

**SAN JOSE CHARTER ACADEMY BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
HELD AT 2021 W. ALWOOD ST., WEST COVINA, CA 91790
April 7, 2026**

Regular Session

I. CALL TO ORDER: __ 4:07 _____ 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	
SJCA Board Member	Monica Farias	
SJCA Board Member	Jeff Coronado	x
Superintendent-Principal	Erin Shiroma	x

III. PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

IV. CLOSED SESSION OPENS: _____ NA _____ p.m.
**Anticipated litigation. Government Code 54956.9 - Petition
Renewal**

V. CLOSED SESSION ENDED: _____ NA _____ p.m.

VI. ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION - None

VII. PRESENTATIONS

1. Recognition of SJCA Education Specialists

Ms. Shiroma recognized the following special education staff members for their incredible work in serving our neurodiverse student population: Stephanie Ortiz, SJCA's Director of Special Education, Ella Foote, Jennifer Hernandez, Nancy Recinos and Carolyn Foote.

VIII. 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. Wallach is still over the moon about the SJCA carnival. It is a wonderful event. Good to see all the alumni coming back.

Mr. Song welcomed all those in attendance. He always enjoys when the school community joins the Board meetings.

IX. ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR/PUBLIC COMMENT

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A. ORGANIZATIONAL

1. Approval of Agenda and Consent items

Moved by Mr. Song

Seconded by Mrs.
Valdovinos

To approve the agenda and consent items for the regular meeting of April 7, 2026 with the deletion of the closed session due to there being no anticipated litigation. .

Ayes 4

Noes 0

Abstain 0

☒ Valdovinos

☒ Song

☒ Wallach

☐ Smith

☐ Farias

☒ Coronado

Consent

2. Approval of Minutes

Moved by

Seconded by

To approve the agenda and consent items for the regular meeting of March 11, 2026

Ayes

Noes

Abstain

☐ Valdovinos

☐ Song

☐ Wallach

☐ Smith

☐ Farias

☐ Coronado

B. EDUCATION

3. Report of Information: Neurodiversity at SJCA

Mrs. Stehanie Ortiz, Director of Special Education, highlighted strategies that reinforce the strengths of SJCA's neurodiverse population.

In addition, a parent of an SJCA special education student provided a glowing testimonial of her daughter's experience at SJCA.. She has been very impressed and appreciative of the services and care her daughter has been provided.

4. Report of Information: Facilities Project Update

Ms. Shiroma provided an update on SJCA's current facilities projects and funding opportunities. She emphasized the act of refocusing our vision has created a new "why"; which is the creation of learning environments/facilities that promote inclusive practices for all students.

5. Report of Information: Summer Programs at SJCA

Mrs. Maricsa Gomez, Director of Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment, provided the Board with an overview of SJCA's summer programming.

Consent 6. Approval of Updated Safety Plan

Moved by

Seconded by

To approve the updated safety plan.

Ayes

Noes

Abstain

___ Valdovinos

___ Song

___ Wallach

___ Smith

___ Farias

___ Coronado

Consent 7. Approval of 2026 SJCA Employee Handbook

Moved by

Seconded by

To approve the 2026 SJCA Employee Handbook

Ayes		Noes		Abstain	
___ Valdovinos	___ Song	___ Wallach	___ Smith	___ Farias	___ Coronado

C. BUSINESS

Consent 8. Purchase Orders

Moved by	Seconded by
To approve/ratify listed purchase orders.	

Ayes		Noes		Abstain	
___ Valdovinos	___ Song	___ Wallach	___ Smith	___ Farias	___ Coronado

Consent 9. Warrants

Moved by	Seconded by
To approve/ratify listed warrants.	

Ayes		Noes		Abstain	
___ Valdovinos	___ Song	___ Wallach	___ Smith	___ Farias	___ Coronado

Consent 10. Donations

Moved by	Seconded by
To approve/ratify listed donations.	

Ayes		Noes		Abstain	
___ Valdovinos	___ Song	___ Wallach	___ Smith	___ Farias	___ Coronado

11. Contracts

Moved by Mr. Wallach	Seconded by Mr. Song
To approve/ratify presented contracts.	

