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MINUTES – BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING

Fresno, California
June 03, 2026
Fresno Unified School District, Education Center, 2309 Tulare Street, Fresno, CA 93721.

At the regular meeting of the Fresno Unified School District Board of Education, held June 03, 2026, there were present Board Members Cazares, Davis, Islas, Jonasson Rosas, Levine, Thomas, and Wittrup. Superintendent Her was also present.

Board President Islas CONVENED the Regular Board Meeting at 4:30 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Tami Lundberg led the Pledge of Allegiance.

OPPORTUNITY for Public Comment on Closed Session Items

For the record, the Board received twenty-five (25) public requests to address the Board on Closed Session items.

The individuals' name and a summary of topic are as follows:

1. Sandra Garcia advocated for Vice Principal Sarah Chavez to remain at Herrera. Referenced how Herrera has grown on every level as a new school.
2. America Leyva advocated for Vice Principal Sarah Chavez to remain at Herrera.
3. Lucia Herrera advocated for Vice Principal Sarah Chavez to remain at Herrera.
4. Jimena Sanchez Herrera advocated for Vice Principal Sarah Chavez to remain at Herrera.
5. Carlos Sanchez Herrera advocated for Vice Principal Sarah Chavez to remain at Herrera.
6. Imelda Carrillo advocated for Vice Principal Sarah Chavez to remain at Herrera. Referenced growth in distance from standards and the trust and stability at the site.
7. Marina Nuno Jones advocated for Vice Principal Sarah Chavez to remain at Herrera and asked the Board to leave a highly functioning leadership model in tack.

8. Tiana Favila advocated for Vice Principal Sarah Chavez to remain at Herrera. Shared examples of how VP Chavez has helped Favila's child.
9. Lucy Cabezuela advocated for Vice Principal Sarah Chavez to remain at Herrera.
10. Daniel Alvarado advocated for Vice Principal Sarah Chavez to remain at Herrera. Provided the Board letters of support from students for VP Sarah Chavez.
11. Janath Santos advocated for Vice Principal Sarah Chavez to remain at Herrera. Shared firsthand experiences of support from Vice Principal Chavez.
12. Victoria Benavides advocated for Vice Principal Sarah Chavez to remain at Herrera.
13. Matt Matera advocated for Vice Principal Sarah Chavez to remain at Herrera.
14. Heidi Martinez advocated for Vice Principal Sarah Chavez to remain at Herrera.
15. Randall Baker advocated for Vice Principal Sarah Chavez to remain at Herrera.
16. Nancy Rodriguez advocated for Vice Principal Anna Magana to remain at Mayfair.
17. Angela Carrasto advocated for Vice Principal Anna Magana to remain at Mayfair.
18. Brandie Salas advocated for Vice Principal Anna Magana to remain at Mayfair.
19. Eileen Jane Guion advocated for Vice Principal to remain at Greenberg.
20. Marcelino Valdez requested district intervention related to a safety concern at Baird Middle School child targeted by vice principal due to a complaint filed with Constituent Services.
21. Heather Price advocated for Vice Principals Monica Madrigal and Johny York to remain at Duncan Polytechnical High School. Asked what metrics and justification were used to decide reassignment.
22. Dominique Caglia shared concerns related to the reassignment of Duncan vice principals Monica Madrigal and Johny York.
23. Jennifer Wymer shared concerns related to the reassignment of Duncan vice principals Monica Madrigal and Johny York and asked what metrics were used to make the decision.
24. Kris Dutcher shared concerns related to reassignment of vice principals at Duncan.
25. Karen Zeru shared concerns related to reassignment of vice principals at Duncan and urged the Board to reconsider.

Board President Islas requested staff to prepare a Board Communication outlining the criteria used for reassignment of vice principals.

A. RECEIVE INFORMATION & REPORTS

For the record, there were no items for this section of the agenda.

Board President Islas ADJOURNED the Regular Board Meeting to Closed Session at 5:18 p.m.

Board President Islas RECONVENED the meeting to Open Session at 6:04 p.m.

Reporting Out of Closed Session

Clerk Levine reported action by the Board from Closed Session as follows:

On a motion by Board Member Jonasson Rosas, seconded, by Board Member Davis, the Board took action in Closed Session to internally hire Pang Vangyi to Director of Adult Education, by a roll call vote of 7-0-0-0 as follows: AYES: Board Members: Cazares, Davis, Jonasson Rosas, Thomas, Wittrup, Clerk Levine, and Board President Islas.

On a motion by Board Member Jonasson Rosas, seconded, by Board Member Thomas, the Board took action in Closed Session to deny a Minor, Claim No. GL25-1210-16354, by a roll call vote of 7-0-0-0 as follows: AYES: Board Members: Cazares, Davis, Jonasson Rosas, Thomas, Wittrup, Clerk Levine, and President Islas.

