MINUTES
MERCED COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
June 8, 2026

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

Merced County Office of Education Board Room
632 W. 13th Street, Merced, CA 95341

I. Opening

A. Board Chairperson, Geneva Brett, called the special meeting of the Merced County Board of Education to order at 3:00 PM.

B. Members present were Ryan Heller and Dennis Hanks. Frank Fagundes was absent.

C. Others present: Emily Tietjen, Gloria Ortiz, Laura Andrews, Laura Fong, Maria Cuevas, Martin Fregoso, Martin Macias, Matt Devins, Nathan Quevedo, Peg Larson, Tara Hill, Todd Bedal, Yolanda Campos, Steve M. Tietjen, County Superintendent

II. Flag Salute – Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

III. Written Communications

A. Correspondence Received By Chairperson: None.

B. Correspondence Received By Board Members: None.

C. Correspondence Received By Superintendent: None.

IV. Call for Public Comments on Agenda & Non-Agenda Items
The public was invited to address agenda items, submit items within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Board for future consideration, or speak to issues related to the function and operation of the County Board of Education.

No public comments were made.

V. Future Agenda Items:

VI. Superintendent's and Board Members' Report (Information/Discussion Only)

A. Public Hearing – Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) with Budget Overview for Parents Review – Come Back Charter School in compliance with Education Code 52068(b)(1)

Laura Andrews and Tara Hill presented the Come Back Charter School LCAP with a Budget Overview for Parents Review, for Board review, and public input.

1. Open Public Hearing: Geneva Brett opened the public hearing.
2. Close Public Hearing: No public comments were made, and the public hearing was closed.

B. Public Hearing – Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) with Budget Overview for Parents Review – Merced Scholars School in compliance with Education Code 52068(b)(1)

Laura Andrews and Tara Hill presented the Merced Scholars School LCAP with a Budget Overview for Parents Review, for Board review, and public input.

1. Open Public Hearing: Geneva Brett opened the public hearing.
2. Close Public Hearing: No public comments were made, and the public hearing was closed.

C. Public Hearing – Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) with Budget Overview for Parents Review - Merced County Office of Education in compliance with Education Code 52068(b)(1)

Laura Andrews and Tara Hill presented the MCOE LCAP with a Budget Overview for Parents Review for Board review and public input.

1. Open Public Hearing: Geneva Brett opened the public hearing.
2. Close Public Hearing: No public comments were made, and the public hearing was closed.

D. Public Hearing – 2026-2027 MCOE Budget Review in compliance with Education Code 1620

Martin Fregoso presented the 2026-2027 Budget for Board review and public input.

1. Open Public Hearing: Geneva Brett opened the public hearing.
2. Close Public Hearing: No public comments were made, and the public hearing was closed.

E. Board Member's Report: None.

F. Superintendent's Report: None.

VII. Business Items for Action: None.

VIII. Adjournment

Dennis Hanks moved, and **Ryan Heller** seconded the motion to adjourn the special meeting of the Merced County Board of Education at 3:42 PM. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve M. Tietjen, Ed.D.
County Superintendent of Schools
Secretary to the Board of Education

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