



Poudre School District Board of Education

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Meeting Minutes

Minutes from Board of Education Business Meeting

September 22, 2026

DINNER SESSION – 5:00 PM Superintendent’s Conference Room

PRESENT: President Jessica Zamora; Vice President Kevin Havelda, Directors Karla Baise, Scott Schoenbauer, Dr. Andrew Spain, Dr. Coronda Ziegler, Dr. Ozlem Gurkan, Superintendent Brian Kingsley; Chief of Staff Dr. Lauren Hooten; Chief Finance Officer Dave Montoya; and General Counsel Autumn Aspen

ABSENT: None

REMOTE: None

LATE: None

Dinner session began at 5:10 p.m.

1.0 District Information and Board Discussion Topics

- Vice President Havelda shared an update on the Constitution Day event that was held at Liberty Common School.
- Director Spain shared information about a family support unit model in place in Jefferson County School District.
- The Board discussed email routing when inquiries come in from the community. It is recommended that these be sent to the superintendent so that they can be directed to the appropriate department for follow up.

Dinner session ended at 5:23 p.m.

REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING (BOARDROOM) – 5:30 PM

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

ABSENT: None

REMOTE: None

LATE: None

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

President Zamora called the regular business meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.

2.0 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

There were no changes to the agenda.

3.0 SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

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

4.0 COMMUNITY COMMENT

- Alexis Kennedy spoke on behalf of the United Way to share support for the school closure/consolidation process.
- Derek Franz spoke to concerns about leadership and school closure/consolidation.
- Greg Softe spoke on behalf of the Boys and Girls Club of Larimer County to share support for the school closure/consolidation process.
- Amy White shared concerns about field trip forms and cash transactions at school sites.
- Chance Mazzia shared concerns about activity fees for extracurricular activities.
- M.L. Johnson shared concerns about school closure/consolidation.
- Tom Griggs asked the Board to pass a resolution in support of Amendment 87.
- Jeff Meade encouraged the Board to oppose Proposition 134.
- Christina Taylor, speaking on behalf of NoCo Kids Thrive, shared support for the school closure/consolidation process.
- Eric Sutherland shared concerns about tax increases and the use of tax funding.
- Anna Lebedda shared information about an organization in northern Colorado supporting students with disabilities and asked that consideration for students with disabilities be a guiding factor in the school closure/consolidation process.
- Bill Fisk shared concerns about school closure/consolidation potentially impacting Red Feather Lakes Elementary School.

5.0 BOARD TOPICS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

- President Zamora shared that she recently attended the Special Education Advisory Council (SEAC) meeting.
- Vice President Havelda noted the Calendar Committee is beginning to meet.
- Director Gurkan shared an update from her recent visit to the NEXT program.
- Director Baise shared an update on proposed changes to Headstart performance standards, more information about which is available from the federal register.

- Director Spain attended the CASB Fall Conference, noting that most resolutions had major revisions. He also noted that he is working on a resolution related to Amendment 87 for Board of Education consideration.
- Director Ziegler attended District Advisory Council and shared topics of interest discussed by that group.
- Director Gurkan shared information from meetings with community members, including requests that specific rationale and information related to school closure/consolidation be shared as well as resources for families discussing these recommendations with students.
- Director Schoenbauer shared the resource for submitting comments on Head Start: www.nhsa.org/nprm-resources.

6.0 CONSENT AGENDA

6.1 Personnel Action

6.2 Mendez Barkis Lobbying Contract

Director Schoenbauer requested Consent Item 6.2 be removed.

President Zamora assigned the item to Action Items 7.3.

Vice President Havelda moved that the Board approve and adopt the recommended actions for the remaining items on the Consent Agenda.

Director Spain seconded the motion.

The voting was as follows:

Those voting AYE: Directors Karla Baise, Kevin Havelda, Dr. Ozlem Gurkan, Scott Schoenbauer, Dr. Andrew Spain, Jessica Zamora, and Dr. Coronda Ziegler

Those voting NO: None

Motion passed: 7-0

7.0 ACTION ITEMS

7.1 Resolution in Opposition to Proposition 134

Vice President Havelda moved that the Board approve a resolution in opposition to Proposition 134.

Director Spain seconded the motion.

The voting was as follows:

Those voting AYE: Directors Karla Baise, Kevin Havelda, Dr. Ozlem Gurkan, Scott Schoenbauer, Dr. Andrew Spain, and Jessica Zamora
Those voting NO: Director Scott Schoenbauer and Dr. Coronda Ziegler
Motion passed: 5-2

7.2 Monitoring/Policy Review: EL 2.9 Working with the PSD Community

Director Spain moved that the Board determine that the Superintendent has reasonably interpreted Board of Education Policy EL 2.9 in his Internal Monitoring Report dated September 22, 2026, and that the evidence presented supports the Superintendent's conclusions stated in the Internal Monitoring Report.

Vice President Havelda seconded the motion.

The voting was as follows:

Directors Karla Baise, Kevin Havelda, Dr. Ozlem Gurkan, Scott Schoenbauer, Dr. Andrew Spain, Jessica Zamora, and Dr. Coronda Ziegler

Those voting NO: None

Motion passed: 7-0

7.3 Mendez Barkis Lobbying Contract

Director Spain moved to approve the Mendez Barkis contract.

Director Ziegler seconded the motion.

The voting was as follows:

Directors Karla Baise, Kevin Havelda, Dr. Ozlem Gurkan, Scott Schoenbauer, Dr. Andrew Spain, Jessica Zamora, and Dr. Coronda Ziegler

Those voting NO: None

Motion passed: 7-0

8.0 INFORMATIONAL REPORTS/DISCUSSION ITEMS

8.1 Review of Comprehensive Planning Committee Planning Timeline/Process

Board Directors heard an update on the timeline and next steps in the Comprehensive Planning process.

9.0 ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m. on September 22, 2026.

Respectfully submitted,

Cassandra Phelps
Assistant Board Secretary