



MEETING MINUTES

WELCOME TO THE VENTURA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT SCHOOL CLOSURES ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

The School Closures Advisory Committee meetings, proceedings, and deliberations will be open to the public. Meetings have been scheduled from 5:30-8:30PM at the District Office in the Christa McAuliffe Room (Education Service Center, 255 W. Stanley Ave, Ventura, CA) as follows:

April 23, 2026
May 21, 2026
June 18, 2026
July 16, 2026
August 20, 2026
September 17, 2026

The School Closures Advisory Committee may consider and act on an agenda item in a different order or an item may be considered earlier or later than the estimated time. Additionally, discussion of the agenda items may be postponed to a future meeting. Any individual with a disability, who requires reasonable accommodation to participate in a School Closures Advisory Committee meeting, or any individual requiring an interpreter, may request assistance by emailing VUSDschoolscommittee@venturausd.org or by contacting the Business Services Office, 255 W. Stanley Ave., Suite 100, Ventura, CA 93001; (805)641-5000 ext. 1202.

POSTING INFORMATION

The agenda for regularly scheduled School Closures Advisory Committee meetings will be posted 72 hours prior to the meeting. The School Closures Advisory Committee Agenda is posted at the following locations:

Ventura Unified School District, Education Service Center (Always)
255 W. Stanley Avenue, Suite 100, Ventura, CA, (Guard shack)

This serves as the main posting location pursuant to the Brown Act, Government Code §54954.2(a)

District Webpage: <https://www.venturausd.org/about/committees/school-closure-committee>

I. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 5:34PM.

II. ROLL CALL

Those in attendance were:

Sara Cameron
Maruja Clensay
Jorge DeLeon

Evaristo Escoto
Oscar Gomez
Kathryn Heller
Kristin Ippolito
Melanie Lindsey
Sandy Lomeli Harrison
Peggy Maryanski
Sarah McLaughlin
Kathlyn Mundo-Garrafa
Jeanette Park
Carol Peek
Andrea Rodriguez
Sydney Traub
Emmanuel Velazquez
Monica West
Stacey Whitaker

Absent:
Stephanie Caldwell
Kevin Corse
Kevin Herrera
Annette Walters

VUSD Support Staff:
Dr. Antonio Castro
Dr. Ahsan Mirza
Marieanne Quiroz
Victoria Cortez

Additional Presenter:
Ken Reynolds of SchoolWorks, Inc.

III. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Approval of the agenda.

Motion made by: Melanie Lindsey
Motion seconded by: Sarah McLaughlin
Voting: Unanimously Approved

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS

The following individual gave public comment:

1. Rebeca Fassett questioned the use of test scores as a factor in school closure decisions rather than focusing on enrollment and capacity. She also noted potential impacts on Title I students and emphasized the importance of non-measurable supports schools provide.

V. CONSENT

Approval of the minutes.

Motion made by: Carol Peek

Motion seconded by: Melanie Lindsey

Voting: Unanimously Approved

VI. CONFERENCE

i. Presentation of District Demographic and Enrollment Data

Ken Reynolds of SchoolWorks, Inc. presented the Demographic and Enrollment Projections presentation and report which analyzed historical enrollment, birth rates, housing development, transfers, and the projected declining student enrollment across the district over the next 6 years. The report also evaluates how these changes will impact individual schools showing capacity vs. enrollment, facility utilization, and shows that many schools are projected to operate below capacity while overall district enrollment continues to decrease.

ii. Scoring and Ranking of School Sites

The committee reviewed and discussed the ranking of school sites based on criterion 1–6. Members engaged in open and collaborative discussion, and adjustments were made upon identification of data discrepancies.

VII. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Staff shared the dates for the following two meetings held on 5/21/26 regarding Facilities and 6/18/26 regarding Education Services. The committee requested all dates and meeting focus to be noted on the future agendas.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45PM.

Motion made by: Carol Peek

Motion seconded by: Melanie Lindsey

Voting: Unanimously Approved