

CHUALAR UNION ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT

DISTRICT BOARD ROOM #29

24285 LINCOLN ST., CALIFORNIA 93925

MINUTES

Regular Board Meeting

7:00 PM

(Closed Session 6 - 7 pm)

May 20, 2026

The Board will meet in person at Chualar School.

All comments received by this time will be submitted into the record by the Board President or presiding officer. Please include your name and agenda item that you wish to comment on in the subject line of your email. If you wish to submit a public comment on more than one agenda item, please send a separate email for each item on which you are commenting. Please be aware that all written public comments, including your name and email address, may become public information. Send your comments to:

mcontreras@chualarUSD.org no later than May 19, 2026, at 4:00 p.m.

Public comments may be made during the public comment portion of the meeting. There will be a 2-minute limit for individuals. There is no ceding of one's time to other individuals. Efforts will be made by staff to read the comments received into the record, but it cannot be guaranteed that written comments received by email will be read, nor that there will be enough time to read all the comments.

1. Opening Business

1.1 Call to Order Time 6:09 p.m.

1.2 Pledge of Allegiance

1.3 Roll Call

Martha Gallegos, Board President	Trustee Area #3 <u>Present</u>
Esperanza Rangel, Board Clerk	Trustee Area #3 <u>Present</u> (came in during closed session)
Itzel Sanchez, Board Member	Trustee Area #2 <u>Present</u>
Domingo Rangel, Board Member	Trustee Area #3 <u>Present</u> (came in during closed session)
Andrea A. B. Flores, Board Member	Trustee Area #1 <u>Present</u>

1.4 Adoption of Agenda

Changes, additions (based on Provision of Emergency/Urgency), and approval of the Agenda as presented. 2/3 vote required if any item is added to the Agenda.

1.4.1 Changes to the Agenda Item 6.E They are not able to present due to an emergency. Mrs. Le will do the presentation for them. Item 6.F Tabled for next board meeting

1.4.2 Additions to the Agenda

1.4.3 Adoption of the Agenda

RECOMMENDATION/ACTION:

“That the Chualar Board of Trustees adopts the agenda as presented.”

Adoption of Agenda. A motion was made by Trustee I. Sanchez, seconded by Trustee, M. Gallegos to adopt the agenda as presented. The motion passed by a 3-0-2 vote. All in favor.

2. Identify Closed Session Topics of Discussion

Public Comment Period for Closed Session Items: General public comment on any closed session item that will be heard. Members of the public are welcome to participate as permitted by law. Persons wishing to be heard by the Board shall complete the available form and submit it to the Board Secretary prior to the meeting. The time of presentation is limited to two (2) minutes.

2.1 Personnel

2.1.1 Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release/Complaint/Employment/

3. Adjourn to Closed Session

Time: 6:15 p.m.

The Board of Trustees will meet in Closed Session to consider matters appropriate for Closed Session in accordance with Government Code Section 3549.1, 54956.7 through 54957.7, and Education Code Section 35146.

RECOMMENDATION/ACTION:

“That the Chualar Board of Trustees Adjourns to Closed Session.”

A motion was made by Trustee I. Sanchez, seconded by Trustee, M. Gallegos. The motion passed by a 3-0-2 vote. All in favor

4. Reconvene to Open Session

Time: 7:17 p.m.

RECOMMENDATION/ACTION:

“That the Chualar Board of Trustees Reconvenes to Open Session.”

A motion was made by Trustee E. Rangel, seconded by Trustee, I. Sanchez. The motion passed by a 5-0-0 vote. All in favor

5. Report out of Closed Session:

Nothing to report

6. Presentations

A. Student Trustees

Emma Sanchez, president of the Student Council, shared with the Board of Trustees that the Student Council, with the help of the PTA, raised enough funds through fundraising efforts to purchase a machine for the cafeteria to make nutritious shakes for students. As she will be leaving this year, Emma wished the school continued success in the coming year.

B. Chualar Wrestling Team Recognition, Presented by Ruben Pulido

The principal thanked the wrestling coaches and, especially, the parents for helping bring wrestling back to Chualar after a 10-year absence. The Board Member and wrestling coach also expressed gratitude to the parents for supporting their students and thanked the coaching staff for their support. He noted that the program's return was made possible through the strong support and encouragement provided by coaches and parents. Many of the participants were new to the sport and had never wrestled before. In recognition of their dedication and hard work, each student will receive a Certificate of Appreciation and a star, as all of the participants demonstrated outstanding effort and sportsmanship throughout the season.

C. Recognition of Appreciation for Mrs. Covarrubias Presented by Ruben Pulido

The Superintendent presented the librarian with a Certificate of Appreciation in recognition of her endless service and dedication to the school. She has organized parent trainings, managed the school library, coordinated the book fair, organized with the Cinco de Mayo pageant, and supported both the Parent Teacher Club and the wrestling team. The certificate honors her exceptional commitment to the school library and her support of students, staff, and parents.

