



SACRAMENTO CITY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION

Agenda Item# 8.1m

Meeting Date: June 26, 2025

Subject: Approve Minutes for the May 1, 2025 Regular 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 May 1, 2025, Regular Board of Education Meeting.

Background/Rationale: None

Financial Considerations: None

LCAP Goal(s): Family and Community Empowerment

Documents Attached:

1. Minutes of the May 1, 2025, Regular Board of Education Meeting

<p>Estimated Time of Presentation: N/A</p> <p>Submitted by: Lisa Allen, Superintendent</p> <p>Approved by: Lisa Allen, Superintendent</p>
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BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING AND WORKSHOP

Board of Education Members

Jasjit Singh, President (Trustee Area 2)
Tara Jeane, Vice President (Trustee Area 1)
Chinua Rhodes, Second Vice President (Trustee Area 5)
Jose Navarro (Trustee Area 3)
April Ybarra (Trustee Area 4)
Taylor Kayatta (Trustee Area 6)
Michael Benjamin (Trustee Area 7)
Justine Chueh-Griffith, Student Member

Thursday, May 1, 2025

5:00 p.m. Closed Session

6:00 p.m. Open Session

Serna Center

Community Conference Rooms
5735 47th Avenue
Sacramento, CA 95824

MINUTES

2024/25-18

1.0 OPEN SESSION / CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 5:07 p.m.

Member Present:

President Singh

Member Benjamin

Member Kayatta

Member Ybarra

Member Jeane

Members Absent:

Member Rhodes

Member Navarro

Student Member Chueh-Griffith

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) *Existing litigation pursuant to subdivision (d)(1) of Government Code section 54956.9 (OAH Case No. 2024120292)*
- 3.2 *Government Code 54957.6 (a) and (b) Negotiations/Collective Bargaining SCTA SEIU, TCS, Teamsters, UPE, Non-Represented/Confidential Management (Cancy McArn)*
- 3.3 *Government Code 54957 – Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release/Complaint*
- 3.4 *Government Code 54957- Public Employee Appointment (a) Approve- Principal, Cesar Chavez*

4.0 CALL BACK TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The meeting was called back to order at 6:18 p.m.

- 4.1 *The Pledge of Allegiance*
- 4.2 *Broadcast Statement*
- 4.3 *Stellar Student introduced by Board President Jasjit Singh*

5.0 ANNOUNCEMENT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION

There are two announcements coming out of closed session.

- *The Board approved a settlement agreement related to OAH Case No. 20242092 by a vote of 6-0 with Member Rhodes absent.*
- *By a vote of 6-0 with Member Rhodes absent, the Board approved the appointment of Sarah Munn as the principal of Cesar Chavez.*

6.0 AGENDA ADOPTION

The Board adopted the agenda unanimously.

7.0 PUBLIC COMMENT

Members of the public may address the Board on non-agenda items that are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Board. Public comment may be (1) emailed to publiccomment@scusd.edu; (2) submitted in writing through the district's website at <https://www.scusd.edu/submit-public-comment>; or (3) provided in-person at the meeting. The submission deadline for written public comments shall be no later than noon on the day of the meeting. If you intend to address the Board in-person, please fill out a yellow card available at the entrance. Speakers may be called in the order that requests are received, or grouped by subject area. We ask that comments are limited to two (2) minutes with no more than 15 minutes per single topic so that as many people as possible may be heard. By law, the Board is allowed to take action only on items on the agenda. The Board may, at its discretion, refer a matter to district staff or calendar the issue for future discussion.

Omar Ponce

Scott Chase
Terrence Gladney

8.0 CONSENT AGENDA

Generally routine items are approved by one motion without discussion. The Superintendent or a Board member may request an item be pulled from the consent agenda and voted upon separately.

8.1 Items Subject or Not Subject to Closed Session:

8.1a Approve/Ratification of Grants, Entitlements, and Other Income Agreements
(Janea Marking)

8.1b Approve/Ratification of Other Agreements, Bid Awards, Declared Surplus
Materials and Equipment, Change Notices, and Notices of Completion (Janea
Marking)

8.1c Approve Contracts Report >\$15,000 (Janea Marking)

8.1d Approval of Unauthorized Vendor Payments (Janea Marking)

8.1e Approve Personnel Transactions (Cancy McArn)

8.1f Approval of CIF Form to Record District and/or School Representatives to
Leagues (David Parsh)

8.1g Approve Resolution No. 3490: Resolution Regarding Board Stipends
(Superintendent Lisa Allen)

8.1h Approve John F. Kennedy field trip to Washington, D.C. May 19-24, 2025
(Mary Hardin Young & Tuan Duong)

8.1i Approve Miwok Middle field trip to Europe (Burgess, Amsterdam, and Paris)
June 14-22, 2025 (Mary Hardin Young & Jerad Hyden)

8.1j Approve Labor Partner Agreements (Cancy McArn)

8.1k Approve Job Descriptions (Cancy McArn & Dan Schallock)

This is an action item.

