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MINUTES – BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING

September 09, 2026

Fresno, California

Fresno Unified School District, Education Center, 2309 Tulare Street, Fresno, CA 93721.

At the regular meeting of the Fresno Unified School District Board of Education, held September 09, 2026, there were present Board Members Cazares, Davis, Islas, Jonasson Rosas, Levine, Thomas, and Wittrup. Superintendent Her was also present.

Board President Islas CONVENED the Regular Board Meeting at 4:34 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Paul Idsvoog led the Pledge of Allegiance.

OPPORTUNITY for Public Comment on Closed Session Items

For the record, the Board received zero (0) public requests to address the Board on Closed Session items.

A. RECEIVE INFORMATION & REPORTS

For the record, there were no items for this section of the agenda.

Board President Islas ADJOURNED the Regular Board Meeting to Closed Session at 4:35 p.m.

For the record, Closed Session was extended to 7:30 p.m.

Board President Islas RECONVENED the meeting to Open Session at 7:35 p.m.

Reporting Out of Closed Session

Clerk Levine reported the following:

On a motion by Board Clerk Levine, seconded, by Board Member Wittrup, the Board took action in Closed Session on a Risk Management Settlement for Ayden Smith, Case No. GL23-0630-9348, by a roll call vote of 6-1-0-0 as follows: AYES: Board Members: Cazares, Davis, Thomas, Wittrup, Clerk Levine, and President Islas. NOES: Board Member Jonasson Rosas.

On a motion by Board Member Davis, seconded, by Board Member Thomas, the Board took action in Closed Session on a Risk Management Settlement for Dulce Tellez Ramirez and Juana Francisca Ramirez, Case No. GL24-0925-12850, by a roll call vote of 7-0-0-0 as follows: AYES: Board Members: Cazares, Davis, Jonasson Rosas, Thomas, Wittrup, Clerk Levine, and President Islas.

On a motion by Board Member Jonasson Rosas, seconded, by Board Member Thomas, the Board took action in Closed Session to deny Minor, Claim No. GL19-0901-18247, by a roll call vote of 7-0-0-0 as follows: AYES: Board Members: Cazares, Davis, Jonasson Rosas, Thomas, Wittrup, Clerk Levine, and President Islas.

On a motion by Board Member Cazares, seconded, by Board Member Davis, the Board took action in Closed Session to deny Minor, Claim No. GL26-0301-17238, by a roll call vote of 7-0-0-0 as follows: AYES: Board Members: Cazares, Davis, Jonasson Rosas, Thomas, Wittrup, Clerk Levine, and President Islas.

On a motion by Board President Islas, seconded, by Board Member Jonasson Rosas, the Board took action in Closed Session to deny Minor, Claim No. GL26-0622-18154, by a roll call vote of 7-0-0-0 as follows: AYES: Board Members: Cazares, Davis, Jonasson Rosas, Thomas, Wittrup, Clerk Levine, and President Islas.

On a motion by Board Member Cazares, seconded, by Board Member Wittrup, the Board took action in Closed Session to deny Tienisha Grier, Claim No. GL26-0211-18255, by a roll call vote of 7-0-0-0 as follows: AYES: Board Members: Cazares, Davis, Jonasson Rosas, Thomas, Wittrup, Clerk Levine, and President Islas.

On a motion by Board Member Wittrup, seconded, by Board Member Cazares, the Board took action in Closed Session to deny Minor, Claim No. GL26-0202-17121, by a roll call vote of 6-0-1-0 as follows: AYES: Board Members: Cazares, Davis, Jonasson Rosas, Wittrup, Clerk Levine, and President Islas. ABSTENTIONS: Board Member Thomas.

On a motion by Board Member Davis, seconded, by Board Member Cazares, the Board took action in Closed Session to deny Minor, Claim No. GL26-0120-18231, by a roll call vote of 6-0-0-1 as follows: AYES: Board Members: Cazares, Davis, Jonasson Rosas, Wittrup, Clerk Levine, and President Islas. ABSENT: Board Member Thomas.

On a motion by Board Member Davis, seconded, by Board Member Cazares, the Board took action in Closed Session to deny Jose Ricardo De Jesus Negrete, Claim No. GL26-0220-18179, by a roll call vote of 6-0-0-1 as follows: AYES: Board Members: Cazares, Davis, Jonasson Rosas, Wittrup, Clerk Levine, and President Islas. ABSENT: Board Member Thomas.

