

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
9945 Laurel Canyon Blvd., Pacoima, CA 91331
10:00 a.m., Wednesday, April 22, 2026
Recessed to 12:00 p.m., Tuesday, April 28, 2026

The Los Angeles Board of Education acting as the Governing Board of the Los Angeles Unified School District met in regular session on Wednesday, April 22, 2026, 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: Ms. Sherlett H. Newbill, Dr. Rocío Rivas, Ms. Tanya Ortiz Franklin and Board President Scott Schmerelson.

Ms. Karla Griego arrived at approximately 10:03 a.m.

Mr. Nick Melvoin arrived at approximately 10:04 a.m.

Ms. Kelly Gonez arrived at approximately 10:06 a.m.

Acting Superintendent Andrés E. Chait 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

Director of Labor Relations
Chief Human Resources Officer
Associate Chief Information Officer, IT Infrastructure
Inspector General
Executive Director, Beyond the Bell
Chief Academic Officer (2)
Executive Officer of the Board of Education
Chief of Special Education and Specialized Programs

Chief of Legislative Affairs and Governmental Relations
Director of Finance Policy
Regional Superintendent
Deputy Chief Procurement Officer (Facilities)
Director of Facilities Project Execution
Chief of Communications, Engagement and Collaboration
Chief of School Operations (Amended as Acting Superintendent)
Deputy Director of Facilities, Maintenance and Operations
Director of Facilities Planning and Development
Deputy Superintendent of Instruction
Deputy Chief Procurement Officer
General Manager, KLCS
Senior Director, Office of the Superintendent
Chief Medical Director
Chief Information Security Officer
Associate Superintendent, Talent
Deputy Superintendent, Business Services & Operations
Director of Food Services
Chief of Staff
Director of Environmental Health & Safety
Deputy Chief of Staff
Education Transformation Officer

Superintendent's Evaluation

3. Conference with Legal Counsel

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

1 Case

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

1776 Project Foundation v. Alberto M. Carvalho, et al.
United States District Court Case No. 2:26-cv-00548-HDV (AGRx)

Jane Doe C.A. v. Los Angeles Unified School District, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 24STCV30843

Y and P v. Los Angeles Unified School District, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 23STCV01862

J. v. Los Angeles Unified School District, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 24STCV03131

California Charter Schools Association v. Los Angeles Unified School District
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 24STCP01023

Los Angeles Unified School District v. Peng, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 26STCV11668

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:

Director of Labor Relations
Chief Human Resources Officer
Associate Chief Information Officer, IT Infrastructure
Inspector General
Executive Director, Beyond the Bell
Chief Academic Officer (2)
Executive Officer of the Board of Education
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Senior Director, Office of the Superintendent
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Associate Superintendent, Talent
Deputy Superintendent, Business Services & Operations
Director of Food Services
Chief of Staff
Director of Environmental Health & Safety
Deputy Chief of Staff
Education Transformation Officer

PUBLIC COMMENT

The following speakers addressed the Board on the subjects indicated:

Tab 4: Conference with Labor Negotiators

- David Tokofsky, Community Member

General Public Comment

Maria Luisa Palma, Oleada Inc.	Budget for new labor agreements
Diana Guillen, Parent	Concerns regarding school safety and i-Ready
Juan Mangandi, Community Member	Social problems
Concerned Parent	Implementation of the screen time policy
Maria Daisy Ortiz, Community Member	Concerns regarding school safety and safe passage program
Karina Lopez, Parent	Concerns regarding safe passage program
Marcela Garcia, Parent	Support for school police and school safety
Carmel Levitan, Parent	Transparency, accountability and budget presentation

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The Board recessed the public portion of the closed session meeting at 10:30 a.m. Closed session discussion began at 10:40 a.m. and ended at 6:24 p.m. The following Board Members were present: Ms. Newbill, Dr. Rivas, Mr. Melvoin, Ms. Griego, Ms. Gonez, and Ms. Ortiz Franklin and Board President Schmerelson.

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The public portion of the closed session meeting reconvened at 6:29 p.m. Mr. McLean announced this meeting would be recessed to Tuesday, April 28, 2026, at 12:00 p.m. The meeting recessed at 6:30 p.m.

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The public portion of the closed session meeting reconvened on Tuesday, April 28, 2026, at 12:53 p.m. Closed session discussion began at 12:53 p.m. and ended at 4:23 p.m. The following Board Members were present: Ms. Newbill, Dr. Rivas, Mr. Melvoin, Ms. Griego, Ms. Gonez, Ms. Ortiz Franklin and Board President Schmerelson.

