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SACRAMENTO CITY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION

Agenda Item# 8.1h

Meeting Date: October 1, 2026

Subject: Approve Minutes for the September 10, 2026, Special Board of Education Meeting

- ☐ Information Item Only
- ☒ Approval on Consent Agenda
- ☐ Conference (for discussion only)
- ☐ Conference/First Reading (Action Anticipated: _____)
- ☐ Conference/Action
- ☐ Action
- ☐ Public Hearing

Division: Superintendent's Office

Recommendation: Approve Minutes for the September 10, 2026, Special Board of Education Meeting.

Background/Rationale: None

Financial Considerations: None

LCAP Goal(s): Family and Community Empowerment

Documents Attached:

1. Minutes of the September 10, 2026, Special Board of Education Meeting

Estimated Time of Presentation: N/A Submitted by: Board Office Approved by: Cancy McArn, Superintendent



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BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING AND WORKSHOP Special Board Meeting

Board of Education Members

*Tara Jeane, President (Trustee Area 1)
Taylor Kayatta, Vice President (Trustee Area 6)
April Ybarra, Second Vice President (Trustee Area 4)
Jasjit Singh (Trustee Area 2)
Jose Navarro (Trustee Area 3)
Chinua Rhodes (Trustee Area 5)
Michael Benjamin (Trustee Area 7)
Owen Naqica, Student Board Member*

Thursday, September 10, 2026

3:00 p.m. Closed Session

Serna Center

*Community Rooms
Washington Room (2nd Floor)
5735 47th Avenue
Sacramento, CA 95824*

MINUTES

2026/27-8

Allotted Time

1.0 OPEN SESSION / CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m.

Members Present:

Member Benjamin

Member Jeane

Member Kayatta

Member Navarro

Member Rhodes

Member Singh

Member Ybarra

Student Member Naqica

Members Absent:

None

2.0 ANNOUNCEMENT AND PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED IN CLOSED SESSION

No public comment

3.0 CLOSED SESSION

While the Brown Act creates broad public access rights to the meetings of the Board of Education, it also recognizes the legitimate need to conduct some of its meetings outside of the public eye. Closed session meetings are specifically defined and limited in scope. They primarily involve personnel issues, pending litigation, labor negotiations, and real property matters.

- 3.1 Government Code 54956.9 - Conference with Legal Counsel:
 - a) Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to subdivision (d)(2) of Government Code section 54956.9 (One Potential Case)
 - b) Initiation of litigation pursuant to subdivision (d)(4) of Government Code section 54956.9 (One Potential Case)
- 3.2 Government Code 54957.6 (a) and (b) Negotiations/Collective Bargaining SCTA SEIU, TCS, Teamsters, UPE, Non-Represented/Confidential Management (Dan Schallock)
- 3.3 Government Code 54957—Public Employee Performance Evaluation
Title: Superintendent

4.0 CALL BACK TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The meeting was called back to order at 4:10 p.m.

5.0 CONSENT AGENDA

- 5.1 Approve Resolution No. 3604: Estimate Gann Appropriation Limitation for 2025-26 and Gann Amendment Calculation for 2026-27 (Gerardo Castillo)

This was an action item.

Public Comment:

No public comment

Board Comment:

No Board comment

Member Kayatta made a motion to approve with a second from Member Benjamin. The Board voted 6-0 with Member Navarro absent, and Student Member Naqica abstained.

6.0 ACTION ITEMS

- 6.1 Approve 2025-26 Year-End Unaudited Actuals Financial Report (Gerardo Castillo)

CBO Gerardo Castillo presented the completed 2025–26 fiscal year-end financial close, which was finalized a week ahead of deadline and establishes the updated baseline for the 2026–27

budget. The report highlights that state revenue and LCFF make up 89% of funding, while salaries and benefits consume 75% of total general fund expenditures alongside \$178.3 million in contributions to cover restricted programs like Special Education. Following board approval, the report will go to the County Office of Education while external auditors review the books ahead of their December report. This was an action item.

Public Comment:

Carl Pinkston expressed relief that the district's financial close avoided the worst-case scenario projected in prior cash flow estimates, while raising concerns over the ongoing drawdown of fund balances and calling for board scrutiny regarding the gap between enrollment and attendance as well as the \$162 million spent on service and operating expenses.

Board Comment:

Member Singh thanked CBO Gerardo Castillo and the finance team for delivering the unaudited actuals a week early, noting that these final figures provide a clear, transparent baseline of actual prior-year spending to guide future budgeting decisions. Member Singh also praised the detailed summary of general fund contributions, highlighting the self-sufficiency of the food service program, raising the need for a clear process to manage grant-funded programs that exceed their budgets, and inquiring whether the unaudited actuals would lead to a revised budget for the 2026–27 fiscal year.