For the record, Clerk Levine read the approved Board Shared Agreements as follows:

- **Respect and Civility** – Honor our shared agreements.
- **Be Honest and Honorable** – Honor my word and do not lie, deflect, or disparage others.
- **Honor the Process and any Time Limits**
- **Honor Confidentiality**
- **Be Prepared and On Time** – Be on time. Read materials or share questions ahead of time. Share as early as possible if I will be late or miss a commitment.
- **Represent All Students** - Do not represent solely my region/area.

B. CONFERENCE AND DISCUSSION AGENDA

B-1, DISCUSS and APPROVE the 2025/26 Unaudited Actual Financial Report, the 2025/26 Year-End Budget Revision, and ADOPT Resolution No. 27-06, Gann Appropriation Limit

For the record, the Board received three (3) public requests to speak on agenda item B-1, Discuss and Approve the 2025/26 Unaudited Actual Financial Report, the 2025/26 Year-End Budget Revision, and Adopt Resolution No. 27-06, Gann Appropriation Limit. The individuals' names and summary of topic are as follows:

1. Alina Cortez asked where did all the money go.
2. Brenda Quispe commented on not understanding how money was budgeted for field trips and then disappeared. Quispe thanked the Foundation for donating money to fund field trips for one year, but Quispe would still like the district, parents, and educators to find different ways to support and empower schools. Quispe addressed the cost of legal fees for Trustee Thomas.

For the record, Board President Islas invited Chief Financial Officer, Patrick Jensen to the podium to address the misinformation circulating about field trips.

For the record, a summary of the information Patrick Jensen shared is as follows:

Schools have always been allocated money for field trips. This has been the case for decades. One of the things the district chose to do, beginning in 2016 with full Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF) funding, and then increasing right after COVID, was to provide an additional district office fund; to provide additional field trips, to basically guarantee field trips at every single school.

One of the things that happened this past year is we reduced the central office funding for field trips by about 50%. This did not change school budgets or their field trip funding money.

As to the question, where did the money go? This one is hard, but the money is not there anymore. We received funding based on the number of students we have in the district. The district lost 900 students last year and 1800 students this year; so, with fewer students the state of California pays the district less money. When we have less money, that is when we must make hard choices and reductions.

The money did not go anywhere; it just does not exist anymore.

Member Cazares commented that the question about where the money went stems from last year when planning for this year's budget, the Board approved money for field trips and then there was a miscommunication that the money did not exist anymore.

Member Cazares commented that the money did exist and asked Mr. Jensen to clarify that there was money approved in the budget for field trips and where it is now in the budget.

For the record, a summary of the information Patrick Jensen shared is as follows:

When comparing last year's LCAP with this year's LCAP, there is money allocated in both years; however, the amount of money in last year's LCAP was reduced from approximately \$5.6 million to around \$2.3 million. Additionally, all those funds were allocated to all of the school sites and are part of their budgets and have been available for the sites to spend since their budgets opened on July 01, 2026.

At this time, the Board returned to the final public speaker. The individual's name and a summary of topic are as follows:

3. Eileen Jane Giron shared comments as follows: communication between school and home needs improvement, elected officials should listen to parents, Giron shared a feeling of not being heard and a belief that money is being wasted and not budgeted correctly.

For the record, Board President Islas invited Chief Financial Officer, Patrick Jensen to the podium to address the misinformation circulating about resources used for school renovations and facility improvements.

For the record, a summary of the information Patrick Jensen shared is as follows:

School renovations are funded by bond dollars, a separate fund from the general fund. The school board issues bonds; those bonds are sold which creates a pool of money that is then repaid in the form of property taxes. Bond funds are completely separate from the general fund and can only be spent on construction and renovation of buildings. The district cannot use those funds for general operating expenses.

Some of the funds used for the Education Center renovation are from the general fund. The Education Center building is approximately 100 years old, built in 1939 just prior to World War II. The building is free, but it is old and therefore the Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning systems, the electrical systems, the water pipes, everything is nearly 100 years old. The structural integrity of the building is good it's steel reinforced concrete and block, but all the systems are aging. It is significantly less expensive to the district to renovate this building than to rent Class A office space downtown.

