

**SAN JOSE CHARTER ACADEMY BOARD OF DIRECTORS
REGULAR MEETING**

MINUTES

HELD AT 2021 W. ALWOOD ST., WEST COVINA, CA 91790

May 5, 2026

4:00 p.m.

REGULAR SESSION

I. CALL TO ORDER: __ 4:05 _____ p.m.

II. OPEN SESSION

a. Flag Salute

b. Roll Call

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

SJCA Board Chairman	Nicole Valdovinos	x
SJCA Vice Chairman	Tony Song	x
SJCA Board Secretary	Dave Wallach	x
SJCA Board Member	Matt Smith	x
SJCA Board Member	Monica Farias	x
SJCA Board Member	Jeff Coronado	x
Superintendent-Principal	Erin Shiroma	x

III. PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

IV. CLOSED SESSION OPENS: _____ 4:06 _____ p.m.

A. Conference with Labor Negotiators (Gov. Code § 54957.6)

Agency designated representatives: Erin Shiroma,

Superintendent-Principal; Unrepresented employees: Certificated and
classified staff

CLOSED SESSION ENDED: __5:03__p.m.

V. ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION

The Board made the decision to postpone the remainder of closed session until after the meeting due to a large number of parents in the audience waiting for their students to be honored.

VI. PRESENTATIONS

1. The Board of Directors and Administration recognized SJCA's Spring Sports teams.
2. The Vector Inspectors of the Year were honored by the San Gabriel Valley Mosquito and Vector Control District.

VII. BOARD OF DIRECTORS' REPORTS

Items or activities individual Board Directors may wish to report on since their last meeting. This may include school events, visits, community events, etc.

Mr. Song enjoyed being part of the Celebration of Learning. He went from class to class witnessing what our students are really capable of doing. He loved the greeters in 3rd grade. It was great talking with the teachers.

Mrs. Valdovinos really liked the volunteer/student greeters at the Volunteer Ice Cream Social. She also pointed out that the wonderful decorations in the MPR were all parent made.

Mr. Smith thought it was great seeing our students so excited about their work at the Celebration of Learning. He was also really happy for the sports teams that were honored this evening.

VIII. ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR/PUBLIC COMMENT

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Mrs. Sandy Salazar gave her final thoughts as a parent whose youngest child is promoting from SJCA this year. She wanted to personally thank the Board, Administrations, and teachers/staff. She expressed her feelings that, as a family, SJCA has been their home away from home.

A. ORGANIZATIONAL

1.Approval of Agenda and Consent items

Moved by Mr. Wallach

Seconded by Mr. Song

To approve the agenda and consent items for the regular meeting of May 5, 2025 with the removal of item #11 from the Consent Agenda..

Ayes	6	Noes	0	Abstain	0
x Valdovinos	_x_ Song	_x_ Wallach	_x_ Smith	_x_ Farias	_x_ Coronado

Consent

Approval of Minutes

Moved by

Seconded by

2. To approve minutes for the regular meeting of April 7, 2026.

Ayes

Noes

Abstain

___ Valdovinos

___ Song

___ Wallach

___ Smith

___ Farias

___ Coronado

B. EDUCATION

3. Report of Information: Facilities Update

Ms. Shiroma provided the Board of Directors with a facilities update. SJCA has been asked to raise their commitment from 3 million to 3.2 million. Ms. Shiroma accepted the offer due to expected increases in goods and services. This ensures that the state will come in with 3.2 million, as well. She informed the Board that the Art Basin has been installed.

4. Report of Information: School Safety Update

SJCA Administration provided the Board with an overview of safety training taking place on May 13th & 14th. These trainings will involve physical safety (buildings), cyber security, and student and staff security. The training is being provided by Knowledge Saves Lives, Inc. It was reported that each “space” will have a poster which boldly states, “RUN, HIDE, FIGHT.”

