Santiago Charter Middle School

Charter Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, February 18, 2026

The Santiago Middle School Charter Board met in person February 18, 2026. 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)
	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 February 12, 2026. 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 6:16pm
2. **Closed to Public Session and Open Closed Session** at 6:16pm
3. **Closed to Closed Session and Open Public Session** at 6:31p
4. **Quorum was established**
5. **Pledge of Allegiance:** led by John Besta
6. **Approval of Agenda:**
   Motion to approve by Phu Vu
   Approved: 8-0

7. **Approval of Minutes:** January 14, 2026
   Motion to approve by Julia McCuistion
   Approved: 8-0

8. **Public Comments: NA**

9. **Information/Discussion Items:**
   A. Board Comments: NA
   B. Principal's Report:
      - Open House and Showcase on January 14th and tons of feeder students present
      - Schools to Watch visits solicit so many good ideas including SBAC Saturdays, etc.
      - Sean Mikkelsen has been named Teacher of the Year for Schools to Watch
      - Richelle Kalman, our culinary teacher, has been named OUSD Teacher of the Year Nominee
      - ASCIP (our insurance carrier) has offered to provide various trainings to staff members
      - El Modena Showcase - we attended in January
      - Both 6th grade visits went great and the kids all seem excited to come here
      - Former OUSD HR Asst. Sup is helping to draft charter and start the charter petition for the 2027/2028 school year
      - Visits to the high schools
      - Congresswoman Young Kim visited Business Class today and spoke to our students about creating a business and financial literacy
      - Feed the Feeders was today and there was 40 staff members at Santiago visiting
   C. LCAP Mid-Year Review

10. **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: $10,932.75

   B. Purchase Orders
   Board will vote on purchase orders 3051-3054 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: $3,574.46

   C. Warrant List
   A. Board will vote on warrants 3707-3731 and 11493-11519 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: $175,432.34

   Motion to approve by Rebecca Martinez
   Approved: 8-0

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11. Action Items:

A. **Comprehensive School Safety Plan**
Motion to approve by Phu Vu
Approved: 8-0

B. **Change to Charter Board Meeting Schedule**
Motion to approve by Rebecca Martinez
Approved: 8-0

12. Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned by John Besta at 7:12p

Next meeting: March 11, 2026

Reviewed and edited by Ashley Pedroza

The Board of Directors has approved the foregoing minutes

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Ashley Pedroza, Secretary