

**Transcript of the Orange County Board of Education Meeting Held on February 1, 2022**

**BARKE:** Welcome everyone to our emergency meeting. Thank you for being here. I will call the meeting to order and we will start with the Pledge of Allegiance by Ken Williams.

**WILLIAMS:** Want to do roll call first?

**BARKE:** Oh, sure. Let's do a roll call.

**SISAVATH:** Trustee Sparks?

**SPARKS:** Here.

**SISAVATH:** Trustee Williams?

**WILLIAMS:** I am here.

**SISAVATH:** Trustee Barke?

**BARKE:** Here.

**SISAVATH:** Trustee Shaw?

**SHAW:** Here.

**SISAVATH:** Trustee Gomez?

**GOMEZ:** Present.

**WILLIAMS:** Very good. Let's do the Pledge of Allegiance. All stand if you would like. Follow me.

**WILLIAMS AND AUDIENCE:** I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

**BARKE:** Do we have any public comment regarding the closed session?

**BOYD:** No. We do not.

**BARKE:** Okay. Then, we are going to go into--

**WILLIAMS:** Well, I'll make a motion.

**BARKE:** Oh, sorry.

**WILLIAMS:** --to adopt the emergency Agenda today. I need a second.

**SPARKS:** Second.

**WILLIAMS:** Second. Very good.

**BARKE:** All those in favor?

**SPARKS, WILLIAMS, BARKE, SHAW, GOMEZ:** Aye.

**BARKE:** All those opposed? Okay. We are all in favor.

**WILLIAMS:** Go to closed session.

**BARKE:** Okay.

**[The Orange County Board of Education goes into closed session and returns.]**

**BARKE:** Thank you for your patience. We are back in session. We are just waiting for our council to give a report out.

**WILLIAMS:** In the meanwhile, can we vote on the resolution before us?

**BARKE:** Oh, there he is.

**WILLIAMS:** Oh, okay.

**BARKE:** Jonathan, you are on.

**BRENNER:** Are we be back in session.

**BARKE:** Mm-hmm.

**WILLIAMS:** We are back in session.

**BRENNER:** Good afternoon, members of the Board. Good to be with you. This is the report out for closed session, item number one for today's special meeting. The Board held a closed session with council, held a discussion with counsel, gave direction to counsel, and that concludes the report out for closed session item number one. Thank you.

**BARKE:** Thank you.

**WILLIAMS:** Madam President I'll make a motion for Resolution number one—

**ROLEN:** Is public comment on the Agenda Mr. Vice President? Do we have any public comment cards?

**BOYD:** No.

**BARKE:** Okay. Thank you.

**WILLIAMS:** I made the motion. It needs a second.

**BARKE:** Oh, did you make the full motion?

**WILLIAMS:** [Nods head].

**BARKE:** Yes. I'll go ahead and second. All right. All those in favor?

**SPARKS, WILLIAMS:** Aye.

**GOMEZ:** Discussion?

**BARKE:** Sure.

**GOMEZ:** Okay. I've reviewed the resolution, and there are a couple of typographical errors in there. I also want to get some information. This Agenda was published yesterday, January 31<sup>st</sup>. The resolution on page four in the middle of the page, it says, "Whereas the Orange County Board of Supervisors has passed a resolution confirming and granting the Board's exclusive authority to create and adopt its trustee area boundaries. That resolution, what I'm hearing, I have not seen it personally, was not even discussed until today. I'm wondering how that got on this resolution without knowing that the Board of Supervisors was going to pass the resolution, and there is no name to that resolution. Perhaps somebody can clarify that for me?"

**WILLIAMS:** Yeah. Very simple. It was assumed the Board of Supervisors would make that vote and decision today. If they did not approve it, we would not have been bringing this resolution today. But since they approved it, we assumed that in the calculation in creating this resolution. That's how it got there. It is as simple as that.

**GOMEZ:** Okay. What's the name of the resolution? Shouldn't that be in this document as well?

**WILLIAMS:** The name of this resolution?

**GOMEZ:** No. The name of the resolution that the Board of Supervisors passed so that there is some continuity and follow through on this. Do we have the name of that resolution?

**BARKE:** It is S8A, like, Sam, number 8, apple.

**GOMEZ:** That's the agenda item, but I don't know if that is the resolution.

**ROLEN:** (Inaudible). They refer to it by the agenda item.

**GOMEZ:** Okay.

**BOYD:** Can you come up to the mic so that it gets captured on the record?

**ROLEN:** We have been informed by the County Supervisors that they don't refer to their resolutions by resolution number like we do, but instead by the agenda item.

**GOMEZ:** Okay. Should not that be included in this document?

**ROLEN:** We can make a verbal amendment if you'd like to refer to it as AS8?

**WILLIAMS:** (Inaudible).

**GOMEZ:** I think it would be appropriate to do that so that anybody looking at this resolution later would know which resolution they are referencing at the Board of Supervisors.

**ROLEN:** I don't think it is necessary, but if the Board is willing to entertain a verbal friendly amendment to refer to the resolution as 8SA—S8A passed on February 1, 2022, that would be appropriate.

**WILLIAMS:** I don't think we need to have that amended language. I think it is fine, and it reads straightforward as it is.

**BARKE:** Yeah. I don't think it is necessary.

**WILLIAMS:** It is a very well-known resolution that was passed today.

**GOMEZ:** It is not well known, because I don't think anybody has seen it yet [laughter].

**WILLIAMS:** Well, it is well known, because it is posted.

**ROLEN:** Any clarification that is necessary can refer to this record and the statements that I just made if that's necessary.

**GOMEZ:** Well, again, the public looking at this is not going to--they are going to look at this, read this, and then not know what we are referring to without having to go through, you know, transcripts and videos. We are just making it very difficult for the public, and then we are lacking transparency.

**WILLIAMS:** I don't think we are lacking transparency. This is very transparent. A lot more than what happened at the County Committee with many Brown Act violations, so this is very transparent.

**GOMEZ:** I am not sure we want to talk about Brown Act violations.

**WILLIAMS:** I'm going to call for the motion to be voted upon.

**BARKE:** Any more discussion?

**GOMEZ:** Apparently not. He's called for the question.

**WILLIAMS:** I called for the question.

**BARKE:** All right, all those in favor?

**SPARKS, WILLIAMS, BARKE, SHAW:** Aye.

**BARKE:** All those opposed?

**GOMEZ:** I will oppose it.

**BARKE:** Okay. It carries 4-1.

**WILLIAMS:** Call for adjournment.

**BARKE:** Is that all? We don't have to vote on anything else?

**WILLIAMS:** That's it.

**BARKE:** Okay. So, adjourned [strikes the gavel].