SANTA BARBARA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

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REGULAR MEETING
July 9, 2026 – 10:00 a.m.

AGENDA

The Santa Barbara County Board of Education is holding this meeting on Thursday, July 9, 2026 at the SBCEO North County Office, 402 Farnel Road, Santa Maria, CA.

Online Viewing Option

Individuals who are unable to attend the board meeting in person may view it online by clicking on the link below or by copying and pasting it into a web browser:
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81551328727?pwd=FEGQoFiJzOY3TCAKSmbb3fsBUxNK8b.1

Public Comment Procedure

Public comment may be made in person at the board meeting. Persons wishing to address the board are requested to complete a "Request to Address Board" form, available at the meeting room entrance, and deliver it to the secretary prior to the time the meeting is called to order. During the time for public comment specified on the agenda, the board will acknowledge requests to speak on agenda items as well as topics not on the agenda, but within the subject matter jurisdiction of the board. The total amount of time for public comments will be 15 minutes. The amount of time an individual speaker may speak is typically 5 minutes but may be adjusted upon consent of the board depending on the total number of persons wishing to be heard. If the speaker needs more time, they may submit written comments.

Interpretation/Interpretación

Spanish interpretation of the board meeting will be available at the meeting. Live simultaneous interpretation will also be provided for those viewing online. Se proporcionará interpretación al español para la reunión de la junta directiva. También se ofrecerá interpretación simultánea en directo para quienes lo vean a través de Internet.

Video Recording

The board meeting will be video recorded. The video recording will be made available online at https://www.sbceo.org/about/board/boardmaterials.

Assistance with Meeting

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance to participate in the meeting, please contact the superintendent's office at (805) 964-4711 or email afreedland@sbceo.org by 10:00 a.m. the day before the meeting. Notification at least 72 hours prior to the meeting will assist the superintendent in making suitable arrangements.

GENERAL FUNCTIONS

1. Call to Order

2. Spanish Interpretation/Interpretación

The president will announce that Spanish interpretation of the board meeting is available. La presidente anunciará que hay interpretación en español disponible durante la reunión de la junta directiva.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Roll Call

RECOGNITION

5. Joe Howell Legacy Scholarship Recognition

Recognition of the 2025-26 Joe Howell Legacy Scholarship recipient. SBCEO established the Joe Howell Legacy Scholarship in 2024 to support students and adults who are pursuing college or career training, with priority given to individuals who have attended or are currently attending SBCEO's Juvenile Court and Community Schools (JCCS) program. The scholarship funds are raised through private donations. This second annual award will be presented to a former student of SBCEO's Dos Puertas School.

GENERAL FUNCTIONS (CONTINUED)

6. Changes to the Agenda

The president will announce any additions, deletions, or changes in the order of business on the agenda at this time.

7. President and Board Comments

The president and board members may unmute their microphones to comment one at a time and then mute when finished.

8. Public Comments

The total amount of time for public comments will be 15 minutes. The amount of time an individual speaker may speak is typically 5 minutes, however, with board consent, and depending on the number of persons wishing to be heard, the president may increase or decrease the time allowed for individual speakers. If the speaker needs more time, they may submit written comments.

CONSENT AGENDA

At this time, the board will consider all of the items below together and can act upon them with a single vote. These items are considered to be routine and do not require separate discussion. Individual consent items may be removed and considered separately at the request of a board member or staff. The superintendent recommends approval of all consent items.

9. Minutes of Meeting Held June 11, 2026
(Attachment)

10. Minutes of Meeting Held June 18, 2026
(Attachment)

Motion to approve all consent items:

MOVED: SECONDED: VOTE:

CLOSED SESSION – ACTION ITEMS

11. Interdistrict Attendance Appeal Hearings – Closed Session
[Time Approximate: 10:30 a.m.]

Individual requests for interdistrict attendance appeal hearings have been filed for students T27-01, T27-02, and T27-03. In each of these cases, the appeal results from the denial by the Orcutt Union School District. There will be three appeal hearings total. Each of the appeal hearings will be limited to approximately 30 minutes. All appeal hearings will be heard in closed session per Board Policy 5117.1. Appeal hearings may be heard in closed session to protect pupil confidentiality under state and federal law.

Circumstances may arise requiring the order in which the appeals have been scheduled to change, as well as the estimated start times that have been provided to each appellant.

HEARING 1 – 10:30 a.m.

Motion on Student T27-01:

[Roll Call Vote:]
MOVED: SECONDED: VOTE:

HEARING 2 – 11:05 a.m.

Motion on Student T27-02:

[Roll Call Vote:]
MOVED: SECONDED: VOTE:

HEARING 3 – 11:40 a.m.

Motion on Student T27-03:

[Roll Call Vote:]
MOVED: SECONDED: VOTE:

Reconvene to open session: Decisions and votes will be announced in open session.

INFORMATION ITEM

12. Responses to Grand Jury Reports
(Attachment)

As per discussion at the June 18th board meeting, the board's responses to the four Grand Jury reports are presented as an information item. Any board feedback on the responses may be shared during this agenda item.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

13. Future agenda items

ADJOURNMENT

14. Adjournment to the next regular meeting to be held August 13, 2026 as a dual-location meeting, in Santa Barbara and Santa Maria, at a tentative time of 4:00 p.m.

MOVED: SECONDED: VOTE: