SANTA BARBARA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

4400 Cathedral Oaks Road
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REGULAR MEETING
August 13, 2026 – 4:00 p.m.

MINUTES

The Santa Barbara County Board of Education held this meeting at the following two locations, which were connected via videoconference: SBCEO, 4400 Cathedral Oaks Road, Santa Barbara, CA, and 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 3:59 p.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

Nadra Ehrman (Santa Barbara)
Judith Frost (Santa Maria)
Sarah Anne Read (Santa Barbara)
Guy Walker (Santa Maria)

Board Members Absent

Vedamarie Alvarez Flores
Katya Armistead
Marybeth Carty

Staff Members Present

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

Ellen Barger	Marc Cunningham	Don Lockwood	Rene Wheeler
Camie Barnwell	Kirsten Escobedo	Delaney Patrick	
Bridget Baublits	Nicole Evenson	Steve Torres	
Gina Branum	Isabel Guerrero	Brandon Weber	

Others Present

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

5. Changes to the Agenda

None.

6. President and Board Comments

The president and board members commented on various topics, including:

- Board Member Walker expressed appreciation to the superintendent for sharing recently about CommUnify's purchase of a familiar property in Santa Maria to create a new Head Start center.
- Board President Ehrman wished everyone a happy new school year.

7. Public Comments

None.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

8. Superintendent's Report

The superintendent's report was presented as an information item. Dr. Salcido highlighted the update on the students and families of recent interdistrict attendance appeal hearings, on page 9. She thanked the board for highlighting the need and desire to help families navigate to their schools. She also thanked Dr. Elise Simmons, director of Child Welfare and Attendance Services at SBCEO, for taking that charge.

CONSENT AGENDA

The board approved all consent agenda items:

9. Minutes of Meeting Held July 9, 2026

10. Registration of Credentials and Other Certification Documents: Issuance of Temporary County Certificates

Registration of credentials and other certification documents registered in the Santa Barbara County Education Office from May 7, 2026 to June 6, 2026, and the issuance of temporary county certificates for that same time period.

11. Acceptance of Donations

Acceptance of donations for the following department:

- Teacher Programs and Support

12. Declaration of Surplus

Declaration of surplus for the following departments:

- Communications
- Early Care and Education
- Human Resources
- Information Technology Services
- Juvenile Court and Community Schools
- North County Liaison
- Special Education
- Teacher Programs and Support

13. Issuance of High School Graduation Diploma

Issuance of a high school graduation diploma to the following students:

Dos Puertas School

- Student CSIS # 9020019892 – May 13, 2026

- Student CSIS # 3462374496 – June 30, 2026

Motion to approve all consent items:

MOVED: **Mrs. Read** SECONDED: **Mrs. Frost** VOTE: **Passed 4-0**

ACTION ITEMS

14. Recommended Approval of Olive Grove Charter School – Santa Barbara Memorandum of Understanding

The board approved the memorandum of understanding (MOU) between the County Board of Education and Olive Grove Charter Schools, Inc., regarding the County Board's role as authorizer of Olive Grove Charter School – Santa Barbara.

MOVED: **Mr. Walker** SECONDED: **Mrs. Read** VOTE: **Passed 4-0**

15. Recommended Approval of New Lease

The board approved entering into a new lease for an additional suite located on Ocean Ave. in Lompoc. The suite will house office space for the Early Care and Education (ECE) program. The lease will be paid by the ECE program. The lease will be renewable on a one-year cycle beginning July 1, 2027. SBCEO will proceed with negotiation preparation of the lease agreement.

MOVED: **Mrs. Read** SECONDED: **Mr. Walker** VOTE: **Passed 4-0**

16. Reimburse Expenses for Board Members to Attend the California School Boards Association (CSBA) County Board Member Services Conference, September 2026

The board approved the reimbursement of actual and necessary expenses for board members to attend the California School Boards Association's County Board Member Services Conference, September 25–27, 2026, in Marina del Rey, if requested, in accordance with Board Policy 9250.

MOVED: **Mr. Walker** SECONDED: **Mrs. Read** VOTE: **Passed 4-0**

17. Reimburse Expenses for Board Members to Attend the California School Boards Association (CSBA) Annual Education Conference (AEC), December 2026

The board approved the reimbursement of actual and necessary expenses for board members to attend the California School Boards Association's Annual

Education Conference (AEC), December 3–5, 2026, in San Diego, if requested, in accordance with Board Policy 9250.

MOVED: **Mrs. Read** SECONDED: **Mrs. Frost** VOTE: **Passed 4-0**

PUBLIC HEARING

18. Public Hearing on Textbook and Instructional Materials Compliance

The public hearing was opened at 4:36 p.m. regarding the Santa Barbara County Education Office's compliance with regulations regarding the availability of textbooks and instructional materials as required by the Williams Case Settlement. With no comments from the public, the public hearing was closed at 4:37 p.m.

ACTION ITEM

19. Recommended Adoption of Resolution Regarding Textbook and Instructional Materials Compliance

The board adopted Resolution No. 2701, the Santa Barbara County Education Office's compliance with regulations regarding the availability of textbooks and instructional materials as required by the Williams Case Settlement.

Ayes: 4 **Noes: 0** **Absent: 3** **Abstain: 0**
MOVED: **Mrs. Frost** SECONDED: **Mr. Walker** VOTE: **Passed 4-0-3-0**

INFORMATION ITEMS

20. Personnel Report

The certificated personnel report was presented as an information item.

21. Williams Uniform Complaints Quarterly Report

The Williams Uniform Complaints Quarterly Report indicating no complaints filed for the period of March 16, 2026 through June 1, 2026, for Juvenile Court and Community Schools, and Special Education, was presented to the board as an information item.

CLOSED SESSION

22. 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 4:46 p.m. and present were board members; Dr. Susan Salcido, county superintendent of schools; Steve Torres, associate superintendent; Marc Cunningham, director of facilities; Austin Payne, legal counsel; Felicita Torres, legal counsel (via Zoom); and Anna Freedland, executive assistant.

Property in Goleta, CA. Agency designated representatives: Dr. Susan Salcido, superintendent, and Steve Torres, associate superintendent. Negotiating party: [confidential] for the Goleta property. Instructions to negotiators regarding price, terms, and conditions.

There was no action taken.

At 5:54 p.m. the board adjourned closed session and reconvened to open session.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

23. Future agenda items

The president mentioned the future agenda items that were listed on the agenda as an information item. The superintendent reported that at next month's board meeting there would be a presentation by the Lompoc Teen Center and tentatively a presentation by FUTURE For Lompoc Youth.

- Presentation by the Lompoc Teen Center program manager regarding their teen leadership advocacy council and their advocacy trips
- Presentation by FUTURE For Lompoc Youth
- Information on Olive Crest Hope Refuge
- Discussion on AB 1390 regarding board member compensation
- Interdistrict attendance appeal hearing process, including the idea of having a representative of the district of residence present at the hearing and the process that happens after the County Board renders a decision.

ADJOURNMENT

24. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:55 p.m. to the next regular meeting to be held September 10, 2026 in Santa Barbara.

MOVED: **Mrs. Frost** SECONDED: **Mr. Walker** VOTE: **Passed 4-0**

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Nadra Ehrman, President
County Board of Education

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Dr. Susan Salcido, Secretary
County Board of Education