

BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES
GOVERNING BOARD OF THE LOS ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Including Closed Session Items
333 South Beaudry Avenue, Board Room
9:00 a.m., Tuesday, November 14, 2023

The Los Angeles Board of Education acting as the Governing Board of the Los Angeles Unified School District met in regular session on Tuesday, November 14, 2023, at the Administrative Offices, Board Room, 333 South Beaudry Avenue, Los Angeles, California.

Executive Officer of the Board Michael McLean called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

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

Dr. George J. McKenna, III, arrived at 9:05 a.m.

Ms. Kelly Gonez arrived at approximately 9:20 a.m.

Ms. Tanya Ortiz Franklin was absent.

Superintendent Alberto Carvalho was 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

Associate General Counsel II

Superintendent's Evaluation

3. Conference with Legal Counsel

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

Doe, John AE v. Los Angeles Unified School District
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 22STCV22267

Doe, Jane RE v. Los Angeles Unified School District
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 23STCV11485

Y.G. v. Los Angeles Unified School District
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 22SMCV02373

Taylor, Kenya v. Los Angeles Unified School District
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 20STCV33128

Doe, John v. Los Angeles Unified School District
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 20STCV13438

Melendez v. Los Angeles Unified School District
Los Angeles Superior Court Case Nos. BC635349 / B295052

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:

Associate General Counsel II

PUBLIC COMMENT

The following speakers addressed the Board on the subjects indicated:

Tab 2: Personnel

Dara Yungman, Parent
Ben Caspi, Guardian Advocate for Student
Diana Guillen, Community Member
Carlos Arceo, Community Member (spoke later in the meeting)

Tab 3: Conference with Legal Counsel

David Tokofsky, Community Member

General Public Comment

Deekla Marshall, Parent	Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion
Ronen Pestes, Parent	Concerns regarding anti-semitism
Alona tal Ferraez, Parent	Concerns regarding anti-semitism
Eden Shemer, Parent	Concerns regarding anti-semitism
Leanne Deutch, Parent	Concerns regarding anti-semitism
Karla Franco, Parent	Various subjects
Netta Most Aranya, Parent	Concerns regarding anti-semitism
Alana Rotter, Parent	Concerns regarding anti-semitism
Jonathan Rotter, Parent	Concerns regarding anti-semitism
Amanda Kogan, Parent	Concerns regarding anti-semitism
Maria Daisy Ortiz, Parent	Parent committees
Monica Arrazola, Parent	Los Angeles School Police
Sara Cohen, Parent	Concerns regarding anti-semitism
Andrea Shapiro, Parent	Concerns regarding anti-semitism
Adeena Bleich, Parent	Concerns regarding anti-semitism
Esther Ravid, Parent	Concerns regarding anti-semitism
Marcela Garcia, Parent	Incident at Burbank Middle School
Jennifer Grunfield, Community Member	Concerns regarding anti-semitism

The Superintendent addressed recent unsettling incidents in the Middle East, outlining the District's efforts to provide additional resources and specific guidelines for curriculum delivery. Emphasis was placed on the importance of monitoring the implementation of the curriculum to ensure that it is presented in an age-appropriate manner and remains free from bias.

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The Board recessed the public portion of the closed session meeting at 10:09 a.m. Closed session discussion began at 10:14 a.m. and ended at 12:55 p.m. The following Board Members were present: Dr. McKenna, Dr. Rivas, Mr. Schmerelson, Mr. Melvoin, Ms. Gonez, and Ms. Goldberg.

Ms. Ortiz Franklin was absent.

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The Board reconvened the public portion of the closed session meeting at 12:58 p.m.

The following Board Members were present: Mr. Schmerelson, Mr. Melvoin, Ms. Ortiz Franklin, and Ms. Goldberg.

Dr. Rivas arrived at approximately 12:59 p.m.

Dr. McKenna and Ms. Gonez were absent.

Superintendent Carvalho was present.

Mr. McLean announced the following reportable actions as a result of the closed session discussion:

- The Board of Education approved the expulsion of students in case numbers 023-23/24, 024-23/24, 025-23/24, 026-23/24 with the recommended dispositions.

The vote was 6 ayes, 1 absent, Ms. Ortiz Franklin.

- The Board denied enrollment of the student in case number 007A-23/24.

The vote was 6 ayes, 1 absent, Ms. Ortiz Franklin.

- The Board approved the conditional enrollment of the student in case number 008A-23/24.

The vote was 6 ayes, 1 absent, Ms. Ortiz Franklin.

- The Board of Education authorized the loss of confidence and demotion of 1 Certificated employee.

The vote was 6 ayes, 1 absent, Ms. Ortiz Franklin.

- The Board of Education approved an employment agreement with Ryan Luther in the position of Associate General Counsel II with a term ending June 30, 2025. Terms and conditions will be available upon the finalization of the agreement.

The vote was 6 ayes, 1 absent, Ms. Ortiz Franklin.

- The Board of Education authorized the settlement in the case of Doe, John AE v. Los Angeles Unified School District, Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 22STCV22267. Terms and conditions will be available upon the finalization of the agreement.

The vote was 6 ayes, 1 absent, Ms. Ortiz Franklin.

- The Board of Education authorized the settlement in the case of Doe, Jane RE v. Los Angeles Unified School District, Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 23STCV11485. Terms and conditions will be available upon the finalization of the agreement.

The vote was 6 ayes, 1 absent, Ms. Ortiz Franklin.

- The Board of Education authorized the filing of a writ of mandate in the case of Y.G. v. Los Angeles Unified School District, Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 22SMCV02373.

The vote was 6 ayes, 1 absent, Ms. Ortiz Franklin.

- The Board of Education authorized the settlement in the case of Doe, John v. Los Angeles Unified School District, Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 20STCV13438. Terms and conditions will be available upon the finalization of the agreement.

The vote was 6 ayes, 1 absent, Ms. Ortiz Franklin.

- The Board of Education authorized the filing of a petition for review with the California Supreme Court in the case of Melendez v. Los Angeles Unified School District, Los Angeles Superior Court Case Nos. BC635349 / B295052.

The vote was 6 ayes, 1 absent, Ms. Ortiz Franklin.

- The Board of Education authorized the filing of an appeal in the case of Taylor, Kenya v. Los Angeles Unified School District, Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 20STCV33128.

The vote was 6 ayes, 1 absent, Ms. Ortiz Franklin.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 1:01 p.m.

APPROVED BY THE BOARD: **SEPTEMBER 15, 2026**



MS. JACKIE GOLDBERG
PRESIDENT



MICHAEL MCLEAN
EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF THE BOARD

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