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SACRAMENTO CITY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION

Agenda Item# 8.1h

Meeting Date: August 20, 2026

Subject: Approve Minutes for the July 30, 2026, Special Board of Education Meeting

- ☐ Information Item Only
- ☒ Approval on Consent Agenda
- ☐ Conference (for discussion only)
- ☐ Conference/First Reading (Action Anticipated: _____)
- ☐ Conference/Action
- ☐ Action
- ☐ Public Hearing

Division: Superintendent's Office

Recommendation: Approve Minutes for the July 30, 2026, Special Board of Education Meeting.

Background/Rationale: None

Financial Considerations: None

LCAP Goal(s): Family and Community Empowerment

Documents Attached:

1. Minutes of the July 30, 2026, Special Board of Education Meeting

Estimated Time of Presentation: N/A

Submitted by: Board Office

Approved by: Cancy McArn, Superintendent



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BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING AND WORKSHOP Special Board Meeting

Board of Education Members

Tara Jeane, President (Trustee Area 1)
Taylor Kayatta, Vice President (Trustee Area 6)
April Ybarra, Second Vice President (Trustee Area 4)
Jasjit Singh (Trustee Area 2)
Jose Navarro (Trustee Area 3)
Chinua Rhodes (Trustee Area 5)
Michael Benjamin (Trustee Area 7)
Owen Naqica, Student Board Member

Thursday, July 30, 2026

5:00 p.m. Closed Session

6:00 p.m. Open Session

Serna Center

Community Conference Rooms
5735 47th Avenue
Sacramento, CA 95824

MINUTES

2026/27-3

Allotted Time

1.0 OPEN SESSION / CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 5:05 p.m.

Member Present:

*Member Benjamin
Member Kayatta
Member Rhodes
Member Navarro
Member Rhodes
Member Singh
Member Ybarra*

Members Absent:

Member Jeane

2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT AND DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION

Members of the public may address the Board on-agenda items only. Public comment may be (1) emailed to publiccomment@scusd.edu; (2) submitted in writing through the District's website at <https://www.scusd.edu/submit-public-comment>; or (3) provided in-person at the meeting. The submission deadline for written public comments shall be no later than noon on the day of the meeting. If you intend to address the Board in-person, please fill out a yellow card available at the entrance. Speakers may be called in the order that requests are received, or grouped by subject area. We ask that comments are limited to two (2) minutes with no more than 15 minutes per single topic so that as many people as possible may be heard. By law, the Board is allowed to take action only on items on the agenda. The Board may, at its discretion, refer a matter to district staff or calendar the issue for future discussion.

No public comment

3.0 CLOSED SESSION

While the Brown Act creates broad public access rights to the meetings of the Board of Education, it also recognizes the legitimate need to conduct some of its meetings outside of the public eye. Closed session meetings are specifically defined and limited in scope. They primarily involve personnel issues, pending litigation, labor negotiations, and real property matters.

3.1 Government Code 54956.9 - Conference with Legal Counsel:

- a) Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to subdivision (d)(2) of Government Code section 54956.9 (One Potential Case)*
- b) Initiation of litigation pursuant to subdivision (d)(4) of Government Code section 54956.9 (One Potential Case)*

3.2 Government Code 54957.6 (a) and (b) Negotiations/Collective Bargaining SCTA SEIU, TCS, Teamsters, UPE, Non-Represented/Confidential Management (Dan Schallock)

3.3 Government Code 54957—Public Employee Performance Evaluation Title: Superintendent

4.0 RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION

The meeting was called back to order at 6:23 p.m.

5.0 ANNOUNCEMENT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION

There was no action taken in closed session.

6.0 ACTION ITEMS

6.1 SCUSD Sustainability Plan to Achieve Fiscal Sustainability (Cabinet Members)

Superintendent McArn, Chris Ralston, Aprille Shafto, and Dan Schallock presented the district's 2026–27 Fiscal Sustainability Plan for board approval, designed to meet and exceed the \$150 million target mandated by the Sacramento County Office of Education (SCOE).

The proposed plan totals \$158.639 million—providing an \$8.639 million implementation cushion—and combines ongoing structural deficit reductions with immediate cash flow relief. The package is structured across four primary categories: \$31.1 million in new state block grant revenue (~20%), \$20.3 million in posted program optimizations and reductions across seven targeted strategies (~13%), \$58.55 million in district-wide operational cash flow savings (~37%), and \$48.689 million in 2026–27 OPEB and medical reimbursement relief negotiated with labor partners (\$98 million total over three years). Staff emphasized that district-controlled actions represent nearly 50% of the solution, and the plan establishes a rigorous monthly reporting standard to verify implementation, track cash impact, and enforce mandatory replacement actions for any realized shortfalls. This was an action item.

Public Comment:

Carl Pinkston commended Sac City's proposed plan as clear, simple, and a strong step forward, warning critics looking for the district to fail to look elsewhere. He emphasized that staff must fully implement every aspect of the plan or leave, while noting the district must still establish budget safeguards, protect educational quality, and ensure students with disabilities are not compromised or exploited financially.

Board Comment:

Member Benjamin expressed appreciation to the Sacramento City Teachers Association (SCTA) for working collaboratively with district leadership to secure approximately \$98 million in cash flow support over three years. Highlighted that avoiding state receivership is crucial to protecting marginalized students from educational instability, noting that the agreement directly links to broader ongoing structural deficit reductions while granting labor cost predictability over a multi-year cycle.