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The Board reconvened the public portion of the closed session meeting at 4:28 p.m. The following Board Members were present: Ms. Newbill, Dr. Rivas, Mr. Melvoin, Ms. Ortiz Franklin and Board President Schmerelson.

Ms. Griego and Ms. Gonez 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, 045-25/26, 046-25/26, 047-25/26, 048-25/26, 049-25/26, 050-25/26, 051-25/26, 052-25/26, 053-25/26, 054-25/26, 055-25/26, 056-25/26, and 057-25/26, with the recommended dispositions.

The vote was 7 ayes.

- The Board of Education authorized the dismissal of 3 Classified and 2 Certificated employees.

The vote was 7 ayes.

- The Board of Education appointed the following individuals into various senior management contract positions, effective July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027, unless otherwise indicated:

- Anthony Aguilar as Chief of Special Education and Specialized Programs
- Martha Alvarez as Chief of Legislative Affairs and Governmental Relations
- Tony Atienza as Director of Finance Policy
- David Baca as Regional Superintendent
- Jorge Ballardo as Deputy Chief Procurement Officer (Facilities)
- Edward Cadena as Director of Facilities Project Execution
- Jana Carter as Chief of Communications, Engagement and Collaboration
- Mark Cho as Deputy Director of Facilities, Maintenance and Operations
- Issam Dahdul as Director of Facilities Planning and Development
- Karla V. Estrada as Deputy Superintendent of Instruction
- Dana Greer as Deputy Chief Procurement Officer
- Jaime Jimenez as General Manager, KLCS
- Smita Malhotra as Chief Medical Director
- Richard Meraz as Chief Information Security Officer
- Pedro Salcido as Deputy Superintendent, Business Services & Operations
- Manish Singh as Director of Food Services
- Carolyn Spaht Gonzalez as Chief of Staff
- Carlos Torres as Director of Environmental Health & Safety
- Amanda Wherritt as Deputy Chief of Staff
- Robert Whitman as Education Transformation Officer

The vote was 7 ayes.

- The Board of Education appointed the following individuals into various senior management contract positions, effective July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027:

- Sasha Lopez as Senior Director, Office of the Superintendent

The vote was 4 ayes (Ms. Newbill, Mr. Melvoin, Ms. Gonez, Mr. Schmerelson), 3 noes (Dr. Rivas, Ms. Griego, Ms. Ortiz Franklin).

- Kristen Murphy as Associate Superintendent, Talent

The vote was 4 ayes (Mr. Melvoin, Ms. Griego, Ms. Gonez, Mr. Schmerelson), 3 noes (Ms. Newbill, Dr. Rivas, Ms. Ortiz Franklin).

- The Board of Education appointed the following individuals into various senior management contract positions for various periods of time:
 - Frances Baez as Chief Academic Officer effective July 1, 2026, through August 14, 2026.
 - Pia Sadaqatmal as Chief Academic Officer effective August 15, 2026, through June 30, 2028.
 - Anthony Godoy as Associate Chief Information Officer, IT Infrastructure effective May 22, 2026, through June 30, 2028.
 - Ana Estevez as Executive Director, Beyond the Bell Programs effective May 22, 2026, through June 30, 2028.

The vote in the above four positions was 7 ayes.

- Jason Geanakopoulos as Director of Labor Relations effective May 22, 2026, through June 30, 2028.

The vote was 5 ayes (Ms. Newbill, Mr. Melvoin, Ms. Griego, Ms. Gonez, Mr. Schmerelson), 2 noes (Dr. Rivas and Ms. Ortiz Franklin).

- Francisco Serrato as Chief Human Resources Officer effective May 22, 2026, through June 30, 2028.

The vote was 6 ayes (Ms. Newbill, Dr. Rivas, Mr. Melvoin, Ms. Griego, Ms. Gonez, Mr. Schmerelson), 1 no (Ms. Ortiz Franklin).

- The Board of Education authorized the settlement in the case of Jane Doe C.A. v. Los Angeles Unified School District, et al.

The vote was 7 ayes.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:32 p.m.

APPROVED BY THE BOARD: OCTOBER 6, 2026



SCOTT SCHMERELSON
PRESIDENT



MICHAEL MCLEAN
EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF THE BOARD

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