

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

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
333 South Beaudry Avenue, Board Room  
10:00 a.m., Tuesday, August 13, 2024

The Board of Education of the City of Los Angeles, acting as the Governing Board of the Los Angeles Unified School District, met in regular session on Tuesday, August 13, 2024, at the Los Angeles City Board of Education Administrative Offices, Board Room, 333 South Beaudry Avenue, Los Angeles, California.

Mr. Michael McLean, Executive Officer of the Board, called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.

The following Board Members were present: Dr. Rocío Rivas, Mr. Scott Schmerelson, Mr. Nick Melvoin, and Board President Jackie Goldberg.

Ms. Tanya Ortiz Franklin was absent.

Superintendent Alberto M. Carvalho was present.

Ms. Kelly Gonez joined the meeting via teleconference at 10:21 a.m.

Dr. George McKenna, III joined the meeting at 10:45 a.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Board Member Rivas.

**BOARD PRESIDENT'S REPORTS**

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE CONTRIBUTION OF FORMER STUDENT BOARD MEMBERS**

Dr. Lorena Franco, Director, Student Empowerment Division, shared brief remarks and thanked the Board for the opportunity to highlight former Student Board Members.

Former Student Board Member Frances Suavillo (2019-2020), a Carson High School alumna and Stanford University student, thanked the Board for their commitment to listening to student voices, empowering them, and forging the leaders of tomorrow. She acknowledged the following two former Student Board Members who were absent:

- Leon Poppa (2015-2016), the first Student Board Member who graduated from Berstein High School as valedictorian and attended UCLA.
- Tyler Okeke (2018-2019) an alumnus of Dr. Vladovic Harvard Preparation Academy. also graduated from the University of Chicago.

Former Student Board Members Karen Calderon (2016-2017), Ben Holtzman (2017-2018), Parish Kanuga (2021-2022), and Nathaniel Shin (2022-2023) shared an update on their college studies and how the student Board Member opportunity laid a foundation for their future.

Former Student Board Member Karen Ramirez (2023-2024) administered the Oath of Office to Anely Cortez Lopez. Ms. Cortez Lopez made remarks regarding her new role as a Student Board Member and the opportunity to amplify student voices.

Ms. Goldberg spoke briefly about antisemitism and asked Dr. Karla Estrada, Deputy Superintendent of Instruction, to help the District develop guidelines for all classroom teachers regarding what antisemitism is and what it is not. Dr. Estrada assured Ms. Goldberg that her team would review and assess the materials the District currently has in place, add additional guidance, and put it together in a single document to review and get different perspectives.

### **LABOR PARTNERS**

Maria Nichols, President, Associated Administrators of Los Angeles, (AALA) shared concerns from the field via phone, text, and email including operational demands, and reduction in force. She shared three critical actions that only Administrators could accomplish – 1) Supervision of Instruction; Evaluation process, Annotating and uploading documents; 2) New Star System extensive time consuming tasks that require priority; and, 3) Professional development of all operational initiatives must be facilitated by Administration only, tasks that cannot be delegated to someone else.

Julie Van Winkle, AFT President, United Teachers of Los Angeles (UTLA), shared concerns regarding the rearrangement of top District Administrators and is curious about the funding and if funding from this position has increased or if additional positions have been created. She stated that UTLA stands with Local SEIU 99 as they bargain with the District. She expressed concern regarding an incident where she stated a Board Member endangered one of their members.

### **CONSENT ITEMS**

Remarks were heard from Ms. Goldberg regarding the Consent Calendar.

