

**REGULAR MEETING
04/27/2026 05:30 PM
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
CARUTHERS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
CARUTHERS HIGH MEDIA CENTER**

MEETING MINUTES

Attendance

Board Members

James Cummings, Board President
Valori Gallaher, Board Clerk
Darren Gilmore, Board Member
Kathy Spate, Board Member
Mario Alvarado Jr., Board Member

Administration

Orin Hirschhorn, Superintendent
Susan McCoy, Chief Administrative Officer
Debra Haney, Chief Business Official
Alisha Cogburn, CES Principal
Gerrett Suarez, MES Principal
Tod Tompkins, MARC Principal
Barry Watts, CHS Principal

- 1. CALL TO ORDER by President James Cummings at 5:31 PM**
- 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- 3. ROLL CALL**
- 4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Motion made by: Valori Gallaher

Motion seconded by: Kathy Spate

Voting results: Unanimously Approved

Yes: James Cummings

Yes: Valori Gallaher

Yes: Darren Gilmore

Yes: Kathy Spate

Yes: Mario Alvarado Jr.

- 5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - March 23, 2026**

Motion made by: Kathy Spate

Motion seconded by: Valori Gallaher

Voting results: Unanimously Approved

Yes: James Cummings

Yes: Valori Gallaher

Yes: Darren Gilmore

Yes: Kathy Spate

Yes: Mario Alvarado Jr.

6. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

1. **Alisha Cogburn** – Career Day/CHS -Career Fair/Peach Blossom/Open House
2. **Gerrett Suarez** – Guided Reading/Conferences/CHS-Career Fair/Reading Campaign
3. **Barry Watts** – SBAC Testing/Dual Enrollment/Career Fair/Raider Round-Up/Prom
4. **Tod Tompkins** – WASC Accreditation Process for MARC High and Adult School

7. COMMUNICATIONS

1. **STUDENTS** – None
2. **PUBLIC** – None
3. **STAFF** – None

8. BUSINESS

1. **Review/Approve - 2026/2027 Declaration of Need for Qualified Teachers**

Motion to approve the 2026/2027 Declaration of Need for Qualified Teachers as presented.

Motion made by: Kathy Spate

Motion seconded by: Valori Gallaher

Voting results: Unanimously Approved

Yes: James Cummings

Yes: Valori Gallaher

Yes: Darren Gilmore

Yes: Kathy Spate

Yes: Mario Alvarado Jr.

2. **Review/Approve - Update to Resolution #2025-24 - Declaration of Emergency - Caruthers Elementary 800 Wing Project**

Motion to approve update to Resolution #2025-24 - Declaration of Emergency - Caruthers Elementary 800 Wing Project as presented.

Motion made by: Kathy Spate

Motion seconded by: Valori Gallaher

Voting results: Unanimously Approved

Yes: James Cummings

Yes: Valori Gallaher

Yes: Darren Gilmore

Yes: Kathy Spate

Yes: Mario Alvarado Jr.

3. **Review/Ratify - Insight Financial Services 60-Month Lease 315 iPads**

Motion to ratify Insight Financial Services 60-Month Lease 315 iPads as presented.

Motion made by: Darren Gilmore

Motion seconded by: Mario Alvarado Jr.

Voting results: Unanimously Approved

Yes: James Cummings

Yes: Valori Gallaher

Yes: Darren Gilmore

Yes: Kathy Spate

Yes: Mario Alvarado Jr.

4. Review/Approve - Financials

Motion to approve the Financials as presented.

Motion made by: Kathy Spate

Motion seconded by: Valori Gallaher

Voting results: Unanimously Approved

Yes: James Cummings

Yes: Valori Gallaher

Yes: Darren Gilmore

Yes: Kathy Spate

Yes: Mario Alvarado Jr.

9. CONSENT AGENDA (may be done with one motion)

Motion to approve Consent Agenda items 9.1 through 9.4 as presented.

Motion made by: Kathy Spate

Motion seconded by: Darren Gilmore

Voting results: Unanimously Approved

Yes: James Cummings

Yes: Valori Gallaher

Yes: Darren Gilmore

Yes: Kathy Spate

Yes: Mario Alvarado Jr.

1. Review/Approve - Warrants

2. Review/Approve - Purchase Order Report

3. Review/Approve - Inter-district Transfer Requests

4. Review/Approve - Quarterly Report on Williams Uniform Complaints

10. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

May Board Meeting – May 19th/Update on Monroe Incident/Budget/CTA Negotiations/May Revise

11. CLOSED SESSION 5:57 PM

Motion made by: Valori Gallaher

Motion seconded by: Kathy Spate

Voting results: Unanimously Approved

Yes: James Cummings

Yes: Valori Gallaher

Yes: Darren Gilmore

Yes: Kathy Spate

Yes: Mario Alvarado Jr.

1. **CLOSED SESSION AGENDA ITEMS SECTION 54957** Public Employee Appointment/Employment Title: Administration/Certificated/Classified Formal Compliant – citing Board Policy 1312.3 **SECTION 54957** Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release Title: Administration/Certified/Classified **SECTION 54957** Public Employee Evaluation Title: Superintendent – Orin Hirschhorn **SECTION 54957.6** Conference with Labor Negotiator Agency Negotiator: Orin Hirschhorn Employee Organization: CUTA, CSEA **SECTION 54957.6** Conference with Labor Negotiator Agency Negotiator: Orin Hirschhorn Unrepresented Employee(s) Classified Confidential/Site Administrators/Superintendent

2. **OPEN SESSION AND REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION**

The Board reconvened at 7:29 PM taking no action on any Closed Session Agenda items

Motion made by: Darren Gilmore

Motion seconded by: Kathy Spate

Voting results: Unanimously Approved

Yes: James Cummings

Yes: Valori Gallaher

Yes: Darren Gilmore

Yes: Kathy Spate

Yes: Mario Alvarado Jr.

12. **ITEMS FOR EMERGENCY CONSIDERATION**

13. **ADJOURNMENT 7:30 PM**

Motion made by: Valori Gallaher

Motion seconded by: Mario Alvarado, Jr.

Voting results: Unanimously Approved

Yes: James Cummings

Yes: Valori Gallaher

Yes: Darren Gilmore

Yes: Kathy Spate

Yes: Mario Alvarado Jr.