

MINUTES
Regular Meeting
May 7, 2025

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ORANGE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
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WELCOME

CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the Orange County Board of Education was called to order by President Williams at 4:06 p.m., May 7, 2025, in the Board Room, 200 Kalmus Drive, Costa Mesa, CA 92626 and via YouTube live stream <https://youtube.com/live/WvMIAIMzivQ>.

ROLL CALL

Present:
Jorge Valdes, Esq.
Tim Shaw
Mari Barke
Ken L. Williams, D.O.
Lisa Sparks, Ph.D.

AGENDA

Motion by Valdes, seconded by Barke and carried by a vote of 5-0 to approve the agenda of the Regular meeting of May 7, 2025.

MINUTES

Motion by Barke, seconded by Valdes and carried by a vote of 5-0 to approve the minutes of the Regular meeting of April 2, 2025.

PUBLIC COMMENTS (related to Closed Session) - None

The Board took a recess from 4:08 p.m. to 5:01 p.m. to go into closed session.

CLOSED SESSION 1

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL-EXISTING LITIGATION Orange County Board of Education v. OC Superintendent of Schools, Al Mijares, and State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Tony Thurmond Case No 30-2019-01112665-CU-WM-CJC - Government Code §§ 54956.9(a) and (d)(1)

CLOSED SESSION 2

Government Code Section 54956.8
Conference regarding real property located at Argosy, 601 S. Lewis Street, Orange, CA 92868.

RECONVENED TO OPEN SESSION at 5:01 PM

INVOCATION

Pastor Christina Williams
Harbor Light Church, Costa Mesa

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Sunburst Youth Academy Color Guard Presentation of Flags
Pledge of Allegiance lead by Chief Warrant Officer Sullivan
National Anthem

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

1. Presentation of Certificate to Reagan, National Civics Bee Winner
2. NOCSELPA Special Recognition "Above and Beyond Award" - Juan Escobar
3. Fourth District PTA Special Recognition – Jesus Valadez
4. Special Awards Presentation –Presentation of awards to the 11th Annual Jack R. Hammett Memorial Day Essay and Art Contest participants and winners.
 - The Freedom Committee of Orange County Veterans - Captain Tim Richards, US Army and Scott Williams, First Lieutenant, US Army
 - Analee Kredel, Associate Superintendent, ACCESS & Connections facilitated the presentation and announced the contest winners as follows:
 - Connections Essay Winners
 - Kevin, 3rd Place
 - Carven, 2nd Place
 - Nana, 1st Place
 - Connections Art Winners
 - Ms. Pulido's Class, 3rd Place
 - Ryan, 2nd Place
 - Ariyamaan, 1st Place
 - ACCESS Essay Winners
 - Michael, 3rd Place
 - Lyra, 2nd Place
 - Rebecca, 1st Place

Rebecca, first place winner, read her essay on "What does Memorial Day mean to you."
26. Motion by Barke, seconded by Sparks, and carried by a vote of 4-0 (Sparks absent for the vote) to adopt the Jewish American Heritage Month Proclamation. Board Vice President Mari Barke read the proclamation into record. Trustee Sparks departed the meeting before the vote, at approximately 5:42 p.m.

The Board took a recess from 5:46 p.m. to 5:54 p.m.

CONSENT CALENDAR

- Motion by Barke, seconded by Williams and carried by a vote of 4-0 (Sparks Absent) to approve Consent Calendar items #5, #6, #7, #8, #9, #10, #11, and #12.
5. Adopt Resolution #16-25 to recognize May 26, 2025 as Memorial Day.
 6. Approve the granting of diplomas to the students listed from Alternative, Community, and Correctional Education Schools and Services, Alternative Education Division.

7. Accept the 3rd Quarter Report on Williams Uniform Complaints for Orange County Department of Education ACCESS and Connections for the period of January 1 to March 31, 2025.
8. Adopt the annual updated Orange Department of Education Investment Policy.
9. Accept the donation of a \$1,000 Amazon gift card from Action Angels to support the ACCESS program, and send a letter of appreciation to the donor in recognition of their contribution.
10. Accept donation of \$50,000.00 from SchoolsFirst Federal Credit Union, on behalf of the Orange County Teachers of the Year program and send a letter of appreciation to donor.
11. Approve board date change from Wednesday, June 4, 2025 to **Monday, June 2, 2025.**
12. Approve a Special board meeting on **Wednesday, May 14, 2025** to conduct inter-district appeal hearings.