On a motion by Board President Islas, seconded, by Board Clerk Levine, the Board took action in Closed Session deny Wendy McCulley, Claim No. GL24-0701-17906, by a roll call vote of 7-0-0-0 as follows: AYES: Board Members: Cazares, Davis, Jonasson Rosas, Thomas, Wittrup, Clerk Levine, and President Islas.

For the record, Clerk Levine read the approved Board Shared Agreements as follows:

- **Respect and Civility** – Honor our shared agreements.
- **Be Honest and Honorable** – Honor my word and do not lie, deflect, or disparage others.
- **Honor the Process and any Time Limits**
- **Honor Confidentiality**
- **Be Prepared and On Time** – Be on time. Read materials or share questions ahead of time. Share as early as possible if I will be late or miss a commitment.
- **Represent All Students** - Do not represent solely my region/area.

On a motion by Board President Islas, seconded by Board Clerk Levine, the Board approved reordering the conference and discussion items; moving agenda item B2, Discuss and Approve Naming of Edison High School West Gym to be heard first, by a roll call vote of 7-0-0-0 as follows: AYES: Board Members: Cazares, Davis, Jonasson Rosas, Thomas, Wittrup, Clerk Levine, and President Islas.

B. CONFERENCE AND DISCUSSION AGENDA

B2, DISCUSS and APPROVE Naming of Edison High School West Gym

For the record, the Board received five (5) public requests to speak on agenda item B-2, Discuss and Approve Naming of Edison High School West Gym. The individuals' names and summary of topic are as follows:

1. DJ Criner spoke about legacy and shared that when trying to explain what legacy is about, Criner references the film, Lion King. Criner noted that when people walk the halls of Edison, they walk into a magnificent new gym and Criner wants students to know who they are and to remember the legacy of a gentleman who not only fought for education but also walked those halls before he could fight for the education of those students.

   DJ Criner spoke of how wonderful it would be to honor Lindsay "Cal" Johnson before the Scars of life take him from us.

2. Brandon Brown, the CEO of School Yard Rap, an educational curriculum company based in Fresno, spoke in support of naming the Edison High School West Gym after Mr. Lindsay "Cal" Johnson. Brown shared that Mr. Johnson, his uncle, and a personal role model, inspired his own career path in education and commitment to serving youth. He highlighted Mr. Johnson's longstanding contributions to the community and his lasting impact on students.

   Brandon Brown emphasized the importance of naming facilities after individuals who have dedicated their lives to service, noting that such recognition carries meaning and inspires future generations. He urged the Board to approve of naming the gym in honor of Mr. Cal Johnson.

3. Carl Cooley addressed the Board in support of naming the Edison High School West Gym in honor of Mr. Lindsay "Cal" Johnson. Mr. Cooley highlighted Mr. Johnson's dedication to the community and his service as a member of the Board of Trustees from 2006 to 2018. During his tenure, Mr. Johnson advocated for the establishment of Rutherford B. Gaston Middle School in West Fresno and supported the addition of a computer lab within the gymnasium to help student-athletes maintain academic progress.

   Carl Cooley also noted that Mr. Johnson continued to serve the District after his Board term as Trustee Emeritus and as a member of the Measure X Committee until his health declined in 2025. Mr. Cooley shared his personal connection as Mr. Johnson's nephew and expressed appreciation for the Board's consideration.

4. Dustin Chandler, an Edison High School alumnus, lifelong resident of the Edison area, and President of the Fresno County NAACP, spoke in support of naming the Edison High School Gymnasium in honor of Mr. Cal Johnson. Chandler also expressed support on behalf of the Honorable Cynthia Sterling, former City Councilmember and President of Black Women Organized for Political Action (BWOPA), who was unable to attend.

   Mr. Chandler highlighted Mr. Johnson's lifelong commitment to education, community, and equity, noting his service as a military veteran, Edison alumnus, and member of the Board of Trustees for 12 years. Mr. Chandler referenced Mr. Johnson's role in advancing opportunities for West Fresno students, including the opening of Gaston Middle School and support for career and technical education programs. Mr. Chandler stated that naming the gymnasium after Mr. Johnson would honor his legacy of leadership and service and serve as an inspiration to future generations. He urged the Board to approve the naming in Mr. Johnson's honor.

5. Mr. Lindsay "Cal" Johnson expressed appreciation to the Board for its support and recognition. He shared his pride in advocating for students in West Fresno and reaffirmed his commitment to Fresno Unified and its mission to serve children.

   Mr. Johnson also acknowledged members of his family in attendance, including his grandchildren and great-grandchild. He concluded by thanking the Board for the honor and its continued support.