Currently, asbestos abatement is taking place, electrical upgrades, and the building is being painted due to chunks missing off of the building.

It is not suggested that spending \$1.8 million is insignificant, but it is less expensive for the district to maintain this building and keep it in good condition than it would be to lease office space downtown.

For the record, Board Members provided comments and raised questions about agenda item B-1. A summary of Board Member feedback is below:

Member Jonasson Rosas reiterated for the record that the information in agenda item B1 represents the 2025/26 district budget not the 2026/27 district budget. Commenting that the picture for 2026/27 is less rosy. For those interested in the district budget, how programs are funded, and how enrollment and attendance matter, Member Jonasson Rosas requested staff to share about the Board Workshop held next week, Wednesday, September 16, 2026.

Member Jonasson Rosas requested clarity as to what it means to the district that the expected 700 students are no longer slated to attend Fresno Unified.

Member Jonasson Rosas requested clarity as to whether the district, during 2026/27, is in the position of needing to cut \$11 million.

President Islas referenced page five of the support material, specifically charter schools, and asked how the ending fund balance impacts the district.

For the record, Patrick Jensen was available to provide clarity.

On a motion by Board Member Thomas, seconded by Board Clerk Levine, the Board approved the 2025/26 Unaudited Actual Financial Report, the 2025/26 Year-End Budget Revision, and adopted Resolution No. 27-06, Gann Appropriation Limit, by a roll call vote of 7-0-0-0 as follows: AYES: Board Members Cazares, Davis, Jonasson Rosas, Thomas, Wittrup, Clerk Levine, and President Islas.

B-2, DISCUSS and APPROVE the Initial 2026/27 Reopener Proposal from the California School Employees Association, Chapter 125 to Fresno Unified School District

For the record, the Board received zero (0) public requests to speak on agenda item B-2, Discuss and Approve the Initial 2026/27 Reopener Proposal from the California School Employees Association, Chapter 125 to Fresno Unified School District.

For the record, David Chavez was available to provide clarity.

On a motion by Board Member Jonasson Rosas, seconded by Board Member Thomas, the Board approved the Initial 2026/27 Reopener Proposal from the California School Employees Association, Chapter 125 to Fresno Unified School District, by a roll call vote of 7-0-0-0 as follows: AYES: Board Members Cazares, Davis, Jonasson Rosas, Thomas, Wittrup, Clerk Levine, and President Islas.

B-3, DISCUSS and APPROVE the 2026/27 Initial Reopener Proposal from Fresno Unified School District to the California School Employees Association, Chapter 125

For the record, the Board received zero (0) public requests to speak on agenda item B-3, Discuss and Approve the 2026/27 Initial Reopener Proposal from Fresno Unified School District to the California School Employees Association, Chapter 125.

For the record, David Chavez was available to provide clarity.

On a motion by Board Member Jonasson Rosas, seconded by Board Member Thomas, the Board approved the Initial 2026/27 Reopener Proposal from Fresno Unified School District to the California School Employees Association, Chapter 125, by a roll call vote of 7-0-0-0 as follows: AYES: Board Members Cazares, Davis, Jonasson Rosas, Thomas, Wittrup, Clerk Levine, and President Islas.

OPPORTUNITY for Public Comment on Consent Agenda Items

For the record, the Board received six (6) public requests to speak on the Consent Agenda. The individuals' names and summary of topic are as follows:

1. Trisha Olson addressed agenda items C-5, Approve the Board Quarterly Time Use Evaluation; C-6, Approve Agreement with Career Nexus; and C-8, Approve Award of Request for Proposals No. 27-03, Portrait of a Learner Project-Based Learning Services; specifically, transparency, parent participation, Expanded Learning Opportunities Program spending, and contract accountability.
2. Riley Talford addressed agenda item C-11, Ratify Agreement with the City of Fresno Police Department for School Resource Officers; specifically, requesting the Board to consider if this is the best way to support safety issues.
3. Kristina Holmes-McIntyre addressed agenda item C-11, Ratify Agreement with the City of Fresno Police Department for School Resource Officers; specifically, it is important to know that SRO officers are used as a weapon against parents. Homes-McIntyre asked what is being prioritized with this agreement.
4. Smiley addressed the field trip situation and expressed hope that other employees will not be disenfranchised. Smiley asked why Fresno Unified is losing students when the City of Fresno is growing; asking if it could be related to the district cutting programs or increasing salaries of people that are not even teaching. Smiley asked why officers are placed at schools; commenting that whether a person believes it or not, for people of color there is a racist pipeline to prison.