Public Comment:
Terrence Gladney

Board Comment:
Member Kayatta pulled agenda item 8.1g for discussion.

*Member Jeane made a motion to approve the consent agenda with the exclusion of
8.1g with a second from Member Benjamin. The Board voted 6-0 with Member
Rhodes absent and a student preferential "yes" vote.*

Member Kayatta shared that there was not enough detail in the resolution for 8.1g to determine if Member Rhodes' absence was excused.

President Singh shared that there is no obligation for Member Rhodes or anyone else to state if they are sick or why they are sick, so they were essentially guessing.

Member Ybarra wanted to know if they were pulling this item because it was a one time scenario or because there was not enough information for the Board to approve it.

President Singh explained the stipend approval process. He shared that there's a level of trust with all of them to report an adequate hardship.

Member Ybarra shared that the Board is conscious of the work involved in being a board member, and if someone states they have a hardship, she will trust it.

President Singh shared that Board members receive roughly \$800 per month for their service. He understands the concern, but if someone states there's a hardship, he will trust it. President Singh also shared that he doesn't see abuse of this system, and often everyone is present, which he respects.

Member Kayatta made a motion to approve 8.1g with a second from Member Jeane. The Board voted 6-0 with Member Rhodes absent, and a student preferential "yes" vote.

9.0 COMMUNICATIONS

9.1 Employee Organization Reports:

- *SCTA – Nikki Milevsky shared that there are an amazing amount of community groups and students that are working to fight for federal funding for our schools, with a show of force on the 17th of May down at Cesar Chavez Plaza at 11am.*
- *SEIU- No update*
- *TCS- No update*
- *Teamsters- No update*
- *UPE- No update*

9.2 District Advisory Committees:

- *Student Advisory Council- No update*
- *Community Advisory Committee- No update*
- *District English Learner Advisory Committee- No update*
- *Local Control Accountability Plan/Parent Advisory Committee- Valerie Williams Crawford shared that she was able to share out at her own parent-led group about the LCAP, and she gathered feedback from the parents. Ms. Crawford shared that they need bylaws, rules of order, and more authentic parent involvement where parents feel welcome and are a part of the LCAP PAC.*
- *Black/African American Advisory Board- Terrence Gladney shared that they stand in solidarity with Erinn Leone. Mr. Gladney also hopes the Board honors*

its commitment to create a committee, allowing them space to address ongoing issues. Mr. Gladney stated it's absurd that the direct supervisor of their staff liaison told them providing data and answers to questions for an annual update, due in two weeks, doesn't meet the District's immediate overarching priorities. Mr. Gladney emphasized that given the continually disrespectful outcomes for Black and African American students in this District, that assertion is absurd.

Mr. Gladney shared that Black people in this country are always at the epicenter of trauma, pain, oppression, and hate. He noted the beautiful aspect of being at the epicenter is the ability to see 360 degrees around you. The painful part, Mr. Gladney explained, is that as waves ripple and recovery happens around you, you wonder when repair will come to the epicenter. Mr. Gladney mentioned there was a math update tonight, specifically about math in Sac City. He stated that being Black plus being at Sac City equals a higher probability of failure, disregard, and being ignored by the Board and staff. Mr. Gladney reiterated that their students and educators still experience trauma every day. Mr. Gladney then reminded the Board that LCAP members are appointed by the Board. He asked the Board to imagine being elected by the committee and coming to a meeting, only for them to seat or allow Superintendent Allen to drive the meeting, which he also finds absurd.

- *Community Schools Advisory Committee- Saralyn Bienvenue shared highlights and recent events from various sites. Last week, Rosa Parks and Hiram Johnson were visited by an Independent Evaluator from the California Department of Education to review their Community Schools implementation. The evaluation team highly praised the staff's work, with evaluators noting that Hiram Johnson had one of the most impressive comprehensive student integrated systems of support in the state. Despite this recognition, Hiram Johnson now faces uncertainty regarding how to sustain all those supports. Ms. Bienvenue also shared that tomorrow, they will welcome 60 educators, caregivers, and community partners for a special collaborative engagement focused on family engagement, accelerating school improvement, and collective leadership. Later this week, the Community Schools team will present student meal and hunger data to the Nutrition Services team. Looking ahead, on Thursday, Bidwell will host a science night open house and ice cream social. Then, on Friday, in partnership with Trustee Rhodes, the Urban League, and hosted by Rosa Parks, they'll hold a workshop with the state Department of Treasury to validate Cal Kids accounts for families. Finally, Ms. Bienvenue noted that they are still in need of CSAC members for Areas 2, 3, and 4.*
- *American Indian Education Program Parent Committee- No update*

*Public Comment:
Erinn Leone*

- 9.3 *Student Member Report (Justine Chueh-Griffith)- Member Chueh-Griffith shared that it's testing season and encouraged students to do their best while prioritizing themselves. She also shared that it is the tail end of college decision season, so she wants to ensure continued support for students throughout the college application process. Member Chueh-Griffith highlighted the Sacramento Best Buddies*

Friendship Walk event and expressed her appreciation for after-school programs. She then shared how many talented students there are in the District, highlighting upcoming productions at C.K. McClatchy and West Campus.

