AGENDA
MERCED COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
October 19, 2026

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Merced County Office of Education - 632 West 13th Street, Merced, CA 95341 – Board Room
The meeting begins at 3:00 p.m.

[These proceedings may be recorded.]

I. Open

A. Call to Order at _____ PM by Chairperson _____

B. Roll Call:

Geneva Brett, Chairperson	_____
Ryan Heller, Vice Chairperson	_____
Dennis Hanks, Member	_____
Frank Fagundes, Member	_____
Joseph Oliveira, Member	_____

C. Others Present: _____

II. Flag Salute - Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

III. Consent Agenda:

Items listed under Consent Agenda are considered to be routine administrative functions and will be acted on by the Board in one motion and one vote. Items under the Consent Agenda may be discussed; however, if an item needs further clarification and discussion, the Board or the Superintendent may remove it from the Consent Agenda and consider it separately. Information concerning Consent Agenda items will be provided to each Board member for study before the meeting. It is understood that the Superintendent recommends approval of all consent items unless otherwise noted. *(Board Bylaw 9322)*

A. Minutes of Regular Meeting on September 21, 2026

Motioned by _____ Seconded by _____ Vote _____

IV. Written Communications

A. Correspondence Received By Chairperson

B. Correspondence Received By Board Members

C. Correspondence Received By Superintendent

V. Call for Public Comments on Agenda & Non-Agenda Items

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VI. Superintendent's and Board Members' Report (Information/Discussion Only)

A. Review of Board Bylaws: *(For approval at the November Board Meeting)* Steve M. Tietjen

1. 9005 – Governance Standards
2. 9011 – Disclosure of Confidential/Privileged Information
3. 9200 – Limits of Board Member Authority
4. 9220 – County Board Elections *(Bylaw & Exhibit 1)*
5. 9240 – Board Training

6. 9250 – Remuneration, Reimbursement & Other Benefits
7. 9310 – County Superintendent/County Board Policy Relationships
8. 9320 – Meeting and Notices
9. 9320.1 – Remote Meetings and Attendance
10. 9321 – Closed Session Purposes and Agenda *(Bylaw & Exhibits 1 and 2)*
11. 9322 – Agenda /Meeting Materials
12. 9323 – Meeting Conduct

B. Board Member's Report *(if any)* — Board Members

C. Superintendent's Report — Steve M. Tietjen
1. Excellence in Education – October 1, 2026

VII. Business Items for Action

A. "Gann" Limit [Resolution No. 2026-29] — Ka Xiong, *Budget Manager -Business Services*

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the **Resolution No. 2026-29** Adopting the "Gann" Limit

Motioned by_____ Seconded by_____ Vote_____

B. Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement [Resolution No. 2026-30] — Steve M. Tietjen, *Superintendent of Schools.*

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve **Resolution No. 2026-30,** Adopting the Execution and Delivery of a Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement for the Establishment of the Merced County Board of Education-City of Merced Joint Powers Financing Authority

Motioned by_____ Seconded by_____ Vote_____

C. School Plan for Student Achievement (SPSA) 2026-2027 — Maria Duran-Barajas, *Director-Special Education*

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the 2026-2027 School Plans for Student Achievement for the Merced County Office of Education, Special Education, and Schelby School

Motioned by_____ Seconded by_____ Vote_____

VIII. Adjournment: _____ PM

Motioned by _____ Seconded by _____ Vote _____

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