

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

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

(Including Closed Session Items)

333 South Beaudry Avenue, Board Room  
1208 Magnolia Avenue, Gardena, CA 90247  
12:00 p.m., Tuesday, December 3, 2024

The Los Angeles Board of Education acting as the Governing Board of the Los Angeles Unified School District met in regular session on Tuesday, December 3, 2024, 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 2:21 p.m.

The following Board Members were present: Dr. George McKenna, III, Dr. Rocío Rivas, Mr. Scott Schmerelson, Mr. Nick Melvoin, Ms. Kelly Gonez, and Board President Jackie Goldberg.

Ms. Tanya Ortiz Franklin was absent.

Superintendent Alberto M. Carvalho was also present.

**CONSENT ITEMS**

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

NEW BUSINESS FOR ACTION

TAB 1: Board of Education Report No. 120 – 24/25  
Approval of the Renewal Petition for Math and Science College Preparatory

TAB 2: Board of Education Report No. 121 – 24/25  
Approval of the Renewal Petition for Stella Elementary Charter Academy

Mr. McLean read the following statements:

Before action is taken on Board Report No. 120-24/25, Approval of the Renewal Petition for Math and Science College Preparatory, a public hearing must be held.

This constitutes that public hearing, Approval of the Renewal Petition for Math and Science College Preparatory, and a maximum of 15 individuals who wish to address the Board on the item will be heard. Those who wish to speak should sign up online. Speakers will be called by name.

Before action is taken on Board Report No. 121-24/25, Approval of the Renewal Petition for Stella Elementary Charter Academy, a public hearing must be held.

This constitutes that public, Approval of the Renewal Petition for Stella Elementary Charter Academy, and a maximum of 15 individuals who wish to address the Board on the item will be heard. Those who wish to speak should sign up online. Speakers will be called by name.

Remarks were heard from Dr. Rivas.

The public comment speakers for items 1 and 2 waived their speaking time.

Remarks were heard from Dr. McKenna.

Mr. Schmerelson moved that the Consent Items be adopted.

Ms. Gonez seconded the motion.

On roll call vote, the Consent Items were adopted, 6 ayes and 1 absent (Ms. Ortiz Franklin).

### **MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS**

TAB 3: Receipt of the correspondence entitled Update on Conditional Approvals (Middle Performing Charter Schools) [022-24/25]

Ms. Goldberg explained that this item is an analysis of two charter schools—Animo Legacy Charter Middle School and Arts and Action Community Middle School—whose outcome data had not been previously available due to delays in state reporting related to COVID-19. This correspondence serves as an update on those schools.

Dr. Rivas requested that the Charter Schools Division provide staff with regular updates on the status of each school's conditions, rather than waiting until the schools come before the Board for renewal. This proactive approach will help the District address challenges early and ensure schools remain on track ahead of the renewal process.

Superintendent Carvalho stated that the District will monitor progress to ensure schools remain on track.

Ms. Gonez requested clarification on the renewal timeline for these schools.

José Cole-Gutiérrez, Director of the Charter Schools Division, was present via Zoom, however, due to technical difficulties, he could not be heard.

Ms. Marla Willmott, Administrative Coordinator for the Charter Schools Division, provided clarification on the renewal timeline, indicating that the schools are expected to be reviewed for renewal in Fall 2026.

Public comment speakers waived their speaking time.

Ms. Goldberg suggested that this is an opportune moment to go to Sacramento and advocate for a four-year moratorium on new charter schools in California. She cited anticipated federal efforts to fund private schools as a reason to strengthen support for existing public schools.

**CLOSED SESSION ITEMS (Purpose and Authority)**

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

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

Negotiator: Dr. Murphy

Employee Organizations:

Associated Administrators of Los Angeles  
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 subject indicated:

**Tab 1: Conference with Labor Negotiators**

- Diana Guillen, Parent
- Maria Daisy Ortiz, Community Member
- David Tokofsky, Community Member

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The Board recessed the public portion of the special board meeting, including closed session items at 2:43 p.m. Closed session discussion began at 2:53 p.m. and ended at 4:05 p.m. The following Board Members were present: Dr. McKenna, Dr. Rivas, Mr. Schmerelson, Mr. Melvoin, Ms. Gonez, and Board President Goldberg. Ms. Tanya Ortiz Franklin was absent.

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The Board reconvened the public portion of the closed session meeting at 4:11 p.m.

The following Board Members were present: Mr. Schmerelson, Ms. Gonez, Board President Goldberg, Dr. Rivas and Mr. Melvoin.

Dr. McKenna and Ms. Tanya Ortiz Franklin were absent.

Mr. McLean announced that there were no reportable actions.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:12 p.m.

**APPROVED BY THE BOARD: October 14, 2025**

  
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JACKIE GOLDBERG  
PRESIDENT

  
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MICHAEL MCLEAN  
EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF THE BOARD

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