- 9.4 *Superintendent's Report (Lisa Allen) - Superintendent Allen highlighted a new green career pathways program that will provide 150 of our students hands-on training at six of our high school sites. Superintendent Allen gave a heartfelt thank you to the Masons of California for their generosity in making this three-year pilot program possible. Students will have the chance to earn their certifications to start their green careers. Superintendent Allen shared that Sacramento City Unified School District's enrollment window for the 2025-26 school year starts on Monday, May 19.*
- 9.5 *President's Report (Jasjit Singh)- No update*
- 9.6 *Information Sharing by Board Members- Member Kayatta shared about the impending cuts and the trauma they are receiving from the Federal Administration, which is putting every program provided to students in jeopardy. He noted that he and Member Navarro were in Washington, D.C., lobbying to push back against these cuts and to share stories about what these cuts mean to their programs. Member Kayatta encouraged the public to keep telling their stories and fighting back against these cuts as well. Member Kayatta also shared that in the time he has been on the Board, they have yet to develop any clear guidelines for their superintendent and cabinet regarding what needs to be done. He stated that in his two and a half years, they have not held one formal superintendent evaluation. Member Kayatta concluded by saying that they need to understand their priorities as a Board. Member Navarro shared his experience lobbying in Washington, D.C., and highlighted that one thing he heard was how interested Congress members were in hearing their stories. Member Navarro encouraged people to share their stories with Congress members.*

10.0 SPECIAL PRESENTATION

10.1 SCUSD Mathematics Updates (Mikila Fetzer)

Mikila Fetzer shared an overview on assessments, professional learning, and the high school process and progress for math instructional materials adoption. This is an information item.

Public Comment:

No public comment

Board Comment:

Member Navarro asked for clarification on the timeline for the math instructional materials adoption.

Member Chueh-Griffith asked for clarification on who is a part of the math instructional materials adoption process.

10.2 Mathletes Awards Presentation (Suzie Craig)

Suzie Craig provided an overview of the middle school mathletes competitions this school year, and announced the winners. This is an information item.

Public Comment:

No public comment

Board Comment:

No Board comment

10.3 Sacramento Friends of the Arts - Recognition of SCUSD VAPA Teachers (Erin Findley)

Charles DeAngelos introduced Sacramento Friends of the Arts, who recognized VAPA teachers, Jorge Muñoz and Alan Cunningham. This is an information item.

Public Comment:

No public comment

Board Comment:

No Board comment

10.4 Recognition of School Principals' Day (IAS Team)

The IAS team presented the recognition of School Principals' Day. This is an information item

Public Comment:

No public comment

Board Comment:

Member Ybarra shared that as a community, they can often be very hard on principals, but their work doesn't go unnoticed.

Member Jeane gave a shout-out to anyone willing to step into and take on the principal role. She encouraged principals to find their joy within their students because it is precious. Member Jeane also thanked all principals for their work.

President Singh shared that approachability is paramount and the most important thing to students, staff, and families. He also shared that they need to continue recognizing the hard work it takes to be a principal.

10.5 Celebration of National School Nurses Day (Noel Estacio)

Noel Estacio presented the recognition of National School Nurses Day. This is an information item.

*Public Comment:
No public comment*

*Board Comment:
Member Jeane thanked staff for all they do. She highlighted that school nurses could earn significantly more in the medical field, so their choice to work in a school district is an incredibly heartfelt one, demonstrating their dedication, knowledge, and skills.
Member Kayatta expressed his appreciation for school nurses and the work they do within their schools.
President Singh echoed the other members' sentiments. He also recognized Ms. Jessica, a nurse in the District.*

10.6 Recognition of May as Mental Health Awareness Month (Elizabeth Sterba)

Elizabeth Sterba presented data points around mental health, supports at school, the Student Mental Wellness Council, resources that staff have received for Mental Health Month, and Mental Health Awareness Spirit Week. This is an information item.

*Public Comment:
No public comment*

*Board Comment:
Member Ybarra highlighted not only the awareness around mental health but also the great work being done here at SCUSD.
President Singh appreciates that they are starting very early and recognizes the importance of mental health. He knows that while May is Mental Health Awareness Month, it is a yearlong effort.*

11.0 BUSINESS AND FINANCIAL INFORMATION/REPORTS Receive Information

11.1 Business and Financial Information: Enrollment and Attendance Report, Month 7, Ending Friday, March 14, 2025 (Janea Marking)

12.0 FUTURE BOARD MEETING DATES / LOCATIONS

- ✓ May 15, 2025, 5:00 p.m. Closed Session, 6:00 p.m. Open Session, Serna Center, 5735 47th Avenue, Community Room, Regular Workshop Meeting*
- ✓ June 5, 2025, 5:00 p.m. Closed Session, 6:00 p.m. Open Session, Serna Center, 5735 47th Avenue, Community Room, Regular Workshop Meeting*

13.0 *ADJOURNMENT*

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Lisa Allen, Superintendent and Board Secretary

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