5. Sandra Celedon addressed agenda item C-11, Ratify Agreement with the City of Fresno Police Department for School Resource Officers; specifically, to request the Board to eliminate using \$5.6 million education dollars to subsidize the Fresno Police Department; commenting that as taxpayers, parents should not be doubly taxed for officers to perform regular duty law enforcement services. Celedon commented that Board members should exercise their fiduciary duty to ensure dollars are used to advance students.
6. Eileen Jane Giron addressed agenda item C-11, Ratify Agreement with the City of Fresno Police Department for School Resource Officers; specifically commenting on training for officers and referencing an incident at the school in which Eileen works.

On a motion by Board Member Davis, seconded by Board Member Jonasson Rosas, the Board approved the Consent Agenda with the exception of agenda items C6, C8, C11 pulled for further discussion, and C13 for a trustee recusal, by a roll call vote of 7-0-0-0 as follows: AYES: Board Members Cazares, Davis, Jonasson Rosas, Thomas, Wittrup, Clerk Levine, and President Islas.

ALL CONSENT Agenda items are considered routine by the Board of Education and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of items unless a Board member requests, in which event, the item(s) will be considered following approval of the Consent Agenda. Pulled Consent Agenda items will be considered for approval after the Conference/Discussion Agenda.

C. CONSENT AGENDA

C-1, ADOPT Findings of Fact and Recommendations of District Administrative Board

ADOPTED as recommended, the Findings of Fact and Recommendations of District Administrative Panels resulting from Hearings on expulsion and readmittance cases conducted during the period since the regular meeting of the Board held August 12, 2026.

C-2, ADOPT Resolution No. 27-05, Final Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration and Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program for the Norseman Elementary School Project and APPROVE Project

ADOPTED as recommended, Resolution No. 27-05. **APPROVED as recommended**, the project.

C-3, APPROVE Personnel List

APPROVED as recommended, the personnel List, Appendix A, as submitted.

C-4, APPROVE Meeting Minutes

APPROVED as recommended, draft minutes of the Fresno Unified School District Board of Education regular meeting held August 26, 2026.

C-5, APPROVE the Board Quarterly Time Use Evaluation
APPROVED as recommended, the Board Quarterly Time Use Evaluation for April 2026, through June 2026.

C-6, APPROVE Agreement with Career Nexus
APPROVED as recommended, an agreement with Career Nexus to continue the sub-lease agreement for the College and Career Readiness Center, located on the corner of Shields and Millbrook Avenues.

For the record, Board Members provided comments and raised questions about agenda item C-6. A summary of Board Member feedback is below:

Member Davis requested clarity about renovations to a warehouse at the College and Career Center. Member Davis requested clarity as to members of industry working with students via Project Labor Agreements and how many students have benefited. Member Davis requested the average number of students that receive certificates.

Member Cazares requested clarity as to the site's main purpose, what percentage of the site does the district occupy, and plans for future use.

Member Thomas requested overview and outcomes of the first responder pathways.

Member Jonasson Rosas requested staff to think creatively on how the district can use existing space rather than leasing property.

For the record, Carlos Castillo, Ed.D. and Mr. Ward were available to provide clarity.

On a motion by Board Member Davis, seconded by Board Member Thomas, the Board approved agenda item C-6 by a roll call vote of 7-0-0-0, as follows: AYES: Board Members Cazares, Davis, Jonasson Rosas, Thomas, Wittrup, Clerk Levine, and President Islas.

C-7, APPROVE Agreements for Legal Services for the 2026/27 Fiscal Year
APPROVED as recommended, a list of legal firms recommended for approval to provide legal services to Fresno Unified school District during the 2026/27 Fiscal Year.

C-8, APPROVE Award of Request for Proposals No. 27-03, Portrait of a Learner Project-Based Learning Services
APPROVED as recommended, Request for Proposals (RFP) No. 27-03, Portrait of a Learner Project-Based Learning Services (PBL), to select a vendor to provide PBL, deeper learning, adult professional learning, instructional coaching, and largescale educational systems implementation.

