

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
10:00 a.m., Wednesday, November 20, 2024

The Los Angeles Board of Education acting as the Governing Board of the Los Angeles Unified School District met in regular session on Wednesday, November 20, 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 10:02 a.m.

The following Board Members were present: Dr. George McKenna III, Dr. Rocío Rivas, Mr. Scott Schmerelson, and Mr. Nick Melvoin.

Ms. Kelly Gonez joined remotely via Zoom at 10:17 a.m.

Board President Jackie Goldberg arrived at 10:23 a.m.

Ms. Tanya Ortiz Franklin was absent.

Superintendent Alberto M. Carvalho was also present.

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

Public Employment

Deputy Director of Facilities Planning and Development

Superintendent's Evaluation

3. Conference with Legal Counsel

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

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

United States District Court, Central District of California

Case No. 2:20-cv-09127-CBM-E

Jane Doe v. Los Angeles Unified School District
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 19STCV43778

Jefry Umana Reyes, a minor by and through his Guardian Ad Litem,
Dora Alicia Reyes de Umana v. Los Angeles Unified School District, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case Nos. 23STCV02551

John David Cadena, by Conservator Gideon T. Bishema Embry v. Los Angeles Unified School District, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 22STCV01086

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

4. 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

Negotiator: Ms. Navera Reed
Unrepresented Employees:

Deputy Director of Facilities Planning and Development

PUBLIC COMMENT

The following speakers addressed the Board on the subjects indicated:

General Public Comment

- Iris Juarez, Parent, Demanding new principal for Lovelia Flournoy Elementary
- Isabel González, Parent, Demanding quality education, school safety and transparency
- Irene Lemus, Parent, Personal matter
- Juan Magandi, Community member, Critiquing the Board
- Mónica Arrazola, Parent, Dr. George McKenna's Retirement, School Safety, Supporting the immigrant community
- María Daisy Ortiz, Community member, Academic data, Parent committees
- Erlinda Morita, Parent, School Safety and Taskforce meetings
- Maria Luis Palma, Oleada Inc., Advocating for transparency, quality presentations and parent input in decision-making process relating to LCAP

- Diana Guillen, Parent, Dr. George McKenna's Retirement, Transparency, Parent Involvement
- Karina Lopez, Parent, Requesting more licensed interpreters, Support for school police
- Paul Hennessy, Community member, HVAC and indoor air quality improvements
- Julip A. Thomas, Parent, Improving indoor air quality at schools
- Stacy, Community member, Improving indoor air quality at schools
- Sundrica Brooks, Parent, Requesting dual-language programs for Black students
- Joshua Golden, Former teacher, Improving indoor air quality at schools
- Nelly Mendez, Parent, Personal matter
- Alex Garcia, Student, Bullying at school
- Maria Torres, Grandmother of student, Personal matter, bullying at school

Later in the meeting, Vivian De Leon, Parent, spoke on Tab 1.

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The Board recessed the public portion of the closed session meeting at 10:53 a.m. Closed session discussion began at 11:04 a.m. and ended at 4:30 p.m. The following Board Members were present: Dr. McKenna, Dr. Rivas, Mr. Schmerelson, Mr. Melvoin, and Board President Goldberg. Ms. Gonez was present via Zoom.

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The Board reconvened the public portion of the closed session meeting at 4:35 p.m.

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

Dr. McKenna, Ms. Gonez, and Ms. Ortiz Franklin were 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, 027-24/25, 028-24/25, 029-24/25, 030-24/25, 031-24/25, 032-24/25, 033-24/25, 034-24/25, 035-24/25, with the recommended dispositions. The vote was 6 ayes, and one absent, Ms. Ortiz Franklin.
- The Board of Education approved the expulsion of student in case number 026-24/25, with the recommended disposition. The vote was 5 ayes, one no, Ms. Gonez, and one absent, Ms. Ortiz Franklin.
- The Board of Education denied the enrollment of the student in case number 013A-24/25. The vote was 6 ayes, and one absent, Ms. Ortiz Franklin.
- The Board of Education authorized the dismissal of 1 classified employee. The vote was 6 ayes, and one absent, Ms. Ortiz Franklin.
- The Board of Education appointed Scott Singletary to the position of Deputy Director of Facilities Planning and Development with a term beginning on December 11, 2024, and ending


June 30, 2026. Terms and conditions will be available upon the finalization of the agreement. The vote was 6 ayes, and one absent, Ms. Ortiz Franklin.

- The Board of Education authorized the settlement in the case of M.C. v. Los Angeles Unified School District. Terms and conditions will be available upon the finalization of the agreement. The vote was 6 ayes, and one absent, Ms. Ortiz Franklin.
- The Board of Education authorized the settlement in the case of Jane Doe v. Los Angeles Unified School District. Terms and conditions will be available upon the finalization of the agreement. The vote was 6 ayes, and one absent, Ms. Ortiz Franklin.
- The Board of Education authorized the settlement in the case of Jefry Umana Reyes, a minor by and through his Guardian Ad Litem, Dora Alicia Reyes de Umana v. Los Angeles Unified School District. Terms and conditions will be available upon the finalization of the agreement. The vote was 6 ayes, and one absent, Ms. Ortiz Franklin.
- The Board of Education authorized the settlement in the case of John David Cadena, by Conservator Gideon T. Bishema Embry v. Los Angeles Unified School District, et al. Terms and conditions will be available upon the finalization of the agreement. The vote was 6 ayes, and one absent, Ms. Ortiz Franklin.

ADJOURNMENT

By general consent, the meeting was adjourned at 4:37 p.m.

APPROVED BY THE BOARD: March 11, 2025


JACKIE GOLDBERG
PRESIDENT


MICHAEL MCLEAN
EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF THE BOARD

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