5. Report of Information: TK - 8th Core Curriculum and Supplemental Materials

Mrs. Spickler gave an overview to the Board of the school’s literacy, math, history/social studies, and science curriculum used, as well as the supplemental materials/software that support our core programs and students’ social emotional learning.

C. BUSINESS

Consent **6. Purchase Orders**

Moved by

Seconded by

To approve/ratify listed purchase orders

Ayes

Noes

Abstain

___ Valdovinos ___ Song ___ Wallach ___ Smith ___ Farias ___ Coronado

Consent **7. Warrants**

Moved by

Seconded by

To approve/ratify listed warrants.

Ayes

Noes

Abstain

___ Valdovinos ___ Song ___ Wallach ___ Smith ___ Farias ___ Coronado

Consent **8. Donations**

Moved by

Seconded by

To approve the donations as listed.

Ayes

Noes

Abstain

___ Valdovinos ___ Song ___ Wallach ___ Smith ___ Farias ___ Coronado

9. Contracts

Moved by Mr. Wallach

Seconded by Mr. Smith

To approve/ratify listed contracts.

Ayes

6

Noes

0

Abstain

0

x Valdovinos _x_ Song _x_ Wallach _x_ Smith _x_ Farias _x_ Coronado

D. PERSONNEL

Consent **10. Personnel Report**

Moved by

Seconded by

To approve/ratify the Personnel Report as presented.

Ayes

Noes

Abstain

☐ Valdovinos

☐ Song

☐ Wallach

☐ Smith

☐ Farias

☐ Coronado

11. Stipends Schedule 2025-2026

Moved by Mr. Smith

**Seconded by Mr.
Wallach**

To approve/ratify the Stipends Schedule for 2025-26 school year.

Ayes

6

Noes

0

Abstain

0

☒ Valdovinos

☒ Song

☒ Wallach

☒ Smith

☒ Farias

☒ Coronado

IX. INFORMATION SESSION

1. Board of Directors' discussion

Mr. Wallach was impressed with students and academics. He wished all mothers a Happy Mother's Day.

Mr. Coronado thanked Sandy Salazar for her comments. He believes she expressed what so many feel but don't say.

2. Dates to remember and other updates:

DATE	EVENT
May 4th-8th	SJCA Staff Appreciation Week
May 6th	8:00 Rising Up – Session #8

	5:00 Junior Academy Orientation for current 5th graders
May 11th-15th	ASP Conference Week - 12:45 Dismissal
May 11th	6:00 p.m. PTO Meeting
May 13th	5:30 4th Grade Musical 6:30 4th Grade Musical
May 18th	11:45 Lighthouse Beacon 2:50 Student Lighthouse
May 19th	9:00 WCUSD/SJCA Middle School Track Meet 3:30 School Site Council
May 20th	6:00 Family Engagement Workshop
May 21st	8th Grade to Knotts Berry Farm
May 22nd	8:15 1 st Gr. Core Values Assembly 5:30 JA Orientation for 5 th Graders
May 23 rd	Sharks Cove
May 25th	No School - Memorial Day
May 27th	8:00 Rising Up Presentation #9
May 28th	Kindergarten Promotion 5:30 6th & 7th Grade Awards Night 6:30 8th Grade Awards Night
May 29th	5:00 5th Grade Dance 6:00 8th Grade Dance
June 1st	2nd Grade Field Trip
June 2nd	5:00 Class of 2026 Promotion
June 3rd & 4th	Early dismissal both days - 12:45
June 5th	Last Day of School - 11:00 Dismissal
June Board Meetings	Tuesday, June 16th Tuesday, June 23th

**Closed session ended at 8:11 p.m with the following action:
The Board approved the 2025-2026 Spring Off-Schedule pay of \$200,000 plus benefits.**

IX. There being no further business to come before the Board of Directors, the regular meeting of May 5, 2026 is adjourned at 8:11 p.m. by Chairwoman, Nicole Valdovinos.