For the record, Board Members provided comments and raised questions about agenda item C-8. A summary of Board Member feedback is below:

Member Wittrup requested clarity as to how long the district has had a coaching contract tied to the Portrait of a Learner work and when will district staff have the capacity to do the work; commenting that if the district is going to invest this much money every year, it needs a sustainable plan for the district to take over the work.

Member Cazares shared feedback from staff in which staff ask why they are not being asked to help with the work as they are the experts on their students rather than outside consultants. Member Cazares asked how this contract looks in comparison to the budget. Member Cazares commented that the formation of the goal is meant to include staff in building the Portrait of a Learner and not an outside consultant.

For the record, Carlos Castillo, Ed.D., was available to provide clarity.

On a motion by Board Member Davis, seconded by Board Clerk Levine, the Board approved the award of Request for Proposals No. 27-03, Portrait of a Learner Project-Based Learning Services, by a roll call vote of 5-2-0-0 as follows: AYES: Board Members Davis, Thomas, Wittrup, Clerk Levine, and President Islas. NOES: Board Members Cazares and Jonasson Rosas.

C-9, RATIFY Agreement with the Fresno County Superintendent of Schools for the Promoting Equity and Quality in Early Care and Education Grant Award
RATIFIED as recommended, an agreement with the Fresno County Superintendent of Schools. Early Learning will receive funding from the Promoting Equity and Quality in Early Care and Education grant award. The funds will be used to provide ongoing instructional coaching on, but not limited to, curriculum, child developmental screenings, child assessments, instruction, environment, and supporting children's behavior, in alignment with the Early Stars Program.

C-10, RATIFY Inter-Jurisdictional Exchange Agreement between State Center Community College District and Fresno Unified School District
RATIFIED as recommended, an Inter-Jurisdictional Exchange Agreement between State Center Community College District (SCCCD) and Fresno Unified School District (FUSD) to provide staffing support to the State Center Adult Education Consortium (SCAEC) during the 2026/27 fiscal year. The agreement covers Pang Vangyi, an employee on loan to SCAEC.

C-11, RATIFY Agreement with the City of Fresno Police Department for School Resource Officers
RATIFIED as recommended, an agreement with the City of Fresno Police Department (FPD) to provide twenty-six School Resource Officers (SRO) to the school sites as follows: Bullard, Farber Ed Center, DeWolf, Duncan, Edison,

Fresno, Hoover, McLane, Phoenix, Roosevelt, Sunnyside, Ahwahnee, Terronez, Gaston, Tenaya, Kings Canyon, Fort Miller, Tioga, Scandinavian, Sequoia, Tehipite, Cooper Academy, Computech, Baird, Yosemite, and Hamilton. The term of this agreement is July 01, 2026, through June 30, 2027.

For the record, Board Members provided comments and raised questions about agenda item C-11. A summary of Board Member feedback is below:

President Islas reiterated the concern of the community calling to question the use of money for this agreement, specifically when the district faces financial difficulties.

President Islas shared personal challenges to this agreement, such as the district paying full-time for 260 days rather than the approximate 185 days or approximately 72% of time the school resource officers would be on campuses. President Islas commented it is not reasonable to pay 95% for time, for vehicles the district will never own, as well as sergeants that will not be on campus.

President Islas commented that the Board has reduced contracts and the Board has further information that needs to be addressed before the Board can consider this item for approval. President Islas motioned to table the item to provide time to have questions answered.

Clerk Levine echoed comments made by President Islas and commented that most all people can agree safety is an important concern and the disconnect may come from equating safety with policing. Clerk Levine noted there are proven strategies, interventions, resources, and programs that are effective if not more effective in supporting safety on campuses. Clerk Levine commented that public speakers have shared that the presence of police officers on campus have often had the opposite effect of instilling confidence and safety in our students.

Clerk Levine noted that this contract is approximately \$6 million at a time when the district is facing a stressful and declining budget, with declining revenue and facing a further decline in student enrollment that equates to approximately an additional \$10 million in budget cuts. Clerk Levine commented with full support to table the item to allow time for further questions and to scrutinize the agreement to ensure it is an effective and responsible use of resources.

