



BOARD MINUTES
March 11, 2026 REGULAR MEETING

CALL TO ORDER IN PUBLIC SESSION – The CalAPS regular board meeting was called to order at 5:41 PM. on Wednesday March 11, 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
Erik Linstead, Vice President
Brad Crihfield, Clerk
Maria Lopez, Member

Absent

Alfonso Morales, Member

Also present was Arlene Whitney, CalAPS CEO

REPLACEMENT PAGES – Replacement pages for item 127 – Second Interim Report included in the Board Books

CalAPS BOARD COMMUNICATION/INTRODUCTIONS – NONE

CalAPS STAFF COMMUNICATION/INTRODUCTIONS – Mrs. Whitney shared with the board that eight students advanced to the SkillsUSA State Conference across multiple career pathways and are actively preparing for the April competition, with hopes of qualifying for nationals in June. Law Enforcement/CSI and Fire students earned CPR/First Aid certifications, adding to their industry credentials. Staff also participated in the Educating for Careers Conference, where two teachers presented on behalf of CalAPS.

CalAPS was awarded a \$66,000 Harbor Freight Tools for Schools grant—one of only 11 programs selected—which will fund a four-week summer “Build a Tiny Home” program. This program will provide hands-on training, certifications, and potential stipends for students, with plans to expand in the future.

Additionally, CalAPS is preparing for its upcoming WASC accreditation visit, with staff completing extensive preparation and gathering student feedback through a survey that received over 2,300 responses.

PUBLIC HEARINGS – NONE

VISITORS’ AGENDA ITEMS – NONE

ACTION ITEMS

STAFF CORRECTIONS – Correction on item 140 – President Amie Stewart’s name is listed under “Action for Consideration”. Corrected to Vice President Erik Linstead.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

- **Approval of the minutes from the February 10, 2026 Board Meeting**

A motion to approve the minutes from the February 10, 2026 Board Meeting was made by Mr. Crihfield and seconded by Ms. Lopez. The motion carried with all members present voting in favor.

Board Members:

Yes Amie Stewart, President
Yes Erik Linstead, Vice President
Yes Brad Crihfield, Clerk
Yes Maria Lopez, Member

MAJOR ACTION - NONE

CONSENT AGENDA

- **Approval of the Consent Agenda**

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

Board Members:

Yes Amie Stewart, President
Yes Erik Linstead, Vice President
Yes Brad Crihfield, Clerk
Yes Maria Lopez, Member

WITHHELD FOR DISCUSSION AND ACTION - Items 101 Calendar and 127 Second Interim Report were held for discussion and action.

Item 101 – Calendar – Ms. Stewart requested the April Board Meeting date to change due to a BUSD award ceremony they are required to attend. The board agreed on changing the April Board meeting to Monday, April 27.

- **Approval of Item 101 - Calendar**

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

Board Members:

Yes Amie Stewart, President
Yes Erik Linstead, Vice President
Yes Brad Crihfield, Clerk
Yes Maria Lopez, Member

Item 127 – Second Interim Report – Clerk Crihfield asked for clarification on the second interim report, with Mrs. Whitney set to provide further details at the next meeting. He also inquired why current expenditures are lower than the proposed budget. Mrs. Whitney explained that, due to funding cuts in partnering districts, they chose to take a cautious approach and limit spending.

- **Approval of Item 127 – Second Interim Report**

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

Board Members:

Yes Amie Stewart, President
Yes Erik Linstead, Vice President
Yes Brad Carihfield, Clerk
Yes Maria Lopez, Member

DISCUSSION AND NON-ACTION – NONE

VISITOR NON-AGENDA ITEMS – NONE

STUDENT/STAFF RECOGNITION – NONE

INFORMATION ITEMS – An informational item informs the board about overnight travel for eight CalAPS students and accompanying staff to attend the SkillsUSA State Leadership Conference in Ontario, California, from April 9–12, 2026. Students will compete in various career pathways, with transportation and lodging arranged. There is no cost to students, as expenses are covered by program funds. Gold medal winners will advance to the national conference in Atlanta, Georgia, in June 2026.

CLOSED SESSION – NONE

ADJOURNMENT – The meeting adjourned without objection at 6:05 PM.

The March 11, 2026 regular meeting of the CalAPS Board adjourned at 6:05 PM until the next regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday, April 27, 2026 at 5:30 PM.