D. 2026-27 Literacy Plan & Early Intervention-Ashley O'Connell

Ms. O'Connell gave her presentation

E. Measure J Projects Update – Brett W. McFadden, Managing Partner, DAG

Architectural / Engineering: David Peartree, Peartree + Belli Architects

Both were unable to attend. Ms. Le gave the presentation.

F. 2026-27 Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP)

Ruben Pulido and Yolanda Gonzales Barba, Ed.D.

Mr. Pulido, Superintendent introduced Yolanda Gonzales Barba, Ed.D. and stated that he feels as though the district has its own advisor. Yolanda Gonzales Barba works for the Monterey County Office of Education and assists the district with the LCAP. He presented her with a token of appreciation for her support. Ms. Yolanda Gonzales Barba, thanked the district for the token of appreciation. She shared that Chualar participated in the SIMS Program for two years and is no longer in the program, indicating that student performance has improved. She complimented the Chualar staff, noting that they are dedicated and always strive to do what is best for their students.

7. Oral Comments from the Public

A. Guidelines

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Araceli Flores, Gonzales Unified School District Board Clerk, and Melissa Morales, Gonzales Unified School District Board President, attended the meeting and introduced themselves. Ms. Flores stated that they had been wanting

to attend one of our meetings and expressed interest in collaborating with the Chualar Union School District. She noted that Chualar students attend Gonzales High School after completing 8th grade.

8. Consent Agenda

Action Items included on the Consent Agenda are to be approved by one motion unless a Board Member requests separate action on a specified item. There is no discussion of these items prior to the vote unless a member of the Board, staff or public requests in writing prior to the meeting specific items to be discussed. It is understood that the administrator recommends approval on all Consent Items. Each item on the Consent Agenda approved by the Board of Trustees shall be deemed to have been considered in full and adopted as recommended.

8.1 Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of April 22nd, and Special Board Meeting of April 29th, and May 13th, 2026. Pg. 7-21

8.2 Approval of Bill of Registers

RECOMMENDATION/ACTION:

“That the Chualar Board of Trustees approves the Consent Agenda as presented.”

A motion was made by Trustee E. Rangel, seconded by Trustee, I. Sanchez. The motion passed by a 5-0-0 vote. All in favor

9. Peatree's proposal: Restroom modernization and window, door replacement.

RECOMMENDATION/ACTION: Pg. 22-27

“That the Chualar Board of Trustees approve the Peatree's proposal: Restroom modernization and window, door replacement.”

A motion was made by Trustee I. Sanchez, seconded by Trustee, E. Rangel. The motion passed by a 5-0-0 vote. All in favor

10. GAMUT services agreement. Pg. 28-34

RECOMMENDATION/ACTION:

“That the Chualar Board of Trustees approve the GAMUT services agreement.”

A motion was made by Trustee E. Rangel, seconded by Trustee, I. Sanchez. The motion passed by a 5-0-0 vote. All in favor

11. Lozano Smith legal services agreement. Pg. 35-40

RECOMMENDATION/ACTION:

“That the Chualar Board of Trustees approve the Lozano Smith legal services agreement.”

A motion was made by Trustee E. Rangel, seconded by Trustee, I. Sanchez. The motion passed by a 5-0-0 vote. All in favor

12. Schell Technical Services Inc. Professional services agreement. Pg. 41-44

RECOMMENDATION/ACTION:

"That the Chualar Board of Trustees approve the Schell Technical Services Inc. Professional services agreement."

A motion was made by Trustee I. Sanchez, seconded by Trustee, D. Rangel. The motion passed by a 5-0-0 vote. All in favor

13. Informed K12 Products and Services agreement.

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RECOMMENDATION/ACTION:

"That the Chualar Board of Trustees approve the Informed K12 Products and Services agreement."

A motion was made by Trustee E. Rangel, seconded by Trustee, I. Sanchez. The motion passed by a 5-0-0 vote. All in favor

14. Select Courtney Inc. to replace multipurpose room gutters and coat flat roof.

RECOMMENDATION/ACTION:

"That the Chualar Board of Trustees approve Courtney Inc to replace multipurpose room gutters and coat flat roof.

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| 1. Bid from -Courtney Inc. | 2. Bid from -Scudder Roofing | 3. Bid from -Diablo Roofing |
| Pg. 70-91 | Pg. 92-142 | |

A motion was made by Trustee E. Rangel, seconded by Trustee, I. Sanchez. The motion passed by a 5-0-0 vote. All in favor

15. Monterey County Office of Education Letter - Reviewing the 2025-2026 Second Interim Yen gave the information
INFORMATION: Pg. 143-145

16. Superintendent's and/or Board Correspondence

- A. I. Policies-The board received a packet with all the information
- Booster Club- Mr. Pulido shared the information with the board
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17. Advance Planning

17.1 Next Regular Board Meeting, June 3rd, 2026

17.2 Agenda Items for the next Board Meeting (Board Members Only)

-Library update by Mrs. Covarrubias

-ASB vs Booster Club

18. Adjournment

Time 9:31 p.m.

There being no further business, this meeting is adjourned