Member Singh made a motion to approve with a second by Member Navarro. The Board voted 7-0 with Student Member Naqica preferential “yes” vote.

6.2 Approve the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to Aid the SCUSD Fiscal Recovery Between SCUSD and SCTA (Dan Schallock)

Assistant HR and Labor Relations Superintendent Dan Schallock presented a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the SCUSD and the SCTA for board approval. The agreement transitions the district toward active medical plan changes starting with an October open enrollment, returns the resulting health care savings to the district, and provides for a fourth distribution from the OPEB fund in the 2028–29 school year. The board unanimously approved the MOU following brief remarks on the strong state of the \$200 million OPEB fund. This was an action item.

Public Comment:

No public comment

Board Comment:

Member Jeane led the discussion by asking about the OPEB fund balance and confirming that nearly \$200 million remained in the account after the initial disbursement.

Member Rhodes made a motion to approve with a second from Member Benjamin. The Board voted 6-0 with Student Member Naqica preferential “yes” vote.

6.3 Approve 2026-27 Budget Revision Process and Analysis (Gerardo Castillo)

Gerardo Castillo presented the 2026–27 budget revision process, requesting that the board approve the underlying assumptions and analytical methodology ahead of a formal vote on the actual budget revisions at a future meeting. His presentation detailed major financial components, including \$70.8 million in net revenue adjustments primarily supported by redevelopment fees, alongside \$66.85 million in expenditure reductions from the district's fiscal stabilization plan. Additionally, he outlined a strategic \$34 million reduction in projected special education growth to align spending with actual trends while maintaining student service standards and fulfilling IEP obligations. This was an action item.

*Public Comment:
No public comment*

*Board Comment:
Member Rhodes commended the staff for their hard work and noted that the budget revision serves as a "good news document" for the 2026–27 school year, demonstrating positive progress and the tangible fruits of their ongoing efforts.*

Member Kayata expressed strong support for the proposed budget process, highlighting that it is both grounded and realistic, while emphasizing that it reflects responsible cost containment—especially within Special Education—and praising the staff's dedication to reaching district solvency.

Member Jeane praised the clear and logical presentation slides, expressing gratitude for the advance notice regarding upcoming redevelopment fee resolutions, the practical approach to Special Education spending, and the deliberate alignment between budget allocations and overall district priorities.

Member Kayatta made a motion to approve with a second from Member Navarro. The Board voted 7-0 with Student Member Naqica preferential "yes" vote.

6.4 Approve Multi-Year Projections 2026-27 to 2027-28 (Gerardo Castillo)

Gerardo Castillo presented an updated multi-year projection showing significant financial progress, reducing a previously projected \$228.9 million deficit for the 2026–27 school year to a nearly balanced budget through \$228.3 million in structural expenditure cuts, revenue adjustments, and newly approved labor agreements. While acknowledging that the district still faces a minor structural deficit of \$1.8 million by 2028–29 and has not yet met its required 3% reserve for economic uncertainties, he emphasized that the district is trending in a positive direction. He concluded by stressing that continued implementation, fiscal caution regarding state grant assumptions, and ongoing monthly monitoring remain essential to achieving long-term solvency. This was an action item.

*Public Comment:
No public comment.*

Board Comment:

Member Rhodes noted that the board will review the entire plan alongside potential contingency strategies next week to ensure the district is prepared if specific assumptions do not materialize as expected.

Member Kayata emphasized that the district is turning the corner financially by shifting a previously projected \$229 million deficit into a positive balance, praising the team's transparent collaboration with educational agencies and urging media outlets to report accurately on these realistic, achievable budget adjustments.

Member Jeane expressed relief at the progress shown on the slides and compared the district's implementation process to navigating unexpected classroom technical glitches, highlighting the balanced approach to identifying risks like enrollment levels and special education needs while acknowledging the difficult fiscal choices ahead.

Member Singh called on the entire community, staff, and partners at the County Office of Education to fully back the solvency plan, stressing that supporting these necessary cuts is the only way to avoid the far worse alternative of insolvency and preserve local control for the benefit of students.

Student Member Naqica made a motion to approve with a second from Member Benjamin. The Board voted 7-0 with Student Member Naqica preferential "yes" vote.

7.0 ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:04 p.m.



Cancy McArn, Superintendent and Board Secretary

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