SANTA BARBARA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

4400 Cathedral Oaks Road
P.O. Box 6307
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REGULAR MEETING
June 18, 2026 – 10:00 a.m.

MINUTES

The Santa Barbara County Board of Education held this meeting at the following two locations, which were connected via videoconference: 1) SBCEO, 4400 Cathedral Oaks Road, Santa Barbara, CA, and 2) SBCEO North County Office, 402 Farnel Road, Santa Maria, CA

UNAPPROVED

GENERAL FUNCTIONS

1. Call to Order

The regular meeting of the County Board of Education was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Board President Nadra Ehrman.

2. Spanish Interpretation/Interpretación

The president announced that Spanish interpretation of the board meeting was available online via Zoom.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

The board recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Roll Call

Board Members Present

Vedamarie Alvarez Flores (Santa Maria)
Katya Armistead (Santa Barbara)
Marybeth Carty (Santa Barbara)
Nadra Ehrman (Santa Barbara)
Judith Frost (Santa Maria)
Guy Walker (Santa Maria)

Board Members Absent

Sarah Anne Read

Staff Members Present

Susan Salcido, superintendent (Santa Barbara)
Felicita Torres, legal counsel (via Zoom)
Anna Freedland, executive assistant (Santa Barbara)

Ellen Barger	Nicole Evenson	Delaney Patrick	Steve Torres
Gina Branum	Isabel Guerrero	Amy Ramos	
Kirsten Escobedo	Don Lockwood	Elise Simmons	

Others Present

Francisco Romero, AV consultant
Hugo Santos-Gomez, interpreter (via Zoom)
Regina Santos-Moreno, interpreter (via Zoom)

5. Changes to the Agenda

The president announced a new discussion item would be added to the agenda, a new item number 14 – Responses to Grand Jury Reports.

6. President and Board Comments

The president shared that she recently attended a ceremony at Ellwood School, in the Goleta Union School District, for its new solar panel on the outdoor playground space. She reported that Mountain View School and Hollister School, in the Goleta Union School District, would also receive solar panels.

7. Public Comments

None.

INFORMATION ITEMS

8. Summary of SBCEO's Support for Continuous Improvement in Districts

Associate Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction Ellen Barger presented a summary to the board on how the Santa Barbara County Education Office supports districts in implementing Article 4.5 of the Education Code: Local Control and Accountability Plans and the Statewide System of Support. SBCEO supports districts by reviewing their Local Control and Accountability Plans (LCAPs), providing Differentiated Assistance, and collaborating with the

California Collaborative for Educational Excellence, other lead agencies and county superintendents. This was presented as an information item. It was presented at the same board meeting at which the SBCEO LCAP was being considered for approval, per Education Code section 52066.

9. LCAP Local Indicators Report

The report on SBCEO's progress on the Local Indicators through the California School Dashboard was submitted to the board as an information item, per the requirements of the standards for Local Indicators approved by the State Board of Education. Director of Student and Community Services Elise Simmons provided a presentation to the board on the report.

ACTION ITEMS

10. Recommended Adoption of the Santa Barbara County Education Office 2026-27 Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP)

The board adopted the Santa Barbara County Education Office 2026-27 Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP).

MOVED: **Dr. Armistead** SECONDED: **Mrs. Carty** VOTE: **Passed 6-0**

11. Recommended Adoption of the 2026-27 County School Service Fund Budget

With the certification by the superintendent that the budget had been reviewed utilizing the state adopted criteria and standards, the board adopted the 2026-27 County School Service Fund Budget.

MOVED: **Mrs. Frost** SECONDED: **Mrs. Alvarez Flores** VOTE: **Passed 6-0**

12. Approval of Membership Renewal for the Association of California County Boards of Education (ACCBE)

The board approved renewal of membership to the Association of California County Boards of Education (ACCBE) for 2026-27.

MOVED: **Dr. Armistead** SECONDED: **Mrs. Carty** VOTE: **Passed 6-0**

DISCUSSION ITEMS

13. Board Retreat

The board discussed a new date for the board retreat, which had to be postponed from July 9. The board agreed that it would be good to wait until after the November election to hold a retreat. The board also expressed interest in

attending one or more upcoming conferences together and possibly even in lieu of a retreat.

14. Responses to Grand Jury Reports

The board agreed their responses to two Grand Jury reports, recently received, would be joint responses from the superintendent and the board president.

CLOSED SESSION

15. Conference with Real Property Negotiator (Government Code § 54956.8) – Closed Session

The board held a closed session conference with real property negotiator. The closed session began at 11:01 a.m. and present were board members; Dr. Susan Salcido, county superintendent of schools; Steve Torres, associate superintendent; Felicita Torres, legal counsel (via Zoom); and Anna Freedland, executive assistant.

Property: leased property at 4400 Cathedral Oaks Road, Santa Barbara, CA. Agency designated representatives: Dr. Susan Salcido, superintendent, and Steve Torres, associate superintendent. Negotiating party: County of Santa Barbara. Instructions to negotiators regarding price, terms, and conditions.

There was no action taken.

At 11:28 a.m. the board adjourned closed session and reconvened to open session.

ADJOURNMENT

16. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:29 a.m. to the next regular meeting to be held July 9, 2026, in Santa Maria, at 10:00 a.m.

MOVED: **Dr. Armistead** SECONDED: **Mrs. Alvarez Flores** VOTE: **Passed 6-0**

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Nadra Ehrman, President
County Board of Education

Dr. Susan Salcido, Secretary
County Board of Education