For the record, Board Members provided comments and raised questions about agenda item B-2. A summary of Board Member feedback is below:

Member Thomas expressed appreciation for Mr. Cal Johnson's longstanding support and mentorship, noting that his encouragement played a meaningful role in their personal and professional journey. Member Thomas acknowledged Mr. Johnson's persistent advocacy for the Edison community, including his efforts to secure the construction of the gymnasium and the establishment of additional school facilities.

Member Thomas thanked Mr. Johnson for his leadership and service, expressed appreciation for the opportunity to honor his legacy, and emphasized the importance of proceeding promptly with signage and a dedication ceremony at the start of the school year.

Member Cazares. shared about serving alongside Mr. Lindsay "Cal" Johnson during Cazares early tenure on the Board and benefited from Mr. Johnson's mentorship. Member Cazares noted that Mr. Johnson's background in education provided valuable guidance, particularly in helping Board members remain focused on student-centered decision-making.

Member Cazares also reflected on personal experience as a parent in the Edison region prior to joining the Board, consistently had a positive experience and appreciated the quality of education provided during Mr. Johnson's service. Member Cazares expressed gratitude for Mr. Johnson's leadership, mentorship, and dedication to the community, and stated it was an honor to have served with him on the Board.

Member Davis thanked Mr. Johnson and expressed appreciation to Mr. Johnson for his longstanding friendship and support to Member Davis's family, noting his positive influence and presence over many years. Member Davis acknowledged Mr. Johnson's dignity, kindness, and service to the broader community.

Member Davis also recognized and expressed gratitude for the shared experiences representing the district at conferences and professional engagements, where they collaborated with other districts and shared best practices. Member Davis concluded by thanking Mr. Johnson for his service, leadership, and lasting impact.

President Islas offered closing remarks, thanking Mr. Cal Johnson for his outstanding service, and acknowledging that naming the facility in his honor would serve as a meaningful and lasting legacy for the district.

For the record, Ambra O'Connor was available to provide clarity.

On a motion by Board Member Thomas, seconded by Board Member Davis, the Board approved the naming of the Edison High School West Gym in honor of Lindsay "Cal" Johnson, by a roll call vote of 7-0-0-0 as follows: AYES: Board Members Cazares, Davis, Jonasson Rosas, Thomas, Wittrup, Clerk Levine, and President Islas.

B-1, DISCUSS and APPROVE Naming of Edison High School East Gym

For the record, the Board received two (2) public requests to speak on agenda item B-1, Discuss and Approve Naming of Edison High School East Gym. The individuals' names and summary of topic are as follows:

1. Dr. Darren Miller expressed it was an honor to speak on behalf of Mr. Cecil "Chief" Smith, someone who has been a lifelong influence. Dr. Miller did not attend Edison High School; Dr. Miller's connection with Mr. Smith dates to when Mr. Smith taught Dr. Miller's mother, a member of Edison's Class of 1961, serving as her geography teacher and mentor. As an adult, Dr. Miller's relationship with Mr. Smith continued to grow through their shared membership in Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Incorporated, the oldest African American intercollegiate fraternity for college-educated men. Dr. Miller noted the fraternity's guiding principle of service and stated that Mr. Smith exemplifies this ideal. Mr. Smith's longstanding commitment to service includes being part of the inaugural class that established the presence of African American Greek-letter organizations at Fresno State in 1956, as well as serving as a founding member of the first Alpha Phi Alpha alumni chapter in Fresno in 1970.

   Dr. Miller emphasized Mr. Smith's exceptional impact on Edison High School, where he dedicated approximately 50 years as a teacher, coach, and mentor to students and families. Dr. Miller further noted that Mr. Smith's tenure at Edison predates the construction of the very gymnasium the Board is considering to name after Mr. Smith, underscoring the depth of his legacy. Dr. Miller urged the Board to honor Mr. Smith's contributions and legacy by naming the Edison High School gymnasium in his recognition.

2. Shanda Smith, daughter of Mr. Cecil "Chief" Smith, addressed the Board and shared that her father was unable to attend due to illness, per his doctor's advice. Ms. Smith emphasized that he was doing well and had very much hoped to be present.

   Ms. Smith expressed her father's deep gratitude for the recognition being considered, noting that he was especially touched when he first learned about the proposed honor, as many individuals do not receive such acknowledgment during their lifetime. At 91 years old, Mr. Smith continues to stay connected and involved with the Edison High School community.

   Ms. Smith reflected on the lasting impact of her father's more than 50 years of service to Edison High School, noting that many individuals in the community, students, families, and generations of alumni—have been influenced by his dedication as a teacher.

   Ms. Smith shared appreciation for the strong community support demonstrated through signatures, meeting attendance, and public comments in favor of honoring her father, stating that it would be especially meaningful for him to witness this recognition during his lifetime. Ms. Smith stated that her father has always been proud to be part of the Edison community and remains, in her words, "forever a Tiger."

For the record, Board Members provided comments and raised questions about agenda item B-1. A summary of Board Member feedback is below:

Member Thomas shared that Mr. Smith and his wife, Catherine, have long been valued members of the community. Catherine Smith worked at McLane High School, where she stayed involved even after retirement, helping in the cafeteria and interacting with students. Member Thomas noted a close personal connection, explaining that Mr. Smith was a close friend of their grandparents and family, and has always been known as a kind, positive, and respected individual.

Member Thomas emphasized having long witnessed Mr. Smith's consistent presence on the Edison High School campus and the strong relationships Mr. Smith built with students. Member Thomas remarked on how much Mr. Smith has taught, mentored, and been deeply appreciated by generations of students.

Member Thomas stated that it is truly an honor to recognize someone with such deep and lasting ties to Edison High School—as a community member, educator, and mentor—and expressed gratitude to the family for sharing Mr. Smith's life and legacy with the community.

President Islas expressed congratulations to Mr. Cecil "Chief" Smith for his tremendous service and lasting contributions to the district, noting that it is meaningful to have individuals of such distinction recognized at district facilities.

President Islas also acknowledged Mr. Smith's membership in Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Incorporated, and recognized the presence of other members of the Divine Nine. President Islas extended appreciation to members of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Incorporated, and Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated for their attendance and support, emphasizing the importance of acknowledging their presence.

For the record, Ambra O'Connor was available to provide clarity.

On a motion by Board Member Keshia Thomas, seconded by Board Member Davis, the Board approved the naming of the Edison High School East Gym in honor of Cecil "the Chief" Smith, by a roll call vote of 7-0-0-0 as follows: AYES: Board Members Cazares, Davis, Jonasson Rosas, Thomas, Wittrup, Clerk Levine, and President Islas.

B3, HOLD Public Hearing, PRESENT and DISCUSS the 2026/27 Local Control and Accountability Plan

Board President Islas opened the public hearing at 6:43 p.m.

For the record, the Board received zero (0) public requests to speak on agenda item B-3, Hold Public Hearing, Present and Discuss the 2026/27 Local Control and Accountability Plan.

For the record, Board Members provided comments and raised questions about agenda item B-3. A summary of Board Member feedback is below:

Clerk Levine noted the top theme was safety and asked if the district can drill down into the responses as safety can mean different things, especially whether it comes from students, parents, or staff.

Member Jonasson Rosas requested staff create a slide that shows feedback from the community alongside the district's response to the feedback. Member Jonasson Rosas shared that this will be helpful when talking with the community, noting because there is no two-way conversation the community often feels skeptical about what the district does with community feedback.

Member Jonasson Rosas asked that the district more clearly communicate what it is doing with the community feedback as the district asks parents and the community to be engaged with the district and the community needs to hear that Fresno Unified is taking their feedback into account.

Member Jonasson Rosas shared a parent request that the district create more GATE magnet programs.

For the record, Ashlee Chiarito was available to provide clarity.

Board President Islas closed the public hearing at 6:47 p.m.

B4, HOLD Public Hearing, PRESENT and DISCUSS the Fresno Unified School District 2026/27 Proposed Budget and Education Protection Account

For the record, the Board received zero (0) public requests to speak on agenda item B-4, Hold Public Hearing, Present and Discuss the Fresno Unified School District 2026/27 Proposed Budget and Education Protection Account.

Board President Islas opened the public hearing at 6:57 p.m.

For the record, Board Members provided comments and raised questions about agenda item B-4. A summary of Board Member feedback is below:

Member Wittrup asked whether the district is still utilizing Centergistics and whether there are any associated cost savings. Member Wittrup requested staff to provide information in a Board Communication.

Member Jonasson Rosas asked whether the risks named in the presentation are reflected in the financial projections and whether assumptions about the need for reductions in 2027/28 will change. Member Jonasson Rosas inquired whether Slide 13 presented an optimistic scenario and if budget reductions are expected for 2027/28.

Member Jonasson Rosas expressed appreciation to staff for the changes made to retiree nursing contracts and noted the shift in funding streams. Member Jonasson Rosas raised questions about the Fresno Unified Unfunded Liability and asked whether the district made contributions to pay it down.

Member Jonasson Rosas asked for a quantification of funding changes, how a 1% raise would translate into Full-Time Equivalent (FTEs) impacts and asked for a graph illustrating different scenarios.

For the record, Patrick Jensen was available to provide clarity.

Board President Islas closed the public hearing at 7:03 p.m.

B5, DISCUSS and APPROVE the Declaration of Need for Fully Qualified Educators

For the record, the Board received zero (0) public requests to speak on agenda item B-5, Discuss and Approve the Declaration of Need for Fully Qualified Educators.

For the record, Maria Mazzoni was available to provide clarity.

On a motion by Board Clerk Levine, seconded by Board Member Jonasson Rosas, the Board approved the Declaration of Need for Fully Qualified Educators, by a roll call vote of 7-0-0-0 as follows: AYES: Board Members Cazares, Davis, Jonasson Rosas, Thomas, Wittrup, Clerk Levine, and President Islas.

OPPORTUNITY for Public Comment on Consent Agenda Items

For the record, the Board received zero (0) public requests to speak on the Consent Agenda.

On a motion by Board Member Thomas, seconded by Board Member Davis, the Board approved the Consent Agenda with the exception of agenda item C6, C8, C12, and C23 which were pulled for further discussion, by a roll call vote of 7-0-0-0 as follows: AYES: Board Members Cazares, Davis, Jonasson Rosas, Thomas, Wittrup, Clerk Levine, and President Islas.

ALL CONSENT Agenda items are considered routine by the Board of Education and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of items unless a Board member requests, in which event, the item(s) will be considered following approval of the Consent Agenda. Pulled Consent Agenda items will be considered for approval after the Conference/Discussion Agenda.

C. CONSENT AGENDA

C-1, ADOPT Findings of Fact and Recommendations of District Administrative Board
ADOPTED as recommended, the Findings of Fact and Recommendations of District Administrative Panels resulting from Hearings on expulsion and readmittance cases conducted during the period since the regular meeting of the Board held May 27, 2026.

C-2, ADOPT Resolution No. 26-64, Approving the Self-Certifying Increased Micro-Purchase Threshold
ADOPTED as recommended, Resolution No. 26-64.

C-3, ADOPT Resolution No. 26-85, Order of Election, and Specifications of the Election for the November 03, 2026, Election
ADOPTED as recommended, Resolution No. 26-85.

C-4, APPROVE Personnel List
APPROVED as recommended, the personnel List, Appendix A, as submitted.

C-5, APPROVE Meeting Minutes
APPROVED as recommended, draft minutes of the Fresno Unified School District Board of Education special meeting held May 18, 2026, and the regular meeting held May 27, 2026.

C-6, APPROVE Proposed Revisions for Board Bylaws
APPROVED as recommended, revisions for

For the record, Board Members provided comments and raised questions about agenda item C-6. A summary of Board Member feedback is below:

Member Cazares proposed an amendment to Board Bylaw 9220 Governing Board Elections, specifically the section related to Campaign Conduct.

Member Cazares noted that the proposed language exists within other district policies, although it is not reflected in this bylaw. Member Cazares read the following:

> *Students shall not be solicited, recruited, or otherwise engaged in campaign activities on district property or during school sponsored programs. Staff shall not direct encourage or permit students to participate in campaign activities during instructional time or in connection with school sponsored activities. This does not prohibit objective nonpartisan instruction on the electoral process or limit student activities on personal time consistent with law and outside district property.*

Member Cazares noted that this issue does not solely apply to School Board Member campaigns but should apply broadly to any political campaign; emphasizing that students should never feel pressured or compelled to take part in campaign activities at the request of a teacher or Board member.

Additionally, Member Cazares cautioned that the district be mindful of the considerable influence that staff, including board members, may have on students, particularly about campaigning activities conducted on school grounds during the school day.

President Islas requested clarity to the amendment proposed by Member Cazares and asked whether this bars a student from taking part that might have chosen on their own initiative.

President Islas commented on desiring to be sure there is a clear line and that the district is not prohibiting any person's First Amendment Rights or Freedom of Speech Rights.

Member Jonasson Rosas commented on not hearing where it mentions school board campaigns in the proposed language offered for amendment.

Member Cazares noted that the proposed amendment should be revised to include the words "School Board Trustees Campaigns."

Member Cazares proposed a further amendment under the section Campaign Conduct as follows:

> The following are also prohibited: posting or distributing campaign materials on district property and disseminating political campaign materials through the district mail service, email, or staff mailboxes.

Member Cazares asked the Board to consider the proposed amendment, provided there are no legal concerns.

Member Jonasson Rosas proposed an amendment to Board Bylaw 9200 Limits of Board Member Authority, specifically to remove the sentence related to inform the Superintendent when visiting their child's classroom from the paragraph as follows:

> *A Board member whose child is attending a district school should be aware of their role as a Board member when interacting with district employees about their child. ~~Because their position as a Board member may inhibit the performance of school personnel, a Board member shall inform the Superintendent or designee before volunteering at their child's classroom.~~*

Member Jonasson Rosas recommended removal of the following paragraph as follows:

> *~~Board members shall refer Board-related correspondence to the Superintendent or designee for forwarding to the Board or for placement on the Board's agenda.~~*

Member Wittrup referenced Board Bylaw 9150 Student Board Members and read the statement as follows:

> *"I deeply value student voice and believe student trustees play an important role in helping this Board understand the student experience. However, I also believe there should be clear distinctions between advisory participation and the legal governance responsibilities entrusted to elected board members.*
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> *This bylaw is saying that student board members can pull items for consent, make motions and conduct committee business which are governance functions that carry significant responsibility and accountability to the voters that elected this board.*
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> *Student trustees are not elected by the public, do not bear the same fiduciary responsibilities and should not be placed in positions that blur those distinctions student board members must stay focused on their primary priority, which is their education. Maintaining appropriate boundaries between student advisory roles and board governance responsibility serves both the students and the integrity of the Board's decision-making process. Students can become easy targets for adult exploitation when these boundaries are violated.*

According to California Education Code 35012 E, pupil members shall not be considered members of a legislative body of a local agency for purposes of the Brown Act, student trustees are not counted toward a quorum they are not Brown Act members for serial meeting purposes, and they do not have the same legal responsibilities under the Brown Act as elected trustees.

So, because of this, I move that the Board amend the proposed bylaw to clarify that student board members shall not move or request the removal of items from the Consent Agenda, participate in board subcommittees which are usually held during the instructional school day, or make or second motions before the Board."

Board President Islas requested advice from legal counsel and asked whether student trustees would be subject to the same legal responsibilities as an elected board member. President Islas asked whether student board members would be liable for decisions the Board of Education allowed them to take part.

Member Thomas commented on being in line with Member Wittrup's comments. Member Thomas noted another concern that is adults weaponize kids and Member Thomas cannot support putting student board members in the direct line of the media which is difficult to deal with and student board members are not socially or emotionally mature enough to deal with these kinds of feelings.

Clerk Levine commented that as a member of the Board Bylaw subcommittee he appreciates that the Board is truly trying to hear and include the voice and wisdom of the students and student trustees as much as possible, within legal boundaries and safety protections.

Clerk Levine agreed with Trustee Wittrup that student trustees are not elected and do not hold the same responsibilities as elected officials so the Board should not falsely equate student trustees with trustees as a whole.

Clerk Levine clarified that the subcommittee in terms of the proposed bylaw carefully found the balance of making sure that the Board is not overstepping that roll, the Board is not blurring that line and are keeping within legal boundaries.

Clerk Levine strongly supports the amendment proposed by a student trustee as follows:

"A student board member may pull an item from the consent agenda in the event that two-thirds of the student advisory board members have taken a vote for the item to be discussed."

Clerk Levine commented this is standard practice in the student advisory meeting space, so by proposing it as an amendment the student board members are bringing it to the Board meeting so the full Board and public can benefit from hearing what our students are asking, what students are concerned about, what students are curious about.

Clerk Levine noted that the student proposed amendment of allowing a student trustee to pull an item or make a motion that could be voted upon is riskier and for Clerk Levine the Board would need to exercise caution and that is the reason the language here was carefully crafted by the Board Bylaw subcommittee.

Clerk Levine commented that this is an attempt to with respect and responsibility to ensure student voice and representation.

Member Jonasson Rosas requested clarity that the motion covered both amendments proposed by Member Cazares and those of Member Jonasson Rosas.

President Islas commented that student board members are elected by their peers within their schools and therefore denying them the full agency of what they should be allowed is limiting and undermining of their development.

President Islas agreed that student board members should be safeguarded and should not be put at any additional risk; however, the district has strong students that provide the Board with valuable insight into the lived experiences of the students of Fresno Unified School District and how Board policies and bylaws affect their day-to-day lives.

For the record, Ambra O'Connor, Theresa Plascencia, and legal counsel Mark Harris were available to provide clarity.

On a motion by Board Member Thomas, seconded by Board Member Jonasson Rosas, the Board approved agenda item C-6 with the referenced amendments, by a roll call vote of 5-2-0-0 as follows: AYES: Board Members Cazares, Davis, Jonasson Rosas, Thomas, and Wittrup. NOES: Board Clerk Levine and President Islas.

C-7, APPROVE Proposed Revisions for Board Policies
APPROVED as recommended, revisions for two Board Policies (BP) as follows: BP 6146.4 Differential Graduation and Competency Standards for Individuals with Exceptional Needs; and BP 6174 Education for English Learners

C-8, APPROVE Update to the Board Committee Assignments for 2026
APPROVED as recommended, an update to the Board Committee Assignments for 2026.

For the record, Board Members provided comments and raised questions about agenda item C-8. A summary of Board Member feedback is below:

Member Cazares asked the Board to consider adding Member Cazares to the ROP committee and the Facilities Corporation subcommittee.

For the record, Ambra O'Connor was available to provide clarity.