INTRODUCTIONS

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Birgitta
- Captain Wilkerson
- Mercedes
- Judy
- Kenneth
- Cherie
- Michelle
- Tiffany
- Heidi
- Ronna
- Hanna
- Windi
- Suraj
- Abigail
- Patty
- Darren
- Valery

CHARTER SCHOOLS

13. Charter submissions - None

14. Charter School Public Hearing – Orange County Academy of Sciences and Arts III material revision.
Aracely Chastain, Executive Director, Charter Schools Unit, facilitated the public hearing.
▪ Kapil Mathur, Orange County Academy of Sciences and Arts III

PUBLIC COMMENTS (item #14 only)

- Roderick
 - Paul
 - Natalie
 - Dot
 - Jessica
 - Skyler
15. Charter School Public Hearing – College and Career Preparatory Academy material revision.
Aracely Chastain, Executive Director, Charter Schools Unit, facilitated the public hearing.
▪ Fatinah Judeh

PUBLIC COMMENTS (item #15 only)

- Chief Warrant Officer Sullivan
- Christine
- Jonathan
- Gianna
- Jose
- Rob
- Alexis
- Heidi
- Ashley
- Laurie
- Duyen
- Neiman

TIME CERTAIN

16. Public Hearing – David Giordano, Associate Superintendent, Division of Administrative Services, conducted a public hearing on CSEA's Initial Proposal to Superintendent. The hearing was opened at 7:42 p.m. There being no input from the audience, the hearing was closed at 7:43 p.m.
17. Public Hearing – David Giordano, Associate Superintendent, Division of Administrative Services, will conduct a public hearing on Superintendent's Initial Proposal to CSEA. The hearing was opened at 7:43 p.m. There being no input from the audience, the hearing was closed at 7:44 p.m.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

18. Motion by Williams, seconded by Valdes, and carried by a vote of 4-0 (Sparks Absent) to approve the revised board policy 200-8 regarding Ethics Training.
19. Motion by Barke, seconded by Williams, and carried by a vote of 4-0 (Sparks Absent) to adopt Resolution #15-25 authorizing the exemption of the County of Orange zoning requirements for the reconstruction of the Rancho Sonado site under DSA review.
20. Motion by Barke, seconded by Williams, and carried by a vote of 4-0 (Sparks Absent) to approve the selection of C.W. Driver, LLC to provide Pre-Construction Services, and approve the Pre-Construction Services Agreement with C.W. Driver, LLC for the Rancho Sonado Project.

BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS

21. Motion by Williams, seconded by Valdes, and carried by a vote of 3-1 (Williams, Valdes, and Shaw voted Yes; Barke voted No; Sparks Absent) to approve the position of Executive Liaison to the Orange County Board of Education.
22. Motion by Williams, seconded by Barke, and carried by a vote of 4-0 (Sparks Absent) to approve a new board policy 100-25, Role of the Executive Committee.
23. Board discussion regarding the Proposed Charter Schools MOU.
24. Motion by Barke, seconded by Valdes, and carried by a vote of 4-0 (Sparks Absent) to approve the renewal of the 2025 Sheehy Strategy Group agreement.
25. Motion by Shaw, seconded by Barke, and carried by a vote of 4-0 (Sparks Absent) to adopt the Legislative Platform and Oppose AB 84.

INFORMATION ITEMS

COMMUNICATION/INFORMATION/DISCUSSION

- Salary Increases over \$10,000 in accordance with Education Code 1302 and board policy 100-10
- Charter Schools Update - Post charter schools dashboard on website

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Superintendent

- Love Them All - Angels game on Friday, April 18th
- ACCESS Art Contest - Tobacco Use Prevention Education (TUPE)
- Teachers of the Year surprise visits
 - Erin Bro, San Clemente High School
 - Jeannette Aguilera, Centralia Elementary
 - Megan Lee, Loara Elementary
 - Catherine Reinhardt-Zacair, Fullerton College
 - Darcy Blake, Ladera Vist Jr. High School
 - Tracy Havens, Hicks Canyon Elementary
- 5-3-1 Plan School and Student Safety – Met with key county leaders

- Sheriff Don Barnes, OC Sheriff's Dept.
- Todd Spitzer, OC District Attorney
- Chief Brian Fennessey, OC Fire Authority
- OC Grip event on April 23rd

Deputy Superintendent

- Next special board meeting – May 14, 2025 starting at 3:00 p.m.
 - 11 appeals, 8 hearings
- Next regular board meeting – Monday, June 2 starting at 1:00 p.m.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

- Trustee Shaw – Support AB 600, Support SB 64, and traveled to Sacramento for hearing on SB 249

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

- Trustee Barke – Kids Run the OC and Nova Academy Exit Interviews

CLOSED SESSION(S) PUBLIC REPORT OUT

Mr. Brenner reported that for closed session 1, the board had a discussion with legal counsel; no action was taken other than the approval of Epstein, Becker, and Green invoices 1183972, 1193627, and 1196963.

Mr. Rolan, General Counsel, reported that for closed session 2, the board received an update from the real property negotiator; no action was taken.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS (continue)

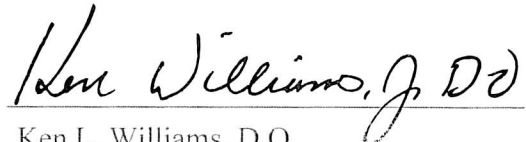
Trustee Barke – shout-out to Allison

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion duly made and seconded, the May 7, 2025, board meeting adjourned at 8:57 p.m.



Renee Hendrick
Assistant Secretary, Board of Education



Ken L. Williams, D.O.
President, Board of Education

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Next Regular Board Meeting – Monday, June 2, 2025, 1:00 p.m.

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