

Resolution No. 26-27-03

**Resolution Requesting Consolidation of the Election, Ordering Election, and
Requesting County Elections to Conduct the Election**

Southern Kern Unified School District

RECITALS

1. Pursuant to Education Code section 5322, whenever a school district election is ordered, the governing board of the district or the board or officer authorized to make such designations shall, concurrently with or after the order of election, but not less than 123 days prior to the date set for the election in the case of an election for governing board members, or at least 88 days prior to the date set for the election in the case of an election on a measure, including a bond measure, by resolution delivered to the county superintendent of schools and the officer conducting the election, specify the date and purpose of the election; and
2. Pursuant to Elections Code section 10002, the governing body of any district may by resolution request the county elections official to render specified services to the district relating to the conduct of an election, with the district reimbursing the county in full for the services performed upon presentation of a bill to district; and
3. The resolution of the governing body of the school district shall specify the services requested; and
4. Pursuant to Elections Code section 10402.5, any school district election held on a statewide election date pursuant to Elections Code section 1002 shall be consolidated with the statewide election. The procedural requirements prescribed for that type of election shall be construed as if this section were specifically set forth in the provisions relating to that election; and
5. Pursuant to Elections Code section 10403, whenever an election called by a school district for the submission of any question, proposition, or office to be filled is to be consolidated with a statewide election, and the question, proposition, or office to be filled is to appear on the same ballot as that provided for the statewide election, at least 88 days prior to the date of the election the school district shall file with the Elections Department, with a copy to the board of supervisors, a resolution of its governing board requesting the consolidation and setting forth the exact form of any question, proposition, or office to be voted upon at the election as it is to appear on the ballot and acknowledging that the consolidated election will be held and conducted in the manner prescribed in Elections Code section 10418. Upon such request, the board of supervisors may order the consolidation; and
6. The resolution requesting the consolidation shall be adopted and filed at the same time as the adoption of the ordinance, resolution, or order calling the election; and
7. Pursuant to Education Code section 5342 and Elections Code section 10400, such election for school districts may be either completely or partially consolidated; and

8. Various district, county, political subdivision, and statewide elections have been or may be called to be held on November 3, 2026.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDERED AS FOLLOWS:

A. The governing board of the Southern Kern Unified School District hereby orders an election to be called and consolidated with any and all elections also called to be held on November 3, 2026, insofar as said elections are to be held in the same territory or in territory that is in part the same as the territory of the school district, and requests the Kern County Elections Department to consolidate the election under Elections Code section 10400; and

B. The governing board of the Southern Kern Unified School District hereby requests that the Kern County Elections Department provide any and all services necessary for conducting the election; and

C. Pursuant to Education Code section 5322, the authority for the specifications of the election order, the governing board of the Southern Kern Unified School District hereby orders an election to be held with the following specifications:

The election shall be held on Tuesday, November 3, 2026.

The candidate's statement will be limited to 200 words. The candidate is responsible for paying the cost of publishing the Candidate's Statement of Qualifications in the Voter's Information Guide at the time of filing his/her statement.

CHECK ONE: YES ☒

NO ☐ The District will pay the cost of publishing the Candidate's Statement of Qualifications.

The foregoing RESOLUTION was adopted upon motion by Trustee Gutierrez, seconded by Trustee Wright, at a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees held on August 5, 2026, by the following vote or abstention of each member present:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTENTIONS:

ABSENT:

DATED: 08/05/26



Vice President, Sunni Hepburn
Board of Trustees
Southern Kern Unified School District

CERTIFICATION

I, Justin Wright, Clerk of the Board of Trustees of the Southern Kern Unified School District, certify that the foregoing Resolution was regularly introduced, passed, and adopted by the Board of Trustees at its meeting held on August 5, 2026.

DATED: 8/5/2026



Clerk, Justin Wright
Board of Trustees
Southern Kern Unified School District