RESOLUTION NO. 26-16
RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE LAGUNA BEACH UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT ACCEPTING A STUDENT PETITION FOR THE INCLUSION OF STUDENT BOARD REPRESENTATION

WHEREAS, the Laguna Beach Unified School District has long recognized the position of Student Board Members through Board authority; however, providing students with formal and legal authority as identified in California Education Code section 35012(d) has been identified as a priority; and

WHEREAS, California Education Code section 35012(d) establishes that high school students within a school district may submit a pupil petition requesting that the governing board appoint one or more student members to the board; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Education Code section 35012(d)(2), such a petition must contain the signatures of at least 500 pupils regularly enrolled in high schools of the district, or at least 10 percent of the number of pupils regularly enrolled in high schools of the district, whichever is less; and

WHEREAS, on October 20, 2026, high school students of the Laguna Beach Unified School District submitted a formal student petition to the Board President, a Board Member, and the Superintendent as Secretary to the Board through the Governance Committee, requesting student representation; and

WHEREAS, the District has verified that the petition contains the legally required number of valid student signatures under Education Code section 35012; and

WHEREAS, Education Code section 35012 requires that within 60 days of the receipt of a valid petition, or at its next regularly scheduled meeting if no meeting is held within those 60 days, the governing board must order the inclusion of at least one student board member on the board; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Board of the Laguna Beach Unified School District values student voice and recognizes that meaningful student involvement in district governance enriches the board's deliberations and supports a welcoming and collaborative educational environment;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Governing Board of the Laguna Beach Unified School District hereby accepts the student petition and orders the inclusion of two student board member positions, and one alternate to serve a one-year term commencing on July 1 of each fiscal year.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the student board member(s) shall be chosen by the students regularly enrolled in the high school(s) of the District

in accordance with procedures to be established and prescribed by the Governing Board.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that pursuant to California law, the student board member(s) shall:

1. Sit with regular board members, be recognized as full members at board meetings, and have the right to attend all open sessions.
2. Receive **preferential voting rights** as defined in Education Code section 35012, allowing them to cast an opinion vote recorded in the minutes prior to the official vote of the governing board.
3. Be granted the authorization to make motions that may be acted upon by the governing board, except on matters dealing with employer-employee relations.
4. Be excluded from executive/closed sessions and matters subject to closed session discussion.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Superintendent or designee is directed to review and amend Board Bylaw 9150 (Student Board Members) to align with this order and outline the specific selection process, qualifications, and responsibilities of the student position(s).

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Governing Board of the Laguna Beach Unified School District this 12th day of November, 2026, by the following vote:

AYES:	4	Hills, Malczewski, Morgan, Perry
NOES:	0	
ABSENT:	1	Kelly
ABSTAIN:		

Sheri Morgan
President, Governing Board

ATTEST:

Don Austin, Ed.D.
Secretary, Governing Board