#### **NEW BUSINESS FOR ACTION:**

Items for action below to be adopted by a single vote:

- Tab 2. BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT NO. 006-24/25  
Procurement Services Division – Facilities Contract
  
- Tab 3. BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT NO. 012-24/25  
Adoption of Resolutions Making Certifications and Authorizing Performance of All Necessary Functions Related to the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection’s Urban and Community Forestry Program 2023-2024 Green Schoolyards Supplemental Solicitation for Nonprofit Child Care Facilities Grant
  
- Tab 4. BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT NO. 014-24/25  
Authorization to Increase the Charter Augmentation Grant for the Vaughn Next Century Learning Center New Two-Story Addition Project and Amend the Facilities Services Division Strategic Execution Plan to Incorporate Therein

- Tab 5. BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT NO. 015-24/25  
Define and Approve 25 Board District Priority and Region Priority Projects and Amend the Facilities Services Division Strategic Execution Plan to Incorporate Therein
- Tab 7. BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT NO. 002/24/25  
Donations of Money to the District Recommends approval of the donation of money to the District totaling \$1,183,582.56
- Tab 8. BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT NO. 003-24/25  
Report of Cash Disbursements
- Tab 10. BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT NO. 001-24/25  
Approval of Non-Routine Personnel Actions
- Tab 11. BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT NO. 010-24/25  
Provisional Internship Permits
- Tab 12. BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT NO. 008-24/25  
Approval of Routine Personnel Actions
- Tab 13. BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT NO. 004-24/25  
Recommended Adoption of Instructional Materials for Universal Transitional Kindergarten

RESOLUTION REQUESTED BY THE SUPERINTENDENT

- Tab 16. Re-appointment of Member to the School Construction Bond Citizens’ Oversight Committee (Ross) (Sup-Res-001-24/25)

Resolved, That the Governing Board of the Los Angeles Unified School District ratifies the re-appointment of William O. Ross IV, representing the 31st District PTSA, as Member to the School Construction Bond Citizens’ Oversight Committee for a two-year term commencing on August 30, 2024. Mr. Ross is not an employee, official, vendor, contractor, or consultant of the District.

CORRESPONDENCE AND PETITIONS

- Tab 17. Report of Correspondence (ROC-001-24/25)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Tab 18. MINUTES FOR APPROVAL (MIN-001 – 24/25)  
March 12, 2024 Regular Board Meeting, including Closed Session Items

Speakers addressed the Board on the following items on the consent calendar:

Tab 4 - Board of Education Report No. 014-24/25 Facilities Services Division (Authorization to Increase the Charter Augmentation Grant for the Vaughn Next Century Learning Center New Two-Story Addition Project and Amend the Facilities Services Division Strategic Execution Plan to Incorporate Therein)

- David Tokofsky - Community Member
- Xitlalu Castro - Community Member
- Fidel Ramirez - Community Member
- Yvonne Chan - Community Member

Mr. Schmerelson moved that the Consent Items be adopted.

Mr. Melvoin seconded the motion.

On roll call vote, the Consent items were adopted, 6 ayes, 1 absent, Ms. Ortiz Franklin.

Student Board Member Lopez recorded an advisory vote of aye.

### **SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT**

Superintendent Carvalho welcomed Ms. Cortez Lopez to the Board and recognized the past Student Board Members who have ably represented this school district. He also shared the following highlights from the first day of school for the 2024-25 school year:

- Instruction on the first day
- All classrooms staffed with a credentialed teacher
- Local 99 SEIU members drove all bus routes
- 0.6% increase over last year's attendance on the first day of school (90.5% of goal)
- 99.8% of teacher fill rate (and the District is continuing to hire teachers)
- 427,000 meals served on day one
- Assistance from approximately 500 central and regional office staff with distribution of roughly 4500 student devices
- Deployed 813 portable HVAC units
- Decreased the helpdesk average wait time to 2 minutes
- 56 new electric buses
- All grade levels in reading and math posting academic gains
- Graduation rate is close to 87%, higher than pre-pandemic levels

He also explained that his team will provide periodic updates to the Board regarding progress towards goals, specifically the goals adopted by this Board related to literacy and numeracy, graduation, post-secondary success, and the social and emotional well-being of our students.

In closing he shared that recent Federal Communication Commission (FCC) policy changes have allowed greater flexibility in utilizing E-rate funding, supporting the hot spots that students and parents depend on as they access resources from the comfort of their homes.

