

REGULAR MEETING
05/20/2026 05:30 PM
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
CARUTHERS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
CARUTHERS HIGH MEDIA CENTER

MEETING MINUTES

Attendance

Board Members

James Cummings, Board President
Valori Gallaher, Board Clerk
Darren Gilmore, Board Member
Kathy Spate, Board Member – **Not Present**
Mario Alvarado Jr., Board Member

Administration

Orin Hirsch Korn, Superintendent
Susan McCoy, Chief Administrative Officer
Debra Haney, Chief Business Official
Gerrett Suarez, MES Principal
Tod Tompkins, MARC Principal
Barry Watts, CHS Principal

1. **CALL TO ORDER** by President James Cummings at 5:30 PM
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
3. **ROLL CALL**
4. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Motion made by: Darren Gilmore

Motion seconded by: Valori Gallaher

Voting results:

Yes: James Cummings

Yes: Valori Gallaher

Yes: Darren Gilmore

Not Present: Kathy Spate

Yes: Mario Alvarado Jr.

5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES - April 27, 2026**

Motion made by: Darren Gilmore

Motion seconded by: Valori Gallaher

Voting results:

Yes: James Cummings

Yes: Valori Gallaher

Yes: Darren Gilmore

Not Present: Kathy Spate

Yes: Mario Alvarado Jr.

6. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

1. **Alisha Cogburn – Not Present**
2. **Gerrett Suarez** – Testing and Testing Goals/Music/Performing Arts/Reading Program/Promotion Ceremony 6/3 at 6:00 PM
3. **Barry Watts** – End of Year Events/ELPAC Scores/ELD/Band Competition-1st Place/Track-Varsity Girls
4. **Tod Tompkins** – Upcoming Career Faire/Graduation Ceremony 6/3 at 2:00 PM

7. COMMUNICATIONS

1. **STUDENTS** – Student Board Rep – Marley Velasquez Cisneros – End of Year Events
2. **PUBLIC - None**
3. **STAFF - None**

8. BUSINESS

1. **Public Hearing - 2026/2027 Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) - Draft**
2. **Review - 2025/2026 Budget Revision and 2026/2027 Original Budget - Draft**
3. **Review - 2026/2027 Balances in Excess of Minimum Reserve Requirements- Draft**

Debra Haney went over the current status of the 2025/2026 budget and the expectations of the 2026/2027 budget – will be brought back in June for final Board approval.

4. **Review/Approve - Resolution #2026-02 Order of Election and Specifications of the Election Order**

Motion to approve Resolution #2026-02 Order of Election and Specifications of the Election Order as presented.

Motion made by: Valori Gallaher

Motion seconded by: Mario Alvarado Jr.

Voting results:

Yes: James Cummings

Yes: Valori Gallaher

Yes: Darren Gilmore

Not Present: Kathy Spate

Yes: Mario Alvarado Jr.

5. Review/Ratify - 2026/2027 Tentative Agreement - Caruthers Unified and Caruthers Unified Teachers Association

Motion to ratify the 2026/2027 Tentative Agreement - Caruthers Unified and Caruthers Unified Teachers Association as presented.

Motion made by: Darren Gilmore

Motion seconded by: Valori Gallaher

Voting results:

Yes: James Cummings

Yes: Valori Gallaher

Yes: Darren Gilmore

Not Present: Kathy Spate

Yes: Mario Alvarado Jr.

6. Review/Approve - 2026/2027 - Certificated Salary Schedules

Motion to approve the 2026/2027 - Certificated Salary Schedules as presented.

Motion made by: Valori Gallaher

Motion seconded by: Mario Alvarado Jr.

Voting results:

Vote Not Recorded: James Cummings

Vote Not Recorded: Valori Gallaher

Vote Not Recorded: Darren Gilmore

Not Present: Kathy Spate

Vote Not Recorded: Mario Alvarado Jr.

7. Review/Approve - Caruthers Unified Teachers Association Disclosure of Collective Bargaining Agreement

Motion to approve the Caruthers Unified Teachers Association Disclosure of Collective Bargaining Agreement as presented.

