



BOARD MINUTES
February 10, 2026 REGULAR MEETING

CALL TO ORDER IN PUBLIC SESSION – The CalAPS regular board meeting was called to order at 5:49 PM. on Tuesday, February 10, 2026, by Board President Amie Stewart. 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

Amie Stewart, President
Brad Crihfield, Clerk
Maria Lopez, Member
Alfonso Morales, Member

Absent

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 Happy Valentine’s day and requested a tour of the Freight Farm and the Green House that is used for the Urban Farming class.

CalAPS STAFF COMMUNICATION/INTRODUCTIONS – Mrs. Whitney shared with the board that the SkillsUSA regional competitions conclude this Saturday, with Firefighting as CalAPS’ final competing group. Regional results will be posted February 20 and will determine which students advance to the State SkillsUSA Competition in Ontario, California, April 9–12. February is Career and Technical Education (CTE) Month, highlighting the role of CTE in preparing students for college and careers; appreciation for instructors and staff will be shared with a small token of appreciation. Mrs. Whitney also attended the LA Regional Consortium K–12 Strong Workforce Round 8 Kickoff Meeting supported CalAPS’ alignment with regional workforce priorities and grant implementation. A brief WASC update was also presented this evening.

PUBLIC HEARINGS – NONE

VISITORS’ AGENDA ITEMS – NONE

ACTION ITEMS

STAFF CORRECTIONS – NONE

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

● **Approval of the minutes from the January 13, 2026 Board Meeting**

A motion to approve the minutes from the January 13, 2026 Board Meeting was made by Ms. Lopez and seconded by Mr. Carihfield. The motion carried with all members present voting in favor.

Board Members:

Yes Amie Stewart, President
Yes Brad Carihfield, Vice 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 Mr. Carihfield and seconded by Ms. Lopez. The motion carried with all members present voting in favor.

Board Members:

Yes Amie Stewart, President
Yes Brad Carihfield, Vice President
Yes Maria Lopez, Member
Yes Alfonso Morales, Member

WITHHELD FOR DISCUSSION AND ACTION - Items 101 Calendar and 128 Annual Audit were held for discussion and action.

Item 101 – Calendar - Clerk Mr. Linstead was reassigned to classes occurring on Tuesday/Thursday evenings, and would be unable to attend the Board meetings. Mr. Linstead has requested the board to consider changing the board meeting dates for March, April and May.

Item 128 – Annual Audit – Mr. Carihfield questioned Mrs. Whitney about the financial audit on pages 28 and 44, noting a net position under \$1.2 million and a \$2.27 million debt liability recorded as a loan payable from the district. CalAPS CEO, Mrs. Whitney explained that reporting changes were made at LACOE's request and clarified that the funds would only be repaid to districts in the event of a dissolution. She stated that CalAPS does not prepare multiyear projections due to fluctuating enrollment, with funding based on registered students, and noted that PUSD operates on a pay-for-service model.

Mr. Carihfield asked about the proportion of grant versus district funding, which Mrs. Whitney said she would provide later. She explained that awarded grants would be reflected in the budget and allocated primarily for transportation and student equipment, with restrictions on their use. Multi-year grants will be included in future proposed budgets. Mr. Carihfield also raised the possibility of CalAPS expanding or moving to its own campus, especially as BUSD develops a facilities master plan, and both he and Ms. Stewart expressed support for establishing a dedicated CTE campus.

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 6:31 PM.

Mr. Crihfield requested to review the survey results once responses are collected, ideally by March. Mrs. Whitney plans to survey incoming freshmen and up to rising seniors, while Ms. Lopez asked about including middle school students. Mrs. Whitney explained that middle school students will instead participate in a summer bridge session—a two-hour class offered for LUSD and BUSD students. Mr. Crihfield suggested Mrs. Whitney coordinate with Yesenia Alvarez to make afterschool classes available, and Mrs. Whitney confirmed she has already begun discussions with that department.

The February 10, 2026 regular meeting of the CalAPS Board adjourned at 6:31 PM until the next regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday, March 11, 2026 at 5:30 PM.