SANTA BARBARA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

4400 Cathedral Oaks Road
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REGULAR MEETING
September 10, 2026 – 2:00 p.m.

MINUTES

UNAPPROVED

GENERAL FUNCTIONS

1. Call to Order

The regular meeting of the County Board of Education was called to order at 2:00 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

Vedamarie Alvarez Flores
Katya Armistead
Marybeth Carty
Nadra Ehrman
Judith Frost
Sarah Anne Read
Guy Walker

Staff Members Present

Susan Salcido, superintendent
Felicita Torres, legal counsel

Anna Freedland, executive assistant

Ellen Barger	Kirsten Escobedo	Don Lockwood	Brandon Weber
Camie Barnwell	Nicole Evenson	Amy Ramos	
Marc Cunningham	Nikki Leick	Steve Torres	

Others Present

Victor Alejandro Cortes, Lompoc Teen Center
Stella Cortes, Lompoc Teen Center
Cassandra Delgado, Lompoc Teen Center
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 Carty announced the 25th anniversary of the Partners in Education program. She shared that the non-profit would host a luncheon on February 24, 2027 at the Cabrillo Pavilion in Santa Barbara and that Bill Cirone, former Santa Barbara County Superintendent of Schools, would be honored with a Founder's Award. Mrs. Carty distributed a sponsorship flyer to the board.
- Board Member Frost shared that the Allan Hancock College Honors event, which celebrated individuals who had gone the extra mile in the community, would take place on Saturday, September 12, 2026.
- Board President Ehrman shared about an issue affecting her trustee area in Goleta: a new firearms dealer moving in right next door to a preschool. She said she was trying to stay informed and that she had been in communication with the Goleta Union School District (GUSD) superintendent. She stated that the GUSD school board adopted a resolution related to the issue, and that she would bring more information back in the coming weeks.

7. Public Comments

None.

PRESENTATION

8. Presentation on the Lompoc Teen Center

Executive Director Victor Alejandro Cortes provided a presentation about the Lompoc Teen Center, including the students and families it serves, and its programs and partnerships.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

9. Superintendent's Report

The superintendent's report was presented as an information item. Dr. Salcido mentioned the following items at board member places:

- A Salute to Teachers invitation
- 2026 Report to the Community – The superintendent highlighted pages 4, 8, 23 and 27. Board Member Walker suggested the board brainstorm how they could use the report as ambassadors of education. He said he would like copies for his office. Dr. Salcido stated that copies of the report were given to attendees at presentations she has given, all new hires at SBCEO, all school district superintendents, the Partners in Education program, and more. The superintendent said community members could contact SBCEO for a copy and that the digital version of the report would be featured in her upcoming e-newsletter.

The superintendent shared the following additional information:

- School Board Candidate Workshop – Dr. Salcido reported that the Santa Barbara County School Boards Association (SBCSBA) met recently for the first time this school year and stated they would like to hold a school board candidate workshop. The superintendent shared that Chelsea Olson Murphy, from the law firm Lozano Smith, would present the workshop on October 15, 2026 at 5:45 p.m. on Zoom. She said invitations would be sent to school board candidates, current school board members and school district superintendents.
- Excess property tax advocacy – The superintendent shared an idea with the board about her and Board President Ehrman writing a letter to advocate for SBCEO to be able to keep excess property tax revenue. Board members responded favorably to the idea. Dr. Salcido said she would work with Ms. Ehrman and staff to write a letter and would bring it to the board in the future.
- The superintendent congratulated SBCEO AV Services Supervisor Donald Lockwood on his upcoming wedding.

CONSENT AGENDA

The board approved all consent agenda items:

10. Minutes of Meeting Held August 13, 2026

11. 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 June 7, 2026 to July 6, 2026, and the issuance of temporary county certificates for that same time period.

12. Acceptance of Donations

Acceptance of donations for the following department:

- Teacher Programs and Support

13. Declaration of Surplus

Declaration of surplus for the following departments:

- Career Technical Education (CTE)
- Curriculum and Instruction
- Early Care and Education
- Fiscal Services
- Health Linkages
- Maintenance and Operations
- School Business Advisory Services
- Superintendent's Office

14. Issuance of High School Graduation Diploma

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

Dos Puertas School

- Student CSIS # 5382715680 – July 28, 2026
- Student CSIS # 3703123563 – July 29, 2026
- Student CSIS # 6021008550 – August 14, 2026
- Student CSIS # 4195277280 – August 14, 2026

Motion to approve all consent items:

MOVED: **Mrs. Read** SECONDED: **Mrs. Frost** VOTE: **Passed 7-0**

ACTION ITEM

15. Recommended Approval for Renewal of Lease

The board approved the renewal of the lease for the facility on Point Sal Road in Casmalia. The Point Sal Road building will continue to house three Special Education classrooms. The lease will be renewed for a three-year term and will be paid by the Special Education program. SBCEO will proceed with negotiation and preparation of the lease agreement.

MOVED: **Mrs. Carty** SECONDED: **Mrs. Alvarez Flores** VOTE: **Passed 7-0**

INFORMATION ITEMS

16. Personnel Report

The certificated and classified personnel reports were presented as an information item.

17. Olive Grove Charter School – Santa Barbara Fully Executed Memorandum of Understanding

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, was fully executed on August 17, 2026 by both parties and was presented as an information item.

CLOSED SESSION

18. 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 2:43 p.m. and present were board members; Dr. Susan Salcido, county superintendent of schools; Steve Torres, associate superintendent; Marc Cunningham, director of facilities; Felicita Torres, legal counsel; and Anna Freedland, executive assistant.

Properties: leased property at 4400 Cathedral Oaks Road, Santa Barbara, CA, and property in Goleta, CA. Agency designated representatives: Dr. Susan Salcido, superintendent, and Steve Torres, associate superintendent. Negotiating parties: County of Santa Barbara for the Santa Barbara property and [confidential] for the Goleta property. Instructions to negotiators regarding price, terms, and conditions.

There was no action taken.

At 3:50 p.m. the board adjourned closed session and reconvened to open session.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

19. Future agenda items

The president mentioned the future agenda items that were listed on the agenda as an information item:

- Presentation by FUTURE For Lompoc Youth – scheduled for the October 8, 2026 board meeting in Santa Maria
- 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

20. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:51 p.m. to the next regular meeting to be held October 8, 2026 in Santa Maria.

MOVED: **Dr. Armistead** SECONDED: **Mrs. Carty** VOTE: **Passed 7-0**

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Nadra Ehrman, President County Board of Education	Dr. Susan Salcido, Secretary County Board of Education