



Poudre School District Board of Education

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Meeting Minutes

Minutes from Board of Education Work Session
August 11, 2026

DINNER SESSION – 5:00 PM ITC Pikes Peak Conference Room

PRESENT: President Jessica Zamora; Directors Karla Baise, Scott Schoenbauer, Superintendent Brian Kingsley; Chief of Staff Dr. Lauren Hooten; Chief Finance Officer Dave Montoya, Chief Technology Officer Bud Hunt; Lead Assistant Superintendent Traci Gile; Assistant Superintendent Dr. Insoon Olson; Assistant Superintendent Tobey Bassoff; Assistant Superintendent Dr. Julie Chaplain; and General Counsel Autumn Aspen

ABSENT: Vice President Kevin Havelda and Director Dr. Coronda Ziegler

REMOTE: Director Dr. Andrew Spain

LATE: None

Dinner session began at 5:03 p.m.

1.0 District Information and Board Discussion Topics

- Board members were introduced to new Assistant Superintendent Tobey Bassoff.
- Board members received annual school visit assignments and annual conflict of interest forms. Conflict of interest forms are due back to General Counsel by August 31, 2026.

Dinner session ended at 5:29 p.m.

REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING (BOARDROOM) – 5:30 PM

PRESENT: President Jessica Zamora; Directors Karla Baise, Scott Schoenbauer, Dr. Andrew Spain; Superintendent Brian Kingsley; Chief of Staff Dr. Lauren Hooten; Chief Finance Officer Dave Montoya, Chief Technology Officer Bud Hunt; Lead Assistant Superintendent Traci Gile; Assistant Superintendent Dr. Insoon Olson; Assistant Superintendent Tobey Bassoff; Assistant Superintendent Dr. Julie Chaplain; and General Counsel Autumn Aspen

ABSENT: Vice President Kevin Havelda and Director Dr. Coronda Ziegler

REMOTE: Director Dr. Andrew Spain

LATE: None

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

President Zamora called the regular business meeting to order at 5:40 p.m.

2.0 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Zamora led the Board of Education, staff, and community members in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3.0 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

There were no changes to the agenda.

4.0 SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Superintendent Kingsley provided an update on topics of interest in the district.

5.0 COMMUNITY COMMENT

- Grace Turnbull shared concerns about the timeline for comprehensive planning decisions and asked for more information about the need for school closures.
- Wendy Bergman shared concerns about increasing workload for teachers and advocated for workdays at the end of each quarter.
- Jeff Meade spoke about the importance of inclusive classrooms and highlighted district policies that focus on inclusion.
- Candice Mozer welcomed all educators to the 2026-27 school year and noted concerns about the amount of change in the PSD system and staff capacity to manage this change.
- M.L. Johnson spoke about projected student enrollment decline, expressing concerns about the accuracy of this data.
- Eric Sutherland spoke about board governance.
- Dani Lawrence shared concerns about the district's response to a CORA request seeking documents associated with comprehensive planning action team work.
- Lucy Lee asked the Board for the adoption of a resolution about intentional technology use K-12 in PSD.

6.0 BOARD TOPICS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

- President Zamora expressed appreciation for the summer work that was undertaken by the comprehensive planning committee and the action teams.

7.0 CONSENT AGENDA

7.1 Personnel Action

7.2 Meeting Minutes: June 8, 2026; June 9, 2026; June 11, 2026; June 16, 2026

7.3 Meeting Minutes: July 20, 2026

7.4 State Treasurer's Interest-Free Loan Program

Director Schoenbauer moved that the Board approve and adopt the recommended actions for the items on the Consent Agenda.

Director Baise seconded the motion.

The voting was as follows:

Those voting AYE: Directors Karla Baise, Scott Schoenbauer, Dr. Andrew Spain, and Jessica Zamora

Those voting NO: None

Motion passed: 4-0

8.0 ACTION ITEMS

8.1 Executive Limitation Policy EL 2.5

Director Baise moved that the Board determine that the Superintendent has reasonably interpreted Board of Education Policy EL 2.5 in his Internal Monitoring Report dated August 11, 2026, and that the evidence presented supports the Superintendent's conclusions stated in the Internal Monitoring Report.

Director Schoenbauer seconded the motion.

The voting was as follows:

Those voting AYE: Directors Karla Baise, Scott Schoenbauer, Dr. Andrew Spain, and Jessica Zamora

Those voting NO: None

Motion passed: 4-0

9.0 INFORMATIONAL REPORTS / DISCUSSION ITEMS

9.1 Board Consideration of Revisions to Policy DGA/DGB (First Reading)

General Counsel Autumn Aspen presented on Policy DGA/DGB.

