Management

APPROVED as recommended, a salary schedule revision for the 2025/26 Certificated Management Monthly Salary Schedule Competitive and Negotiable 261 Duty Days.

C-10, APPROVE Addition to Legal Services Agreements for 2025/26

APPROVED as recommended, a document listing an additional legal firm recommended for approval to provide legal services to Fresno Unified School District during the 2025/26 fiscal year. The firm's name, location, and attorney rates are also listed.

C-11, APPROVE Rejection of Bid 26-07, Farber Educational Campus Outdoor Basketball Court Installation

APPROVED as recommended, information on Bid 26-07, Farber Educational Campus Outdoor Basketball Court Installation. The project consists of adding two new basketball courts and fencing to the Farber North campus for student activities. Staff recommend rejecting all bids due to not including the necessary lighting and public address system. The project scope will be evaluated for modification and rebid in the future.

C-12, DENY Claim GL21-0701-15290
ITEM PULLED BY STAFF, no discussion or action taken.

C-13, RATIFY Certificated Retiree Contract for Thomas Donald for the 2025/26 School Year
RATIFIED as recommended, a Certificated Retiree Contract between Fresno Unified School District and Thomas Donald. Mr. Donald will provide academic support and tutoring services for one period (0.2 Full Time Equivalency) at Bullard High School to identified students and will also be teaching one section of the Men's Alliance Course (0.2 Full Time Equivalency).

C-14, RATIFY July Purchase Orders Primary Report
RATIFIED as recommended, information on purchase orders issued from July 01, 2025, through July 31, 2025 – Primary Report. Two items are presented to ratify purchase orders. The first item includes the Primary Report with all purchase orders issued during the reported dates with the exception of those that may present a potential conflict of interest for an individual Board member. All remaining purchase orders are in the Supplemental Report and presented as a second agenda item.

C-15, RATIFY July Purchase Orders Supplemental Report
RATIFIED as recommended, information on purchase orders issued from July 01, 2025, through July 31, 2025 - Supplemental Report. Two items are presented to ratify purchase orders. The first item includes the Primary Report with all purchase orders issued during the reported dates with the exception of those that may present a potential conflict of interest for an individual Board member. All remaining purchase orders are in the Supplemental Report and presented as a second agenda item.

For the record, Board Member Levine read the statement as follows:

> Agenda item C-15 on tonight's Consent Agenda contains purchase orders between Fresno Unified School District and the Bulldog Baseball Camp, California Teaching Fellows Foundation, the CSUF Fresno Foundation, California State University, Fresno, as well as the CSUF/Association.
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> I did not participate in the making of the purchase orders related to this agenda item; however, because of my employment with Fresno State, I have a remote financial interest in the purchase orders.
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> Therefore, in the interest of full transparency, I am abstaining from this vote pursuant to Board Bylaw 9270.

On a motion by Board Member Jonasson Rosas, seconded by Board Member Thomas, the Board ratified agenda item C-15, by a roll call vote of 6-0-1-0, as follows: AYES: Board Members Cazares, Jonasson Rosas, Thomas, Wittrup, Clerk Islas, and Board President Davis. Student Members Mayes and Souksamlane voted yes as well. ABSTENTIONS: Board Member Levine.

OPPORTUNITY FOR UNSCHEDULED ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

For the record, the Board received two (2) request to address the Board during Unscheduled Oral Communications. The individual's name and a summary of topic are as follows:

1. Kristina Holmes shared comments related to the Golden Charter Academy compliance review.
2. Lynisha Moore commented on the vision Lynisha and family have for a better educational system. Where every child in America's public schools can be seen, protected, uplifted, educated, and inspired to thrive.

OPPORTUNITY for Board Member Reflections on the Board Shared Agreements

For the record, there were no Board reflections shared.

D. ADJOURNMENT

Board President Davis ADJOURNED the meeting at 7:24 p.m.