Member Singh recognized dedicated district staff for developing a comprehensive, actionable solvency plan within weeks that exceeds SCOE and FCMAT requirements. He emphasized that past compensation investments were essential for retention and competitive wages, while stressing that local control ensures district decisions remain directly responsive to community and student needs.

Member Ybarra drawing on prior professional experience in community organizing and alternative financial services, strongly opposed state receivership and high-interest state emergency loans, comparing them to predatory debt cycles that harm vulnerable families. She praised the superintendent and cabinet for working tirelessly over the summer to establish a viable, implementable solvency path.

Member Rhodes acknowledged that while proposed budget cuts are difficult, state receivership would inflict far greater harm on vulnerable populations, such as South Sacramento schools with high poverty and IEP rates. He warned that outside fiscal advisors lack context on local school site needs—such as the vital role of assistant principals—and commended staff for defending local governance.

Member Navarro expressed gratitude to SCTA, district leadership, and administrative staff for producing a actionable, transparent roadmap after months of requesting structured fiscal solutions, reaffirming commitment to doing the hard work ahead.

Member Kayatta stressed that while necessary budget cuts are painful, local trustees are making deliberate, well-reasoned choices that honor the community. He criticized outside county officials for pushing toward receivership, asserting that state takeovers disenfranchise local voters and undermine democratic governance of public education. He urged SCOE's fiscal advisor to support rather than obstruct local solvency efforts.

Member Ybarra made a motion with a second from Member Navarro. The Board voted 6-0 with Member Jeane and Student Member Naqica absent.

6.2 Public Hearing: AB 1200 Public Disclosure and Approval of Agreement between Sacramento City Unified School District (SCUSD) and Sacramento City Teachers Association (SCTA) to Aid the SCUSD Fiscal Recovery (Dan Schallock)

Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources and Labor Relations Dan Schallock and Assistant Superintendent of Facilities and Support Services Chris Ralston presented the proposed tentative agreement with the Sacramento City Teachers Association (SCTA) alongside the required Assembly Bill 1200 (AB 1200) public disclosure. The agreement generates \$97.6 million in total net savings for the district across three fiscal years by utilizing OPEB (Other Post-Employment Benefits) trust fund disbursements to cover retiree health benefits (\$41.2 million), redirecting active employee OPEB payroll contributions to the general fund, applying \$21.5 million in accumulated medical reimbursement funds, and capturing \$5.85 million in savings from unfilled vacancies. In exchange, the contract extends SCTA's collective bargaining agreement through June 30, 2030, includes a "me-too" clause for salary increases, establishes joint exploration of cost-saving health benefit options, and commits both parties to collaborate on a future parcel tax initiative. Staff confirmed that the accompanying AB 1200 fiscal disclosure was reviewed by financial consultants and submitted to the Sacramento County Office of Education (SCOE), noting that the agreement increases district cash flow by \$77 million and significantly improves long-term solvency. This was an action item.

Public Comment:

Steve Bruno clarified that adjustments from the proposed settlement total approximately \$48.2 million—not \$100 million as reported in the media—and questioned the fairness of offering SCTA potential raise-matching clauses when other unions were previously denied raises due to lack of funds. They warned that imprecise contract language regarding these raises could trigger future lawsuits and implied the favorable deal was driven by political campaign contributions.

Adrien Wall urged the board to vote against the SCTA contract extension, arguing it acts as a self-serving attempt by the union to shield its disproportionately large share of the district budget in the event of state receivership. She contended that the contract fails to solve the long-term structural deficit, and she advocated for entering state receivership immediately to confront the district's financial problems directly rather than prolonging the issue.

Board Comment:

Member Singh clarified that the \$135 million cash deficit figure originates directly from official SCOE and FCMAT oversight letters. Confirmed with staff that the SCTA agreement accounts for roughly 30% of needed fiscal relief, with the remaining 70% achieved through state block grants

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and administrative structural cuts. Emphasized that this agreement establishes crucial long-term stability and guardrails rather than merely shifting financial liabilities.

Member Ybarra reaffirmed a strong opposition to state receivership, warning that state takeovers disproportionately impact vulnerable students through disruptive school closures and administrative cuts. Noted that although difficult budgetary choices mean funding is unavailable for multi-unit wage increases, SCTA's ongoing collaboration on special education and fiscal stabilization demonstrates meaningful partnership.

Member Rhodes stressed that the board took decisive leadership action to protect local governance and community interests. Highlighted that moving forward with a concrete solvency strategy brings hope to local families, contrasting local decision-making with rigid external intervention.

Member Kayatta refuted the notion that state receivership benefits the district, pointing out that receivership often escalates labor friction and risks potential strikes. Highlighted that SCTA's willingness to partner reflects shared confidence in local oversight. Read into the record a formal legal opinion from bond counsel Orrick, confirming that utilizing OPEB trust assets for current retiree health obligations is fully permissible, structurally sound, and aligned with the trust's foundational purpose.

The Board voted 6-0 with Member Jeane and Student Member Naqica absent.

7.0 FUTURE BOARD MEETING DATES / LOCATIONS

- ✓ *August 6, 2026, 5:00 p.m. Closed Session, 6:30 p.m. Open Session, Serna Center, 5735 47th Avenue, Community Room, Regular Workshop Meeting*
- ✓ *August 20, 2026, 5:00 p.m. Closed Session, 6:30 p.m. Open Session, Serna Center, 5735 47th Avenue, Community Room, Regular Workshop Meeting*

8.0 ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:16 p.m.



Cancy McArn, Superintendent and Board Secretary

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