The Board directed that the revised policies be brought back to the Board for a second reading at the August 25, 2026 meeting.

9.2 Board Meeting Topics for 2026-27 School Year

Chief of Staff Dr. Lauren Hooten presented an overview of planned Board of Education meeting discussion topics for the 2026-27 school year.

The Board expressed appreciation for the tracking document.

The Board of Education called a recess at 6:23pm to reset the room for candidate interviews. The recess ended at 6:33pm.

9.3 Interviews of Candidates for Director District F

The Board of Education interviewed four candidates for the open Board of Education seat in Director District F: Dr. Ozlem Gurkan, Benjamin Halpert, Karen Lock, and Tran Winick.

The Board of Education discussed the candidate qualifications.

10.0 ACTION ITEMS

10.1 Appointment of Director for District F

Director Baise moved that the Board approve the attached Resolution appointing Ozlem Gurkan to fill the vacancy in Poudre School District Director District F to serve the remainder of the term until a successful candidate has been elected and qualified in the November 2027 regular biennial school election.

Director Zamora seconded the motion.

The voting was as follows:

Those voting AYE: Directors Karla Baise, Dr. Andrew Spain, and Jessica Zamora

Those voting NO: Scott Schoenbauer

Motion passed: 3-1

11.0 EXECUTIVE SESSION

11.1 Executive Session

Director Schoenbauer moved that the Board enter into executive session to discuss matters regarding the appeal of the decision to expel Student 27-01 where public disclosure would adversely affect the persons involved as authorized by 24-6-402(4)(h); to consider documents related to Student 27-01's expulsion appeal that are protected under the mandatory nondisclosure provision of the Colorado Open Records Act, C.R.S. 24-72-204(3)(a)(I), specifically the record presented to the Board on appeal as authorized by C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(g); and to confer with the attorney for the Board of Education to receive legal advice on the process and procedure related to the appeal of a decision to expel Student 27-01 as authorized by C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(b).

Individuals invited to join the Board in executive session are Superintendent Brian Kingsley, Assistant Superintendent Dr. Julie Chaplain, Assistant Superintendent

Dr. Insoon Olson, Principal Mark Barry, Assistant Principal, Dr. Sonja Gedde, Student 27-01, the Parents of Student of 27-01, General Counsel Autumn Aspen, and Assistant General Counsel Brianna Champ, and Attorneys Coulter Bump, Linnie Lucas, and Anna Harvey.

Director Baise seconded the motion.

Those voting AYE: Directors Karla Baise, Scott Schoenbauer, Dr. Andrew Spain, and Jessica Zamora

Those voting NO: None

Motion passed: 4-0

Executive session part 1 began at 8:42 p.m.

Executive session part 1 ended at 10:12 p.m.

Individuals in attendance for Executive Session, part 1 (for the purpose of discussing matters regarding the appeal of the decision to expel Student 27-01) were Board of Education President Jessica Zamora, Directors Karla Baise, Scott Schoenbauer, and Dr. Andrew Spain, Superintendent Brian Kingsley, Assistant Superintendents Dr. Julie Chaplain and Dr. Insoon Olson; Principal Mark Berry; Assistant Principal Dr. Sonja Gedde; Student 27-01; Parent of Student 27-01; and attorneys Autumn Aspen, Bri Champ, Coulter Bump, Linnie Lucas, and Anna Harvey.

Executive session part 2 began at 10:15 p.m.

Executive session part 2 ended at 10:26 p.m.

Individuals in attendance for Executive Session, part 2 (for the purpose of considering documents related to Student 27-01's expulsion appeal that are protected under the mandatory nondisclosure provision of the Colorado Open Records Act) were Board of Education President Jessica Zamora, Directors Karla Baise, Scott Schoenbauer, and Dr. Andrew Spain, and attorney Coulter Bump.

Executive session part 3 began at 10:27 p.m.

Executive session part 3 ended at 12:35 p.m.

12.0 ACTION ITEMS

12.1 Review and Take Action on Superintendent's Decision to Expel Student 27-01

Director Schoenbauer moved that the Board affirm the Superintendent's June 5, 2026 decision that the student at Fossil Ridge High School be expelled from Poudre School District but modify the term of the expulsion to end on August 30, 2026. That the board adopt the determination of appeal and order of expulsion as presented and that the board secretary be directed to serve determination and

order on the student and student's parent via hand delivery or certified mail return receipt requested.

Director Baise seconded the motion.

The voting was as follows:

Those voting AYE: Directors Karla Baise, Dr. Andrew Spain, and Jessica Zamora

Those voting NO: Director Schoenbauer

Motion passed: 3-1

13.0 ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 12:43 a.m. on August 12, 2026

Respectfully submitted,

Cassandra Phelps
Assistant Board Secretary