On a motion by Board President Islas, seconded by Board Member Cazares, the Board approved agenda item C-8 with Member Cazares' request to be added to the Facilities Corporation and the Fresno Regional Occupational Program subcommittees, by a roll call vote of 7-0-0-0 as follows: AYES: Board Members Cazares, Davis, Jonasson Rosas, Thomas, Wittrup, Clerk Levine, and President Islas.

C-9, APPROVE the 2026/27 School Plans for Student Achievement
APPROVED as recommended, the 2026/27 School Plans for Student Achievement.

C-10, APPROVE Agreements with the City of Fresno Recycled Water Services for Columbia Elementary School and Gaston Middle School
APPROVED as recommended, agreements with the City of Fresno Recycled Water Services for Columbia Elementary School and Gaston Middle School. The projects will connect the school grounds irrigation to the City of Fresno's recycled water system, replacing the potable water that is applied to landscape with the recycled water.

C-11, APPROVE Amendment to the Agreement with Intellias, Inc.
APPROVED as recommended, an amendment to the Master Services Agreement between Fresno Unified School District and Intellias, Inc. The amendment modifies the end date of the agreement from June 30, 2026, to June 30, 2027.

C-12, APPROVE Award of Bid No. 26-43, Roosevelt High School West Hall Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning, and Chiller Replacement
APPROVED as recommended, information on Bid No. 26-43, Roosevelt High School West Hall Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning, and Chiller Replacement. This project will replace existing air handlers, chillers, infrastructure, and energy management systems.

For the record, Board Member Jonasson Rosas read the statement as follows:

> Agenda Item C-12 on tonight's Consent Agenda is to Approve Award of Bid No. 26-43, Roosevelt High School West Hall Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning, and Chiller Replacement.

My residence is located within 500 feet of the southwest edge of the property comprising the Roosevelt High School campus. Despite this proximity, the award of Bid No. 26-43 will have no measurable fiscal impact on my property.

Moreover, the impact of the award of Bid No. 26-43 is indistinguishable from its effect on the majority of the residential properties within my trustee area that are part of Roosevelt High School's attendance area.

Notwithstanding the absence of any fiscal impact on my property, I am abstaining from the vote to Approve Award of Bid No. 26-43, pursuant to Board Bylaw 9270 for the express purpose of avoiding the appearance of any conflict.

On a motion by Board Member Thomas, seconded by Board Member Davis, the Board approved agenda item C-12, by a roll call vote of 6-0-1-0 as follows: AYES: Board Members Cazares, Davis, Thomas, Wittrup, Clerk Levine, and President Islas. ABSTENTIONS: Board Member Jonasson Rosas.

C-13, APPROVE Award of Bid No. 26-44, Education Center Fiscal Services Office Mitigation

APPROVED as recommended, information on Bid 26-44, Education Center Fiscal Services Office Remodel. The project consists of mitigating the office space formerly occupied by Human Resources to accommodate the Fiscal Services Department. The scope of work includes demolition, hazardous material abatement, construction of four new confidential offices and one open office area, electrical and data infrastructure upgrades to support updated furniture systems, installation of a new reception desk and entry, and access control improvements at select locations. The project also encompasses 1st floor corridor upgrades that consist of demolition, hazardous material abatement, new flooring, painting, ceilings, and lighting. Also included is the repainting of the building exterior.

C-14, APPROVE Award of Bid No. 26-45, Yosemite Middle School Locker Rooms Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning Replacement

APPROVED as recommended, information on Bid No. 26-45, Yosemite Middle School Locker Rooms Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning Replacement. This project will add makeup air system in the boys and girls locker rooms and mechanical split units in the coaches' offices including demolition of existing heating, and ventilation systems.

C-15, APPROVE Award of Request for Proposals No. 26-23, Fresh Produce

APPROVED as recommended, information on Request for Proposals (RFP) No. 26-23, Fresh Produce to establish fixed pricing for fresh produce served in the School Breakfast Program, National School Lunch Program and the Super Snack Program.

C-16, APPROVE Award of Request for Proposals No. 26-24, Dry and Frozen Products

APPROVED as recommended, information on Request for Proposals No. 26-24, Dry and Frozen Products to establish fixed pricing on meal ingredients and menu items for delivery to the Nutrition Center. These products are served in the School Breakfast Program, National School Lunch Program and the Super Snack Program.

C-17, APPROVE Award of Request for Qualifications 23-05S2 for Student Mentoring Services

APPROVED as recommended, information on Request for Qualifications (RFQ) No. 23-05S2, Student Mentoring Services, to add vendors to the qualified pool. The Board approved RFQ No. 23-05 on February 22, 2023, and RFQ No. 23-05S on March 20, 2024, to provide student mentoring services on an as-needed basis starting July 01, 2023. The contract term will be effective upon Board approval through June 30, 2026, with the option of up to two one-year renewals for a maximum end date of June 30, 2028.