## NEW BUSINESS FOR ACTION

Tab 1. BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT NO. 005 – 24/25  
Approval of Procurement Actions

The following speakers addressed the Board:

- Liliana Nochez - Community Member
- Lisa Kerwin - Community Member

Latasha Buck, Executive Director, Educational Options, Dr. Dean Tagawa, Executive Director, Early Childhood Education Division, Nolberto Delgadillo, Deputy Chief Financial Officer, and Chris Mount-Benites, Chief Financial Officer responded to questions from Board Members.

Mr. Melvoin moved that the report be adopted. Mr. Schmerelson seconded the motion.

On roll call vote, the report was adopted, 6 ayes, 1 absent, Ms. Ortiz Franklin.

Student Board Member Lopez recorded an advisory vote of aye.

Tab 6. BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT NO. 016 – 24/25  
Facilities Services Division  
Authorization to Negotiate and Execute a Lease Renewal for Early College Academy - LA Trade Technical College at Los Angeles Trade Technical College August 13, 2024

Krisztina Tokes, Chief Facilities Executive and Frances Baez, Chief Academic Officer, Division of Instruction responded to questions from Board Members.

Remarks were heard from Board President Goldberg.

Dr. McKenna moved that the report be adopted. Mr. Schmerelson seconded the motion.

There were no speakers to address the Board on this item.

On roll call vote, the report was adopted, 6 ayes, 1 absent, Ms. Ortiz Franklin.

Student Board Member Lopez recorded an advisory vote of aye.

Tab 9. BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT NO. 009 – 24/25  
Office of the Chief Business Officer  
Application for Exemption from the Required Expenditures for Classroom Teachers' Salaries

Mr. Delgadillo responded to a question from Board President Goldberg.

Mr. Melvoin moved that the report be adopted. Dr. Rivas seconded the motion.

There were no speakers to address the Board on this item.

On roll call vote, the report was adopted, 6 ayes, 1 absent, Ms. Ortiz Franklin.

Student Board Member Lopez recorded an advisory vote of aye.

Tab 19. Adoption of the 2024-2025 Committee Meeting Schedule (001-24/25)

Ms. Gonez expressed her desire to join the Greening Schools and Climate Resilience committee and asked if she could join the committee. Dr. Rivas agreed.

Ms. Gonez moved that the report be adopted. Mr. Schmerelson seconded the motion.

There were no speakers to address the Board on this item.

On roll call vote, the report was adopted with the following amendment, 6 ayes, 1 absent, Ms. Ortiz Franklin:

- Ms. Gonez will be added to the Greening Schools and Climate Resilience Committee as a member

Student Board Member Lopez recorded an advisory vote of aye.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

The following speakers addressed the Board on the subjects indicated:

Joyce Marie Mebane, Community Member	Tarp on Fence at Crenshaw High School
Channing Martinez, Community Member	BSAP

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President Goldberg recessed the meeting at 12:08 p.m. because Board business was complete, allowing time for public comment speakers to become available via phone and in person.

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The meeting reconvened at 1:55 p.m. The following Board Members were present: Dr. Rocio Rivas, Mr. Scott Schmerelson, Mr. Nick Melvoin, Ms. Tanya Ortiz Franklin, and Board President Jackie Goldberg.

**PUBLIC COMMENT CONTINUED**

The following speakers addressed the Board on the subjects indicated:

Nelly Mendez, Parent	School Safety/Child school enrollment
Maria Palma, Parent	School site Counsels
Diana Guillen, Parent	Student Safety
Monica Arrizola, Parent	School Safety/Respect for Parents Time

Maria Daisy Ortiz, Parent  
Juan Mangandi, Parent  
Isabel Aguirre, Parent  
Marcela Garcia, Parent

Verenice Miron, Parent  
Karina Lopez, Parent

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School Safety  
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Importance of Parent Input  
School Funds/School Safety

**ADJOURNMENT**

Dr. Rivas moved that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Catherine Pinfeld, Teacher, Dr. Sammy Lee and Health Science Magnet School. Mr. Schmerelson asked that the meeting also be adjourned in honor of Richard Roland Cochran, KLCS.

The meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

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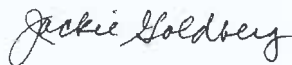
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