

**REGULAR MEETING
03/23/2026 05:30 PM
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
CARUTHERS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
CARUTHERS HIGH MEDIA CENTER**

MEETING MINUTES

Attendance

Board Members

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

Administration

Orin Hirsch Korn, Superintendent
Susan McCoy, Chief Administrative Officer
Debra Haney, Chief Business Official
Alisha Cogburn, CES Principal
Gerrett Suarez, MES Principal
Tod Tompkins, MARC Principal
Barry Watts, CHS Principal

- 1. CALL TO ORDER by Clerk Valori Gallaher at 5:32 PM**
- 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- 3. ROLL CALL**
- 4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Motion made by: Kathy Spate

Motion seconded by: Mario Alvarado Jr.

Voting results:

Absent: James Cummings

Yes: Valori Gallaher

Yes: Darren Gilmore

Yes: Kathy Spate

Yes: Mario Alvarado Jr.

- 5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - February 23, 2026 and March 11, 2026**

Motion made by: Darren Gilmore

Motion seconded by: Kathy Spate

Voting results:

Absent: James Cummings

Yes: Valori Gallaher

Yes: Darren Gilmore

Yes: Kathy Spate

Yes: Mario Alvarado Jr.

6. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

1. **Alisha Cogburn** – Family Dance/PIQE/STEAM Night/Laton Elementary Visit/PI Day/Spring Sports
2. **Gerrett Suarez** – Guided Reading/Assessments/PIQE/Mental Health-Social Emotional Collaboration/Read Across America Competition
3. **Barry Watts** – Design Build/College Board Nominees/Careers in Ed/ELPAC
4. **Tod Tompkins** – Unified Sports Update/Graduate and Adult School Updates

7. COMMUNICATIONS

1. **STUDENTS** – Student Board Rep Marley Velazquez Cisneros – ASB Board Updates/Spirit Week-Food Faire/Muscle Man-Powder Puff/Prom/Spring Sports-Senior Recognition
2. **PUBLIC** - NONE
3. **STAFF** - NONE

8. BUSINESS

1. **Review/Ratify - 2026/2027 Food Service Agreement - Alvina Elementary Charter School**

Motion to ratify the 2026/2027 Food Service Agreement - Alvina Elementary Charter School as presented.

Motion made by: Kathy Spate

Motion seconded by: Mario Alvarado Jr.

Voting results:

Absent: James Cummings

Yes: Valori Gallaher

Yes: Darren Gilmore

Yes: Kathy Spate

Yes: Mario Alvarado Jr.

2. **Review/Approve - Update to Resolution #2025-24 - Declaration of Emergency - Caruthers Elementary 800 Wing Project**

Motion to approve Update to Resolution #2025-24 - Declaration of Emergency - Caruthers Elementary 800 Wing Project as presented.

Motion made by: Kathy Spate

Motion seconded by: Darren Gilmore

Voting results:

Absent: James Cummings

Yes: Valori Gallaher

Yes: Darren Gilmore

Yes: Kathy Spate

Yes: Mario Alvarado Jr.

3. Review/Approve - Board Policy Updates - February 2026 - Second Reading

Motion to approve Board Policy Updates - February 2026 - Second Reading as presented.

Motion made by: Kathy Spate

Motion seconded by: Darren Gilmore

Voting results:

Absent: James Cummings

Yes: Valori Gallaher

Yes: Darren Gilmore

Yes: Kathy Spate

Yes: Mario Alvarado Jr.

4. Review/Approve - Financials

Motion to approve the Financials as presented.

Motion made by: Kathy Spate

Motion seconded by: Mario Alvarado Jr.

Voting results:

Absent: James Cummings

Yes: Valori Gallaher

Yes: Darren Gilmore

Yes: Kathy Spate

Yes: Mario Alvarado Jr.

9. CONSENT AGENDA (may be done with one motion)

Motion to approve Consent Agenda items 9.1 through 9.4 as presented.

Motion made by: Darren Gilmore

Motion seconded by: Kathy Spate

Voting results:

Absent: James Cummings

Yes: Valori Gallaher

Yes: Darren Gilmore

Yes: Kathy Spate

Yes: Mario Alvarado Jr.

1. Review/Approve - Warrants

2. Review/Approve - Purchase Order Report

3. Review/Approve - Inter-district Transfer Requests

4. Review/Approve - Overnight Field Trip Request - Caruthers High - Football

10. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

No updates on the Multi-Purpose Room

Doctor's Academy Update

11. CLOSED SESSION 6:08 PM

Motion made by: Darren Gilmore

Motion seconded by: Kathy Spate

Voting results:

Absent: James Cummings

Yes: Valori Gallaher

Yes: Darren Gilmore

Yes: Kathy Spate

Yes: Mario Alvarado Jr.

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 7:29 PM taking no action on any Closed Session Agenda items.

Motion made by: Mario Alvarado, Jr.

Motion seconded by: Kathy Spate

Voting results:

Absent: James Cummings

Yes: Valori Gallaher

Yes: Darren Gilmore

Yes: Kathy Spate

Yes: Mario Alvarado Jr.

12. ITEMS FOR EMERGENCY CONSIDERATION

13. ADJOURNMENT 7:30 PM

Motion made by: Darren Gilmore

Motion seconded by: Valori Gallaher

Voting results:

Absent: James Cummings

Yes: Valori Gallaher

Yes: Darren Gilmore

Yes: Kathy Spate

Yes: Mario Alvarado Jr.