C-18, APPROVE Award of Request for Qualifications No, 26-39, Commercial Print Production Services

APPROVED as recommended, information on Request for Qualifications (RFQ) No. 26-39, to qualify a pool of vendors who provide Printing, Publishing, Design and Bulk Mailing Services. The RFQ process allows multiple factors to be considered in addition to price, to identify the best value vendor(s) for the district. The contract term will be effective upon Board approval for a qualification term of five years.

C-19, APPROVE Rejection of Bid No. 26-38, Yosemite Middle School Roof Replacement

APPROVED as recommended, information on Bid No. 26-38, Yosemite Middle School Roof Replacement. This project will replace the existing roofing systems across the campus.

C-20, APPROVE Rejection of Bid No. 26-42, Mayfair Elementary School Infrastructure Replacement

APPROVED as recommended, information on Bid No. 26-42, Mayfair Elementary School Infrastructure Replacement. The project consists of replacing underground hydronic piping, domestic water, gas, and sewer throughout the campus.

C-21, APPROVE Use of Piggyback and Cooperative Contracts in 2026/27

APPROVED as recommended, a list of piggyback and cooperative contracts recommended for utilization by the district during the 2026/27 fiscal year to support efficient and cost-effective procurement.

C-22, RATIFY Purchase Orders from March 01, 2026, through March 31, 2026, and Zero Dollar Contracts–Primary Report

RATIFIED as recommended, information on purchase orders issued from March 01, 2026, through March 31, 2026 - Primary Report. Two agenda items are presented to ratify purchase orders. The first item includes the Primary Report with all purchase orders issued during the reported dates with the exception of those that may present a potential conflict of interest for an individual Board member. All remaining purchase orders are in the Supplemental Report and presented as a second agenda item.

C-23, RATIFY Purchase Orders from March 01, 2026, through March 31, 2026 – Supplemental Report

RATIFIED as recommended, information on purchase orders issued from March 01, 2026, through March 31, 2026 - Supplemental Report. Two agenda items are presented to ratify purchase orders. The first item includes the Primary Report with all purchase orders issued during the reported dates with the exception of those that may present a potential conflict of interest for an individual Board member. All remaining purchase orders are in the Supplemental Report and presented as a second agenda item.

For the record, Clerk Levine read the statement as follows:

> Agenda item C-23 on tonight's Consent Agenda includes purchase orders between Fresno Unified School District and the California Teaching Fellows Foundations, California State University, Fresno, the CSUF/Association, the CSUF Downing Planetarium, and Fresno State University.
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> I did not participate in the making of the purchase orders related to this agenda item; however, because of my employment with Fresno State, I have a remote financial interest in the purchase orders.
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> Therefore, in the interest of full transparency, I am abstaining from this vote pursuant to Board Bylaw 9270.

On a motion by Board Member Davis, seconded by Board Member Cazares, the Board approved agenda item C-23, by a roll call vote of 6-0-1-0 as follows: AYES: Board Members Cazares, Davis, Jonasson Rosas, Thomas, Wittrup, and President Islas. ABSTENTIONS: Clerk Levine

OPPORTUNITY FOR UNSCHEDULED ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

For the record, the Board received three (3) public requests to address the Board during Unscheduled Oral Communications. The individuals' name and a summary of topic are as follows:

1. Rachel Nichols, a first-grade teacher at Yokomi Elementary School, thanked the Board for researching and drafting the early literacy goal. Ms. Nichols read the goals as follows: The percentage of first graders who are proficient in literacy will increase from 48% in June 2024 to 80% June 2030. Ms. Nichols commented that this policy has been the most memorable instance in which a policy from the Board has had such an enormous positive impact on Ms. Nichol's day-to-day teaching.
2. Steven Fabela shared with the Board how well bus drivers in the Transportation Department did in state competitions. Fabela said goodbye to the Board as Fabela is retiring this school year.
3. Ana Bustos thanked Superintendent Her for co-teaching in Bustos's classroom at Mayfair. Bustos shared analysis and actions with the Board that Bustos noted is the formula to teach students to read.

INVITATION for Board Members to Shared Reflections on the Board Shared Agreements

Member Jonasson Rosas commented on being moved as this is the best end to a board meeting in a long time, hearing magnificent work of the transportation department to incredible wins in early literacy.

Jonasson Rosas noted that Board members started the meeting with student made cell phone holders and plaques, customized for each region, noting that the student work is wonderful and the student deserved to be lifted up.

Member Jonasson Rosas shared that Fresno Unified has incredible students and incredible staff and expressed appreciation for everyone rowing and working in the same direction.

President Islas thanked the two teachers that spoke and confirmed that the Board's commitments and goals are working. Expressed thankfulness for an encouraging end to the meeting.

D. ADJOURNMENT

Board President Islas ADJOURNED the meeting at 7:49 p.m.