



BOARD MINUTES
January 13, 2026 REGULAR MEETING

CALL TO ORDER IN PUBLIC SESSION – The CalAPS regular board meeting was called to order at 5:44 PM. on Tuesday, January 13, 2026, by Board Clerk Brad Crihfield. The meeting took place in Bellflower Unified District Office, East Conference Room at 16703 S. Clark Ave, Building A, Bellflower, CA 90706

REPLACEMENT PAGES – NONE

ROLL CALL

Present

Brad Crihfield, Clerk
Maria Lopez, Member
Alfonso Morales, Member

Absent

Amie Stewart, President
Erik Linstead, Vice President

Also present was Arlene Whitney, CalAPS CEO

CalAPS BOARD COMMUNICATION/INTRODUCTIONS – Board Member Lopez wished the CalAPS Board and staff a productive new year and wished that everything that this year brings is full of happiness.

CalAPS STAFF COMMUNICATION/INTRODUCTIONS – In recognition of January as School Board Recognition Month, Mrs. Whitney thanked Board members for their leadership, dedication, and service to CalAPS and our school communities.

Mrs. Whitney also reported that CalAPS was officially awarded \$700,000 through the K–12 Strong Workforce Round 8 grant. This highly competitive grant included 54 applications in Los Angeles County, with only 36 selected for funding. The grant will support the strengthening of CTE programs, modernization of equipment, and alignment of student skills with regional workforce needs. Award letters are included in the Board’s folder.

Additionally, Spring 2026 semester classes began on January 12, with courses offered at Bellflower HS, Lynwood HS, Firebaugh HS, Mayfair HS, Vista HS, and Somerset HS.

Finally, SkillsUSA Regional Competition season has begun, with students competing in areas such as Firefighting, Culinary Arts, EMT, Baking and Pastry, Commercial Drone, Entrepreneurship, and Internet of Things. Competitions will continue over the next month, with state qualifiers announced by mid-February. Students have also been using Saturdays to prepare for these events.

Board Clerk Mr. Crihfield asked how the CalAPS team promotes registration and course offerings. Mrs. Whitney shared that the team attended school events and worked daily with the site liaisons.

Ms. Lopez asked for more information about Lynwood High School and offered to request more support from the liaison to increase enrollment from this site.

Mr. Crihfield asked for more information on the daytime CTE/CalAPS courses offered.

PUBLIC HEARINGS – NONE

VISITORS' AGENDA ITEMS – NONE

ACTION ITEMS

STAFF CORRECTIONS

● **Two corrections to the agenda**

The next meeting date at the bottom of the agenda was January 13, 2026. Item corrected to February 10, 2026. The second correction is Item 140 – Both Maria Lopez and Alfonso Morales were marked as absent at the December 2025 meeting. Item corrected to show that Board Member Lopez was the only member absent at the December 2025 meeting.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

● **Approval of the minutes from the December 16, 2025 Board Meeting**

A motion to approve the minutes from the December 16, 2025 Board Meeting was made by Mr. Morales and seconded by Ms. Lopez. The motion carried with all members present voting in favor.

Board Members:

Yes Brad Crihfield, President
Yes Maria Lopez, Member
Yes Alfonso Morales, Member

MAJOR ACTION - NONE

CONSENT AGENDA

● **Approval of the Consent Agenda**

A motion to approve the Consent Agenda was made by Ms. Lopez and seconded by Mr. Morales. The motion carried with all members present voting in favor.

Board Members:

Yes Brad Crihfield, President
Yes Maria Lopez, Member
Yes Alfonso Morales, Member

Board Clerk Mr. Crihfield asked Mrs. Whitney for an expected date of completion for the video & film classroom, what the amount paid covered and who was going to cover the rest of the expenses. He also requested for a tour of the new video & film room once completed. Mrs. Whitney responded that they had a meeting with the vendor for a timeline, that the amount covers the equipment used in the classroom. BUSD will cover the cost of the furniture, painting, network cabling, and electrical.

WITHHELD FOR DISCUSSION AND ACTION – NONE

DISCUSSION AND NON-ACTION – NONE

VISITOR NON-AGENDA ITEMS – NONE

STUDENT/STAFF RECOGNITION – NONE

INFORMATION ITEMS – NONE

CLOSED SESSION – NONE

ADJOURNMENT – The meeting adjourned without objection at 6:03 PM.

The January 13, 2026 regular meeting of the CalAPS Board adjourned at 6:03 PM until the next regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, February 10, 2026 at 5:30 PM.