Santiago Charter Middle School

Charter Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, December 3, 2025

The Santiago Middle School Charter Board met in person December 3, 2025. Directors present at the meeting are noted with an "X".

X	Phukhanh Vu (Parent Representative)	X	Ana Perez (Certificated/Classified Rep)
X	John Besta (Chairperson/Community Rep)	X	Rebecca Martinez (Community Rep)
X	Justin Vasquez (Teacher Rep)	X	Julia McCuistion (Parent Rep)
X	Pat Connolly (Teacher Rep)	X	Steve Arnett (Certificate & Classified Rep)
X	Ashley Pedroza (Secretary/Curriculum Rep)		Cynthia Robles (Classified Rep)
	Eric Philips (Parent Rep)		District Representative: Unfilled

An "*" indicates directors who were not present for the entire meeting.

A meeting notice, together with an agenda packet, was provided to each director by December 1, 2025. On the same date, a meeting agenda – including date, time and place – was posted at the entrance to the school office, on the office bulletin board and on Santiago's website.

1. **Call to order - Public Session**: John Besta called the meeting to order at 4:32pm
2. **Quorum was established**
3. **Pledge of Allegiance:** led by John Besta
4. **Approval of Agenda:**
   Motion to approve by Rebecca Martinez
   Approved: 9-0
   ***addition of 7C to agenda**

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5. **Approval of Minutes:** October 22, 2025
   Motion to approve by Justin Vasquez
   Approved: 9-0

6. **Public Comments: NA**

7. **Information/Discussion Items:**
   A. Board Comments:
   B. Principal's Report:
      - We are doing our annual gift card drive and hoping to provide almost 40 care packages to our kids this holiday season.
      - We have a lot of events coming up.
      - Doing some facility work over both TG break and Christmas Break (lots of field work being done,seeding, aerating, fertilizing, filling holes and leveling of all fields, bathrooms, tree trimming, floors, atrium, fixing several doors, and some painting)

ELAC	12/2 @ 6p (library)
Charter Board Meeting	12/3-4pm charter board. 5:30 charter board dinner
Educator of the Year	12/9 @ 5p (library)
Band Winter Concert	12/10 @ 7p (cafeteria)
Orchestra Winter Concert	12/11 @ 7p (cafeteria)
Santa Social	12/13 10a-2p
Advanced Guitar and MT Performance	12/16 @ 7p (cafeteria)
Charter Board Meeting	1/14/26 @ 6:30p (library)
Open House & Showcase	1/20 @ 6pm
PTSA Meeting	1/21 @ 6p (zoom)

- GRANT update…we received a new grant ($262,000 for Industrial Tech)
- CPR course(s) being offered in February- 2 sections
- Field of Valor: donation
- Santa Social - Tree Raffle
- Dual Enrollment Update
- Unified Program Expansion and Showcase
- Sports - transitioned from one season to the other
- Leaders to Watch opportunities for upcoming Santiago Leaders
- Looking at ways to market for next year's enrollment

C. Audit Report

8. **Consent Items:**
   A. Personnel Report

Board will vote on Certificated and Classified personnel reports requiring action that may include extra pay projects, separation from service, short-term employment, change of status and new hires.
Fiscal Impact: $28,334

B. Purchase Orders

Board will vote on purchase orders 3048-3049 which have been processed in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Charter Board and applicable requirements of the State of California.
Fiscal Impact: $5,853.62

C. Warrant List

Board will vote on warrants 3512-3536 and 11448-11471 which have been processed in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Charter Board and applicable requirements of the State of California.
Fiscal Impact: $154,367.29

Motion to approve by Julia McCuistion
Approved: 8-0, recusal: Ashley Pedroza

9. Action Items:

a. Resolution - Withdrawal from Schools Excess Liability Fund
Motion to approve by Rebecca Martinez
Approved: 9-0

10. Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned by John Besta at 7:42p
Next meeting: January 14, 2026

Reviewed and edited by Ashley Pedroza

The Board of Directors has approved the foregoing minutes

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Ashley Pedroza, Secretary