

BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES
Governing Board of the Los Angeles Unified School District

REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Including Closed Session Items

333 South Beaudry Avenue, Board Room

1208 Magnolia Avenue, Gardena, CA 90247

9945 Laurel Canyon Blvd., Pacoima, CA 91331

10:00 a.m., Tuesday, August 5, 2025

The Los Angeles Board of Education acting as the Governing Board of the Los Angeles Unified School District met in regular session on Tuesday, August 5, 2025, at the Administrative Offices, Board Room, 333 South Beaudry Avenue, Los Angeles, California.

Mr. Michael A. McLean, Executive Officer of the Board of Education, called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

The following Board Members were present: Ms. Sherlett H. Newbill, Dr. Rocío Rivas, Mr. Nick Melvoin, Ms. Karla Griego, and Board President Scott Schmerelson.

Ms. Kelly Gonez joined the meeting remotely at approximately 10:05 a.m. and stated that her remote attendance was due to childcare.

Ms. Tanya Ortiz Franklin arrived at approximately 10:06 a.m.

Dr. Karla Estrada, Deputy Superintendent of Instruction, occupied Superintendent Alberto M. Carvalho's seat until his arrival at approximately 10:37 a.m.

CLOSED SESSION ITEMS (Purpose and Authority)

Mr. McLean announced that the following items would be discussed in closed session:

1. Student Discipline Matters (Education Code Section 48918[c][f])

2. Personnel (Government Code Section 54957)

Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release

Superintendent's Evaluation

Inspector General's Evaluation

3. Conference with Legal Counsel

Pending Litigation (Government Code Section 54956.9[d][1])

C.S. v. Los Angeles Unified School District, et al.

Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 22CMCV00679

Doe, John M.F v. Los Angeles Unified School District, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 22CMCV00501

Doe, Jane R.D. et al. v. Los Angeles Unified School District, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC644474

Martha Gonzales v. Los Angeles Unified School District, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 22STCV33306

Anticipated Litigation (Government Code Section 54956.9[d][4])

2 cases

4. Conference with Labor Negotiators (Government Code Section 54957.6)

Negotiator: Dr. Murphy

Employee Organizations:

Associated Administrators of Los Angeles/ Teamsters 2010
California School Employees Association
Los Angeles County Building and Construction Trades Council
Los Angeles School Police Association
Los Angeles School Police Management Association
Service Employees International Union, SEIU Local 99
Teamsters
United Teachers Los Angeles
District Represented Employees and Contract Management Personnel

PUBLIC COMMENT

The following speakers addressed the Board on the subjects indicated:

Tab 1: Student Discipline Matters

- Dr. James Fetzer, Ph.D., Philosophy Emeritus

Tab 2: Personnel

- David Tokofsky, Community Member
- Sofi Ryan, APSAC
- Matt Roethle, Parent
- Cesar Chaparro, Community Member
- Sara Roos, Parent of LAUSD Alumni
- David De La Cruz, Community Member

Tab 4: Conference with Labor Negotiators

- Monique Lukens, Teacher

General Public Comment

Bridie Lee, Schools Beyond Screens	Student screen time in the classroom
Diana Guillen, Parent	Parent voices and helping the immigrant community
Maria Daisy Ortiz, Community Member	Parent concerns
Juan Jose Mangandi, Community Member	Parent concerns
Lila Byock, Schools Beyond Screens	Student screen time in the classroom
Aaron Craig, Schools Beyond Screens	Student screen time in the classroom
Karina Lopez, Parent	Support of school police
Marcela Garcia, Parent	School safety and support for School Police
Concerned Parent	Equity
Chris Reddington, Parent	Hiring freeze
Raquel Diaz, Parent	Protect immigrant children & support for school police
Isabel, Parent	Strengthen academics
Anya Meksin, Schools Beyond Screens	Student screen time in the classroom

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The Board recessed the public portion of the closed session meeting at 10:58 a.m. Closed session discussion began at 11:08 a.m. and ended at 2:58 p.m. The following Board Members were present: Ms. Newbill, Dr. Rivas, Mr. Melvoin, Ms. Griego, Ms. Ortiz Franklin and Board President Schmerelson. Ms. Gonez attended remotely. The Superintendent was also present.

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The Board reconvened the public portion of the closed session meeting at 3:03 p.m.

The following Board Members were present: Dr. Rivas, Mr. Melvoin, Ms. Griego, Ms. Ortiz Franklin, and Board President Schmerelson.

Ms. Newbill arrived at 3:04 p.m.

Ms. Gonez was absent.

Mr. McLean announced the following reportable actions resulting from the closed session discussion:

- The Board of Education approved the expulsion of students in case numbers, 001-25/26, 002-25/26, 003-25/26, and 004-25/26, with the recommended dispositions. The vote was 7 ayes.
- The Board of Education authorized the dismissal of 3 classified employees. The vote was 7 ayes.
- The Board of Education authorized the demotion of 1 certificated employee. The vote was 7 ayes.
- The Board of Education authorized the settlement in the following cases:
 - C.S. v. Los Angeles Unified School District, et al.
 - Doe, John M.F v. Los Angeles Unified School District, et al.
 - Doe, Jane R.D. et al. v. Los Angeles Unified School District, et al.
 - Martha Gonzales v. Los Angeles Unified School District, et al

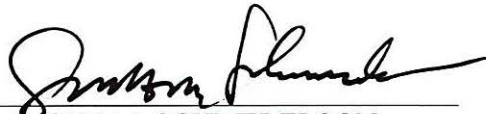
Terms and conditions will be available upon the finalization of the agreement. The vote in all these matters was 7 ayes.

ADJOURNMENT

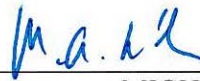
Mr. Melvoin moved to adjourn the meeting in memory of Barbara Elson, a dedicated and accomplished teacher who spent most of her career at Coeur d'Alene Avenue Elementary School. Board President Schmerelson also moved to adjourn in memory of Don Dustin, a retired LAUSD educator and co-founder of the LAUSD All-District Honor Marching Band.

By general consent, the meeting was adjourned at 3:08 p.m.

APPROVED BY THE BOARD: October 14, 2025



SCOTT M. SCHMERELSON
PRESIDENT



MICHAEL MCLEAN
EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF THE BOARD

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