Clerk Levine commented that the Board has made significant steps investing in alternative programs around violence prevention, student safety, protecting students that need that most direct intervention and asked what supports and investments have been put in place by the district that are an alternative to policing, an investment in safety; asking whether police officers are the right investment.

Clerk Levine requested a full list of investments and programs covering the last few years, which should include recent data broken down by student demographic groups which will show SRO interactions with students both voluntary and involuntary. Clerk Levine is very interested in ensuring that having SROs on campus is not having detrimental and negative effects on students.

Clerk Levine noted that Student Advisory Board members will be joining in the next few weeks and expressed hope that the district has taken recent steps to listen to and ask students their thoughts on the effectiveness of having SROs on campuses; whether it is having the intended effect or potentially an adverse impact.

Member Wittrup expressed appreciation for police officers on campus during Wittrup's 37 years with the district, commenting that they saved her life more than once.

Member Wittrup expressed concern with the agreement as presented, commenting it does not appear the district is getting its money's worth, echoing similar concerns as President Islas in terms of days worked and cost of vehicles. Wittrup commented that it does not seem right, it is a lot of money, and the district is paying more than it should.

Member Wittrup questioned who is negotiating this contract, noting that it does not feel like Fresno Unified is getting a very good deal, it is a lot of money when the district does not have a lot of money.

Member Wittrup commented it is disappointing that the district is not getting the very best deal that could be made.

Member Thomas requested clarity as to the parameters of the School Resource Officers' work at school sites.

Member Davis would like to see the data for the programs the School Resource Officers support/work.

Member Jonasson Rosas commented with frustration for this agreement and noted that the same issues from three years ago are still reflected; commented that other districts have better agreements and is annoyed that district staff have not listened to the Board.

Member Cazares echoed comments made by Member Jonasson Rosas and noted that issues with the agreement go back further than three years.

Member Cazares asked if the district is currently operating without a contract. Member Cazares commented that it would have been ideal to have staff from the Fresno Police Department present to answer questions.

Member Cazares read an email received from a student.

President Islas addressed comments presented by the public one of which is if the Board did significantly reduce the contract, the Board could redirect millions of dollars to field trips and other needs. The second comment President Islas addressed was about SROs working over the summer, pointing out that the district does not have all of the campuses open during the summer and that would be a reduction due to the number of sites. President Islas reiterated that there is insufficient reason for the district to continue to pay 95% of their time, plus the cars, the sergeants, their retirement, it is excessive. President Islas noted sporting events are usually at times when the district would have to pay overtime, asking if this was the best use of resources.

President Islas requested that staff capture the Board members' questions and requested answers be provided in a board communication or addressed at the Board meeting.

For the record, David Ray and Deputy Superintendent, Ben A. Drat, Ed.D., were available to provide clarity.

President Islas motioned to table the item to provide time to have questions answered. Clerk Levine seconded the motion.

On a motion by President Islas, seconded by Clerk Levine, the Board voted to table the item to a future meeting by a roll call vote of 7-0-0-0 as follows: AYES: Board Members Cazares, Davis, Jonasson Rosas, Thomas, Wittrup, Clerk Levine, and Board President Islas.

C-12, RATIFY Purchase Orders Issued June 01, 2026, through June 20, 2026 – Primary Report

RATIFIED as recommended information on purchase orders issued June 01, 2026, through June 30, 2026, Primary Report. Two agenda items are presented to ratify purchase orders. The first item includes the Primary Report with all purchase orders issued during the reported dates with the exception of those that may present a potential conflict of interest for an individual Board member. All remaining purchase orders are in the Supplemental Report and presented as a second agenda item.

C-13, RATIFY Purchase Orders Issued June 01, 2026, through June 30, 2026 – Supplemental Report

RATIFIED as recommended information on purchase orders issued June 01, 2026, through June 30, 2026, Supplemental Report.

Two agenda items are presented to ratify purchase orders. The first item includes the Primary Report with all purchase orders issued during the reported dates with the exception of those that may present a potential conflict of interest for an individual Board member. All remaining purchase orders are in the Supplemental Report and presented as a second agenda item.

For the record, Board Member Levine read the statement as follows:

Agenda item C-13 on tonight's Consent Agenda includes purchase orders between Fresno Unified School District and CSU Fresno, and the CSUF Downing Planetarium.

