

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

ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES
333 South Beaudry Avenue, Board Room
1208 Magnolia Avenue, Gardena, CA 90247
10:00 a.m., Tuesday, December 10, 2024

The Los Angeles Board of Education acting as the Governing Board of the Los Angeles Unified School District met for the Annual meeting on Tuesday, December 10, 2024, at the Administrative Offices, Board Room, 333 South Beaudry Avenue, Los Angeles, California.

Mr. Michael A. McLean, Executive Officer of the Board, called the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m. and commenced the Oath of Office Ceremony.

**ADMINISTRATION OF OATH OF OFFICE TO
ELECTED BOARD MEMBERS**

Reference is made to the Primary Nominating Election (March 5, 2024) and General Municipal Election (November 5, 2024) wherein the following persons were elected as Members of the Board of Education:

Board Members	District Office Number
Ms. Sherlett Hendy Newbill	1
Mr. Scott Schmerelson	3
Ms. Karla Griego	5
Ms. Tanya Ortiz Franklin	7

The Oath of Office was administered to the new and re-elected Board Members as follows:

Ms. Sherlett Hendy Newbill by Mr. CJ Wakefield, Pastor, and Mr. Willard Love, Mentor and former LAUSD administrator.

Mr. Scott Schmerelson by Mr. Jefferson Crain, Former Executive Officer of the LAUSD Board.

Ms. Karla Griego by Ms. Romy Griego, her daughter.

A prerecorded video of Ms. Tanya Ortiz Franklin by Ms. Anely Cortez Lopez, Student Board Member from Gardena High School was played.

The new and re-elected Board Members expressed remarks.

The ceremony was recessed at 10:31 a.m.

Mr. McLean reconvened the meeting at 10:59 a.m.

The following Board Members were present: Ms. Sherlett Hendy Newbill, Dr. Rocío Rivas, Mr. Scott Schmerelson, Mr. Melvoin, Ms. Karla Griego, and Ms. Kelly Gonez.

Ms. Tanya Ortiz Franklin was present via teleconference.

Superintendent Alberto M. Carvalho was present.

Student Board Member Anely Cortez Lopez was also present.

Ms. Cortez Lopez led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ELECTION OF BOARD PRESIDENT

Superintendent Carvalho welcomed everyone to the Annual meeting and stated that pursuant to Board Policy, he will preside over the meeting until a President of the Board of Education is selected. He explained that the new Board President will serve until the next Annual meeting in December 2025. Prior to commencing the elections, Superintendent Carvalho congratulated the new and re-elected Board Members and expressed remarks. He then announced that, in compliance with Board Rule 1, the Board would nominate a president for the term beginning in December 2024. He also outlined the process for nominations and the subsequent election.

Following the direction of Superintendent Carvalho, Ms. Devora Navera Reed, General Counsel, proceeded to shuffle a deck of cards bearing the names of the Board Members. She then read aloud the order of the names determined by the cards. Superintendent Carvalho then called upon each Board Member, in the order stated, for nominations:

Ms. Gonez nominated Mr. Schmerelson.

Dr. Rivas seconded the motion.

Ms. Newbill nominated Mr. Schmerelson.

Mr. Schmerelson seconded the motion.

Ms. Ortiz Franklin passed.

Mr. Melvoin passed.

Ms. Griego nominated Mr. Schmerelson

Mr. Schmerelson nominated himself.

Dr. Rivas nominated Mr. Schmerelson

Prior to any action, public comment speakers were heard.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The following speakers addressed the Board on the subjects indicated:

General Public Comment

- Nicole Petersen, Parent, Improving Special Education Services

ELECTION OF BOARD PRESIDENT (continued)

Ms. Gonez moved to close the nominations. Mr. Melvoin seconded the motion.

On roll call vote, the nominations were closed. The vote was 7 ayes.

Ms. Schmerelson then accepted the nomination.

On roll call vote, Mr. Schmerelson was elected Board President. The vote was 7 ayes.

Superintendent Carvalho passed the gavel to Board President Schmerelson, who then expressed brief remarks.

ELECTION OF VICE PRESIDENT

Ms. Navera Reed reshuffled the cards bearing the names of the Board Members. She then read aloud the order of the names determined by the cards. Mr. McLean then called upon each Board Member, in the order stated, for nominations:

Ms. Ortiz Franklin nominated Dr. Rivas.

Ms. Griego seconded the motion.

Ms. Griego nominated Dr. Rivas

Mr. Schmerelson seconded the motion.

Mr. Schmerelson nominated Dr. Rivas.

Ms. Gonez seconded the motion.

Ms. Gonez nominated Dr. Rivas.

Mr. Schmerelson seconded the motion.

Dr. Rivas nominated herself.

Mr. Melvoin seconded the motion.

Mr. Melvoin nominated Dr. Rivas.

Ms. Newbill seconded the motion.

Ms. Newbill nominated Dr. Rivas.

Ms. Gonez seconded the motion.

Ms. Gonez moved to close the nominations.

Mr. Melvoin seconded the motion.

On roll call vote, Dr. Rivas was elected Vice President. The vote was 7 ayes.

ESTABLISHMENT OF BOARD COMMITTEES

Board President Schmerelson stated committee assignments will be established at the January 2025 meeting.

SELECTION OF BOARD MEMBER REPRESENTATIVE TO THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY SCHOOL TRUSTEES ASSOCIATION

Board President Schmerelson accepted to be Board Representative to the Los Angeles County School Trustees Association.

SELECTION OF BOARD MEMBER REPRESENTATIVE TO VOTE IN ELECTING MEMBERS TO THE COUNTY COMMITTEE ON DISTRICT ORGANIZATION (EDUCATION CODE 35023)

Board President Schmerelson accepted to be the Board Representative to the County Committee on District Organization.

APPOINTMENT OF BOARD REPRESENTATIVE TO THE COUNCIL OF GREAT CITY SCHOOLS

Ms. Gonez was reappointed as Board Representative to the Council of Great City Schools.

ADJOURNMENT

Board President Schmerelson moved to adjourn the meeting and by general consent the meeting adjourned at 11:18 a.m.

APPROVED BY THE BOARD: March 11, 2025



MR. SCOTT SCHMERELSON
PRESIDENT



MR. MICHAEL MCLEAN
EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF THE BOARD

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