OUSD Legislative Coalition

October 7, 2026 · Meeting Minutes

Approved

ATTENDANCE

Mariana Flores, Jenna Poffenberger, Kris Erickson, Andrea Yamasaki, Rachel Monarrez, Matthew Witmer, Sue Singh, Diana Meza, Rebecca Norwood, Jaqueline Perez-Chaidez, Whitney Amsbary, Rosei Goldsmith, Arash Samadani, Nisha Varma, Kristi Eberhardt, Melissa Engel, Harmony Welsh, Lindsay Whiddon, Jolin Lang, Kim Van Der Hoek, Bianca Alcock, JJ Meis, Bryan Nih, David Scott, Kathy Moffat, Kimberly Buchan, Jennah Ross, Gisela Meier

CALL TO ORDER - The meeting was called to order by Chair Lindsay Whiddon at 11:12am

SECRETARY

Attendance was taken via the sign-in sheet. Arash Samadani moved to approve the September 2026 minutes. Kim Van Der Hoek seconded. The motion passed with a note to amend spelling errors.

TREASURER

Biana Alcock presented the Treasurer's Report and reminded attendees to submit their annual dues.

LEGISLATIVE REPRESENTATIVES

- Mariana Flores, US Congressman Lou Correa
    - Discussion of HR8886 and HR9853
    - Congressional App Challenge and Young Congressional Leaders Program announcements
- Jenna Poffenberger, State Assemblyman Philip Chen
    - Discussion of AB181 and SB1067 regarding math assessment for K-2
- Paula Guerra, State Assemblyman Avelino Valencia
    - Discussion of AB2490 (substitute teachers bill), AB1956 (suicide prevention) and AB708 (regarding youth football helmet enhancements)

OUSD SUPERINTENDENT AND ADMINISTRATORS

- Superintendent Dr. Rachel Monarrez
    - Great interest in the 3 new advisory committees recently introduced
- Sue Singh
    - Updates regarding E-bike guidelines and policy. A third read will take place in October. The district continues to coordinate with law enforcement, CHP, cities, parents, and school sites. Exploration of best practices, hardship waiver possibility, learning from neighboring districts
- Jaqueline Perez-Chaidez

- Updates regarding learning environments, improvements to facilities, and updates to the facilities master plan

OUSD BOARD OF EDUCATION REPRESENTATIVES

- Trustee Andrea Yamasaki
  - Appreciation for everyone in the room's involvement in the community and in OUSD
  - National Walk to School Day was today, participated with Taft Elementary
  - Many great fall activities upcoming

OLD BUSINESS

- none

NEW BUSINESS

- Discussion led by Arash Samadani on six potential at-large members. All are eligible in accordance with the bylaws. A vote was taken to approve the following: JJ Meis, Bryan Nih, David Scott, Kathy Moffat, Kimberly Buchan and Jennah Ross as at-large members.. The motion passed unanimously with no nays and no abstentions.

DISCUSSIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- OUPSF
  - The Celebration of Schools event will be October 14 at El Modena HS. The Teacher Grant program will go live on October 26. New event this year: Orange Goes Bananas will be on February 7, additional information to come!
- Seeking members to participate in the by-laws committee. Anyone interested can contact us at OUSDLegCo@gmail.com

ADJOURNMENT - Chair Lindsay Whiddon adjourned the meeting at 12:14pm.

NEXT MEETING Our next meeting is November 4, 2026, at 11:00 am in the Panther Lab.
Any questions or comments? OUSDlegco@gmail.com

Minutes compiled by Treasurer Bianca Alcock