I did not participate in the making of the purchase orders related to this agenda item; however, because of my employment with Fresno State, I have a remote financial interest in the purchase orders.

Therefore, in the interest of full transparency, I am abstaining from this vote pursuant to Board Bylaw 9270.

On a motion by Board Member Davis, seconded by Board President Islas, the Board ratified purchase orders issued June 01, 2026, through June 30, 2026, Supplemental Report, by a roll call vote of 6-0-1-0 as follows: AYES: Board Members Cazares, Davis, Jonasson Rosas, Thomas, Wittrup, and President Islas. ABSTENTIONS: Board Member Levine.

OPPORTUNITY FOR UNSCHEDULED ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

For the record, the Board received ten (10) public requests to address the Board during Unscheduled Oral Communications. The individual's name and a summary of topics are as follows:

1. Gregory Gallardo shared concerns related to possible violation of employee bargaining rights under California School Employee Association, Chapter 125.
2. Angela Barrett advocated pay cuts to administrative salaries with reallocation of funds. Questioned how subsidizing field trips for the district affected the budget for Foundation for Fresno Unified Students.
3. Pillar Reyes requested the district to clearly explain what happened and how the three different amounts are related, the original \$2.35 million in the LCAP, then \$2.2 million, and now the Foundations donation of \$1.5 million. Reyes requested clarity as to at what meeting and on what agenda the Board approved the \$2.2 million, and if the Board did not approve, who had the authority to make the decision.
4. Katy Adams, a representative of Sunset PTA, advocates the district funding field trips.
5. Grace Pitcher shared concerns about the reduction/elimination of field trips as well as overage teachers.

6. Mirna Garcia shared concerns related to the district budget and lack of financial transparency.
7. Christina Gutierrez was not present when called to speak.
8. Eileen Jane Giron was not present when called to speak.
9. Rizpah Bellard addressed the need for a reframe of thought as to why parents and students do not want to come to Fresno Unified and is the district going to school sites and the community to ask the question. Transparency, the dollars are not making sense, the budget and LCAP do not add up. Bellard suggested the Board look into community organizations rather than SROs.
10. Christina Holmes-McIntyre addressed the question of why parents do not want to bring their children to Fresno Unified and commented that the Fresno Teachers Association consistently gives out misinformation to parents and noted there is too much negative misinformation. Holmes-McIntyre commented that it is not the school's responsibility to help students feel comfortable around police officers and noted that in the Edison Region when on a regular basis young black people are stopped by police, the officers are not speaking the same as the SROs on school campuses.
11. Sandra Celadon commented that not everything at Fresno Unified is negative and shared examples of progress. Celadon thanked the Board and staff for improvement in SBAC scores in math and English. Expressed hope the district can align the budget to sustain continued growth.

INVITATION for Board Members to Shared Reflections on the Board Shared Agreements

Below is a summary of Board Member comments:

Member Wittrup followed up on an earlier request for a board policy addressing what would happen in the event there is a death of a child while in district care. Member Wittrup referred to an email sent to the Board Bylaw Committee in which Wittrup requested the inclusion of specific components in the board policy. One being that in the event there is a death of a child while in district care, it triggers an independent investigation, and the investigator reports to the Board.

Member Wittrup commented this is to strengthen protection and care of students and to point out areas for improvement and anything that would negatively impact students.

Member Cazares echoed the above request made by Member Wittrup and shared positive outcomes of the Fresno Unified School District automatic admissions program with UC Merced. Additionally, Member Cazares congratulated a high school senior in the audience who received an automatic admission.

Member Jonasson Rosas encouraged people to be more involved and invited the public to attend the following: a Board workshop, 5:00 p.m., Wednesday, September 16, 2026, and a Community Engagement Session, 5:00 p.m., Thursday, September 17, 2026.

President Islas shared invitations to a Listening Session, 5:30 p.m. Tuesday at Birney Elementary School, and 5:30 p.m., Saturday, October 03, 2026, at the Betty Rodriguez Library.

President Islas shared that today was the official launch of the Yes on S campaign and thanked those that endorsed the measure.

Member Thomas shared a shout out to Principal Blanco at Edison High School and congratulations to great start to school year.

D. ADJOURNMENT

Board President Islas ADJOURNED the meeting at 9:37 p.m.