Motion made by: Darren Gilmore

Motion seconded by: Valori Gallaher

Voting results:

Yes: James Cummings

Yes: Valori Gallaher

Yes: Darren Gilmore

Not Present: Kathy Spate

Yes: Mario Alvarado Jr.

8. Review/Approve - 2026/2027 Public Service Agreement - The Regents of the University of California and Caruthers Unified Doctor's Academy Program

Motion to approve the 2026/2027 Public Service Agreement - The Regents of the University of California and Caruthers Unified Doctor's Academy as presented.

Motion made by: Mario Alvarado Jr.

Motion seconded by: Valori Gallaher

Voting results:

Yes: James Cummings

Yes: Valori Gallaher

Yes: Darren Gilmore

Not Present: Kathy Spate

Yes: Mario Alvarado Jr.

9. Review/Approve - 2026/2027 Wilson Occupational Therapy Contract

Motion to approve the 2026/2027 Wilson Occupational Therapy Contract as presented.

Motion made by: Valori Gallaher

Motion seconded by: Darren Gilmore

Voting results:

Yes: James Cummings

Yes: Valori Gallaher

Yes: Darren Gilmore

Not Present: Kathy Spate

Yes: Mario Alvarado Jr.

10. Review/Approve - Update to Resolution #2025-24 - Declaration of Emergency - Caruthers Elementary 800 Wing Project

Motion to approve Update to Resolution #2025-24 - Declaration of Emergency - Caruthers Elementary 800 Wing Project as presented.

Motion made by: Valori Gallaher

Motion seconded by: Mario Alvarado Jr.

Voting results:

Yes: James Cummings

Yes: Valori Gallaher

Yes: Darren Gilmore

Not Present: Kathy Spate

Yes: Mario Alvarado Jr.

11. Review/Approve - Financials

Motion to approve the Financials as presented.

Motion made by: Darren Gilmore

Motion seconded by: Mario Alvarado Jr.

Voting results:

Yes: James Cummings

Yes: Valori Gallaher

Yes: Darren Gilmore

Not Present: Kathy Spate

Yes: Mario Alvarado Jr.

9. CONSENT AGENDA (may be done with one motion)

Motion to approve Consent Agenda items 9.1 through 9.3 as presented.

Motion made by: Darren Gilmore

Motion seconded by: Valori Gallaher

Voting results:

Yes: James Cummings

Yes: Valori Gallaher

Yes: Darren Gilmore

Not Present: Kathy Spate

Yes: Mario Alvarado Jr.

1. Review/Approve - Warrants

2. Review/Approve - Purchase Order Report

3. Review/Approve - Inter-district Transfer Requests

10. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

May Revise/Negotiations-Big Districts/Caruthers Unified Foundation/MPR Update/CSEA
Negotiations/Test Scores

11. CLOSED SESSION

1. **CLOSED SESSION AGENDA ITEMS SECTION 54957** Public Employee Appointment/Employment Title: Administration/Certificated/Classified Formal Compliant – citing Board Policy 1312.3 **SECTION 54957** Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release Title: Administration/Certified/Classified **SECTION 54957** Public Employee Evaluation Title: Superintendent – Orin Hirschhorn **SECTION 54957.6** Conference with Labor Negotiator Agency Negotiator: Orin Hirschhorn Employee Organization: CUTA, CSEA **SECTION 54957.6** Conference with Labor Negotiator Agency Negotiator: Orin Hirschhorn Unrepresented Employee(s) Classified Confidential/Site Administrators/Superintendent

2. OPEN SESSION AND REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION

12. ITEMS FOR EMERGENCY CONSIDERATION

13. ADJOURNMENT 6:19 PM

Motion made by: Darren Gilmore

Motion seconded by: Valori Gallaher

Voting results:

Yes: James Cummings

Yes: Valori Gallaher

Yes: Darren Gilmore

Not Present: Kathy Spate

Yes: Mario Alvarado Jr.