SANTA BARBARA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

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REGULAR MEETING
October 8, 2026 – 2:00 p.m.

MINUTES

The Santa Barbara County Board of Education held this meeting on Thursday, October 8, 2026 at the SBCEO North County Office, 402 Farnel Road, Santa Maria, CA

UNAPPROVED

GENERAL FUNCTIONS

1. Call to Order

The regular meeting of the County Board of Education was called to order at 1:58 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 (departed at 3:45 p.m.)
Guy Walker

Staff Members Present

Susan Salcido, superintendent
Austin Payne, legal counsel (via Zoom)
Felicita Torres, legal counsel (via Zoom)
Anna Freedland, executive assistant

Bridget Baublits	Marc Cunningham	Isabel Guerrero	Brandon Weber
Gina Branum	Kirsten Escobedo	Don Lockwood	
Sarah Cameron	Nicole Evenson	Steve Torres	

Others Present

Michael Ostini, Personnel Commission member
Hugo Santos-Gomez, interpreter (via Zoom)
Regina Santos-Moreno, interpreter (via Zoom)
De'Vika Stalling, FUTURE For Lompoc Youth

5. Changes to the Agenda

None.

6. President and Board Comments

The president and board members commented on various topics, including:

- Board Member Frost acknowledged Michael Ostini in the audience, who was up for re-appointment to the Personnel Commission.
- Board Member Carty shared that she attended the CSBA Counties Conference and her favorite session was the one conducted by SBCEO's associate superintendent of curriculum and instruction, Ellen Barger.
- Board Member Read shared that she attended the Central Coast Construction Trades awards ceremony yesterday, as did Dr. Salcido. She also shared that it was Homecoming season in Lompoc.

7. Public Comments

None.

PRESENTATION

8. Presentation on FUTURE For Lompoc Youth

Co-Founder and Executive Director De'Vika Stalling provided a presentation on FUTURE For Lompoc Youth.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

9. Superintendent's Report

The superintendent's report was presented as an information item. Dr. Salcido highlighted the construction trades apprenticeship forum and job fair on page 2 of the written report and showed a brief photo slideshow of the event.

The superintendent also highlighted the list of workshops occurring in October, put on by the Curriculum and Instruction division. She expressed appreciation to Ellen Barger, associate superintendent of curriculum and instruction, for the workshops, and to Bridget Baublits, associate superintendent of student and community services, for the upcoming School Safety Symposium.

The superintendent shared the following additional information:

- California School Boards Association (CSBA) Annual Education Conference (AEC) in December – Dr. Salcido stated that she would contact the board members who said they were interested in attending the conference, about registration and arrangements.
- Upcoming Board Organization and Governance Committee meeting – The superintendent shared that she would be scheduling a Board Organization and Governance Committee meeting to occur in November.
- School Board Candidate Workshop – The superintendent reminded the board about the upcoming virtual workshop on October 15.

CONSENT AGENDA

The board approved all consent agenda items:

10. Minutes of Meeting Held September 10, 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 July 7, 2026 to August 6, 2026, and the issuance of temporary county certificates for that same time period.

12. Acceptance of Donations

Acceptance of donations for the following departments:

- Curriculum and Instruction
- Teacher Programs and Support

13. Declaration of Surplus

Declaration of surplus for the following departments:

- Career Technical Education (CTE)
- Juvenile Court and Community Schools
- Information Technology Services
- Superintendent's Office

14. Issuance of High School Graduation Diploma

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

Dos Puertas School
- Student CSIS # 3348627118 – September 11, 2026

Motion to approve all consent items:

MOVED: **Mr. Walker** SECONDED: **Mrs. Carty** VOTE: **Passed 7-0**

ACTION ITEMS

15. Recommended Appointment to the Personnel Commission

The California School Employees Association Chapter 817 nominated Michael Ostini to a three-year term on the Personnel Commission and held an election of the membership on September 9 ratifying his nomination. Per Education Code Section 45245, the County Board of Education appointed the nominee to the Personnel Commission.

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

16. Recommended Adoption of Resolution Proclaiming Red Ribbon Week

The board adopted Resolution No. 2702 proclaiming October 23-31, 2026, as Red Ribbon Week in Santa Barbara County.

Ayes: 7 **Noes: 0** **Absent: 0** **Abstain: 0**
MOVED: **Mrs. Carty** SECONDED: **Dr. Armistead** VOTE: **Passed 7-0-0-0**

17. Recommended Adoption of Gann Resolution

The board adopted Resolution No. 2703 for the Gann Appropriations Limit Calculation.

Ayes: 7 **Noes: 0** **Absent: 0** **Abstain: 0**
MOVED: **Mrs. Read** SECONDED: **Mrs. Alvarez Flores** VOTE: **Passed 7-0-0-0**

INFORMATION ITEMS

18. Proposals for Contract Negotiations between Santa Barbara County Education Office (SBCEO) and Santa Barbara County Education Association (SBCEA)

The following two agenda items were presented as information items, as required per Government Code §3547(a). The items represented the initial proposal from SBCEA to SBCEO and the proposal from SBCEO to SBCEA.

After negotiations, the major provisions of the agreement will be provided as an information item at a subsequent Santa Barbara County Board of Education public meeting.

A future proposal from the California School Employees Association, Chapter 817 (CSEA) will follow the same process.

19. Proposal for Contract Negotiations from Santa Barbara County Education Association (SBCEA)

Proposal for contract negotiations from the Santa Barbara County Education Association (SBCEA) was presented as an information item.

20. Proposal for Contract Negotiations from Santa Barbara County Education Office to the Santa Barbara County Education Association (SBCEA)

Proposal for contract negotiations from the Santa Barbara County Education Office to the Santa Barbara County Education Association (SBCEA) was presented as an information item.

21. Personnel Report

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

22. Williams Uniform Complaints Quarterly Report

The Williams Uniform Complaints Quarterly Report indicating no complaints filed for the period of July 1, 2026 through September 30, 2026, for Juvenile Court and Community Schools, and Special Education, was presented to the board as an information item.

23. Correspondence

September 15, 2026 correspondence from the California Department of Education confirming approval of the Santa Barbara County Education Office

2026-27 budget and the 2024-25 through 2026-27 Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) for the 2026-27 school year was presented as an information item.

CLOSED SESSION

24. 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 3:15 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 (via Zoom); and Anna Freedland, executive assistant.

Property in Goleta, CA. Agency designated representatives: Dr. Susan Salcido, superintendent, and Steve Torres, associate superintendent. Negotiating party: [confidential] for the Goleta property. Instructions to negotiators regarding price, terms, and conditions.

There was no action taken.

At 3:56 p.m. the board adjourned closed session and reconvened to open session.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

25. Future agenda items

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

- 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.
- Information on Olive Grove Charter School – Santa Barbara's governance structure
- Advocacy related to excess property taxes

The superintendent reported that at next month's board meeting there would be a presentation about the high school personal finance course requirement and information on Olive Grove Charter School – Santa Barbara's governance structure. She stated that work had already begun around advocacy related to excess property taxes.

The following was mentioned as a potential future agenda item:

- Discussion about supporting future countywide efforts to prohibit firearm retailers near schools and preschools.

ADJOURNMENT

26. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:04 p.m. to the next regular meeting to be held November 12, 2026 in Santa Barbara.

MOVED: **Dr. Armistead** SECONDED: **Mrs. Alvarez Flores** VOTE: **Passed 6-0**

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