Ayes	4	Noes	0	Abstain	0
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☒_x_ Valdovinos ☐_x_ Song ☒_x_ Wallach ☐_Smith ☐_Farias ☒_x_ Coronado

Consent **12. E-RATE**

Moved by

Seconded by

To approve the E-RATE information as presented

Ayes

Noes

Abstain

☐_ Valdovinos ☐_ Song ☐_ Wallach ☐_Smith ☐_Farias ☐_ Coronado

Consent **13. 2026-2027 Holiday Calendar**

Moved by

Seconded by

To approve the 2026-2027 Holiday Calendar

Ayes

Noes

Abstain

☐_ Valdovinos ☐_ Song ☐_ Wallach ☐_Smith ☐_Farias ☐_ Coronado

Consent **14. ASES Early Release Policy**

Moved by

Seconded by

To approve the ASES Early Release Policy

Ayes

Noes

Abstain

☐_ Valdovinos ☐_ Song ☐_ Wallach ☐_Smith ☐_Farias ☐_ Coronado

Consent **15. 990 Tax Exempt Return**

Moved by

Seconded by

To approve the 990 Tax Exempt Return

Ayes

Noes

Abstain

☐_ Valdovinos ☐_ Song ☐_ Wallach ☐_Smith ☐_Farias ☐_ Coronado

16. Report of Information - Business Department's Attendance at CASBO

Ms. Luna, CBO, provided the Board with insights gained by the Business Team's attendance at the CASBO Conference.

D. PERSONNEL

Consent **17. Personnel**

Moved by

Seconded by

To approve/ratify the Personnel Report.

Ayes

Noes

Abstain

___ Valdovinos

___ Song

___ Wallach

___ Smith

___ Farias

___ Coronado

X. INFORMATION SESSION

1. Board of Directors' discussion

Mr. Wallach was impressed with the ongoing involvement and investment in our students' mental health and specific personal needs.

Mr. Song congratulated Ms. Shiroma for securing funds from Prop 2, and all the hard work she put into this ongoing funding opportunity, as well as her dedication to improving our facilities.

2. Dates to remember and other updates:

DATE	EVENT
April 8th	2nd grade fieldtrip 8:00 7th Grade CV Kick off (Courage) 8:45 8th Grade CV Kick off 9:00 Kinder CV Kick Off 1:30 4th CV Kick Off 1:45 5th CV Kick Off 2:45 1st CV Kick Off 5:30 8th Grade Committee Meeting
April 9th	Book Fair Begins 9:00 TK CV Kick off 2:30 3rd CV Kick off 5:00 Celebration of Learning
April 10th	Celebration of Learning
April 11th	Sharks Cove (Saturday Session)
April 13th	6:00 PTO Meeting
April 14th	State Testing Begins 8:00 Rising Up Session #7

April 15th	TK/K Fieldtrip 6:00 Family Engagement Workshop
April 16th	9:00 Earthquake Drill
April 21st	3:30 School Site Council
April 23rd	2nd Grade Fieldtrip
April 24th	8:00 JA CV Assembly
April 25th	Sharks Cove (Saturday Session)
April 27th	ASB Spirit Week
April 28th	5:30 1st Grade Musical 6:30 1st Grade Musical
April 29th	1:30 Volunteer Celebration
April 30th	3:30 Staff Meeting 5:30 3rd Grade Musical 6:30 3rd Grade Musical
May 1st	5:00 ASB Spring Dance
May 4th	8:00 6th CV Kickoff 9:00 Kinder CV Kickoff 1:30 4th CV Kickoff 2:45 2nd CV Kickoff
May 5th	Cinco de Mayo 8:00 7th CV Kickoff 1:30 4th CV Kickoff 1:35 5th CV Kickoff 2:35 3rd CV Kickoff 5:00 SJCA Board of Directors
June 2nd	8th Grade Promotion
June 16th	Board of Directors Meeting
June 23rd	Board of Directors Meeting

XI. There being no further business to come before the Board of Directors, the regular meeting of April 7, 2026 is adjourned at 6:45 p.m. by Chairwoman, Nicole Valdovinos.