

MINUTES
Regular Meeting
July 9, 2025

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ORANGE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
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WELCOME

President Williams announced that, in compliance with the Brown Act, all action items will be decided by roll call vote due to Trustee Shaw's and Trustee Valdes's virtual participation.

CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the Orange County Board of Education was called to order by President Williams at 4:03 p.m., July 9, 2025, in the Board Room, 200 Kalmus Drive, Costa Mesa, CA 92626; two alternate locations, 899 West 530 South Street, Orem, UT 84058 and 5725 North Angela Road, Memphis, TN 38120; and via YouTube live stream <https://www.youtube.com/live/D9d-ACQcc4U>.

ROLL CALL

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

AGENDA

Motion by Barke, seconded by Sparks and carried by a roll call vote of 5-0 to approve the agenda of the Regular meeting of July 9, 2025.

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Motion by Barke, seconded by Sparks and carried by a roll call vote of 5-0 to approve the minutes of the Regular meeting of June 18, 2025.

The Board recessed into closed session at 4:06 p.m. to conduct student appeals.

TIME CERTAIN

1. Inter-district Appeal Hearing (Closed) - Student #07092025001I - Tustin Unified School District to Newport-Mesa Unified School District.

Motion by Barke, seconded by Sparks and carried by a roll call vote of 5-0 to approve the appeal and allow the student to attend the Newport-Mesa Unified School District for the period of one academic year (2025-2026).

2. Inter-district Appeal Hearing (Closed) - Student #07092025002I - Capistrano Unified School District to Saddleback Valley Unified School District.

Motion by Williams, seconded by Sparks and carried by a roll call vote of 5-0 to approve the appeal and allow the student to attend the Saddleback Valley Unified School District for the period of one academic year (2025-2026).

The Board reconvened in open session at 5:08 p.m.

INVOCATION

Cantor Jenna Sagan
Congregation B'nai Tzedek

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Lucas, Irvine International Academy student

INTRODUCTIONS

There were no introductions at this meeting.

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

3. Election of Officers for 2025-2026 Term – President Ken L. Williams, D.O., presided for the election of President of the Board, Vice President, and Clerk of the Board.

Motion by Sparks, seconded by Valdes, and carried by a roll call vote of 5-0 to elect Trustee Barke as Board President for the 2025–2026 term, following a nomination made by Sparks.

Motion by Barke, seconded by Sparks, and carried by a roll call vote of 5-0 to elect Trustee Shaw as the Board Vice President for the 2025-2026 term, following a nomination made by Barke.

Motion by Williams, seconded by Barke, and carried by a vote of 5-0 to elect Trustee Valdes as the Clerk of the Board for the 2025-2026 term, following a nomination made by Williams.

Acknowledgment of Service of Outgoing Board President

The board members took a moment to express their appreciation for the leadership and contributions of Dr. Ken Williams, who served as board president during the past year.

Newly elected Board President Barke assumes the gavel and formally reconvenes the meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS (General)

- Ellie
- Heidi
- Stacey
- Lucas

CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion by Sparks, seconded by Williams and carried by a roll call vote of 5-0 to approve Consent Calendar items #4 through #12.

4. Approve the granting of diplomas to the students listed from Alternative, Community, and Correctional Education Schools and Services, Alternative Education Division.
5. Approve disbursement of funds for Orange County Board of Education professional organization membership dues in the amount of \$250.00 for Orange County School Boards Association (OCSBA), 2025-2026 fiscal year.
6. Approve disbursement of funds for Orange County Board of Education professional organization membership dues in the amount of \$50.00 for PTA, 2025-2026 fiscal year.
7. Approve registration and travel for Board Members to attend education related events/meetings sponsored by California School Boards Association (CSBA), effective July 1, 2025 for the 2025-2026 fiscal year.
8. Approve registration and travel for Board Members to attend education related events/meetings sponsored by California Charter Schools Association (CCSA), effective July 1, 2025 for the 2025-2026 fiscal year.
9. Approve registration and travel for Board Members to attend education related events/meetings sponsored by Orange County School Boards Association (OCSBA), effective July 1, 2025 for the 2025-2026 fiscal year.
10. Approve registration and travel for Board Members to attend education related events/meetings sponsored by National Alliance for Public Charter Schools, effective July 1, 2025 for the 2025-2026 fiscal year.
11. Approve registration and travel for Board Members to attend education related events/meetings sponsored by the Association of California County Boards of Education, effective July 1, 2025 for the 2025-2026 fiscal year.
12. Approve Board conference attendance cash advances for the 2025-2026 fiscal year.

CHARTER SCHOOLS

13. Charter submissions – Stembridge Academy

BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS

14. Motion by Williams, seconded by Sparks and carried by a roll call vote of 5-0 to adopt Resolution #20-25, in Opposition to Assembly Bill 84 (2025-2026 Legislative Session).

Board President Barke read the resolution into the record.

15. Motion by Williams, seconded by Barke and carried by a roll call vote of 5-0 to approve the recommendation of Brandon Guevara for the position of Board Liaison.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

16. Motion by Williams, seconded by Sparks and carried by a roll call vote of 5-0 to adopt Resolution #21-25 authorizing the categorical exemption of California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") requirements for the reconstruction of the Rancho Sonado site.

TIME CERTAIN

17. Public Hearing – David Giordano, Associate Superintendent, Division of Administrative Services, conducted a public hearing on OCSEA's Initial Proposal to Superintendent. The hearing was opened at 5:39 p.m. There being no input from the audience, the hearing was closed at 5:40 p.m.
18. Public Hearing – David Giordano, Associate Superintendent, Division of Administrative Services, conducted a public hearing on Superintendent's Initial Proposal to OCSEA. The hearing was opened at 5:40 p.m. There being no input from the audience, the hearing was closed at 5:41 p.m.

INFORMATION ITEMS

COMMUNICATION/INFORMATION/DISCUSSION

- Salary Increases over \$10,000 in accordance with Education Code 1302 and board policy 100-10

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Superintendent
 - 5-3-1 Plan
 - Empowering the Future: Internships & Career Exploration Event - collaborated with Supervisor Nguyen
 - National School Safety conference – over 500 participants from across the nation
 - National History Day - Orange County students represented California at the national competition at the University of Maryland in June (4 national medals, 3 finalist honors, 1 special award)
 - TUPE (Tobacco-Use Prevention Education) Program (video) - Fifth graders at Martin Luther King Jr. Elementary completed a 10-week curriculum on youth substance prevention.
 - Golden Bell Award submitted - TUPE
 - ACCESS Program & ACCESS 2030 Vision – Dr. Maria Martinez-Poulin
 - Sunburst Graduation - 171 Cadets

- Deputy Superintendent
 - Next board meeting is on August 6; submission deadline is July 23; Board packet delivery on August 1

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

- Trustee Shaw – Senate hearing video segment alongside Trustee Barke
- Trustee Barke – Travel to Sacramento to attend legislative hearings on Senate Bill (SB) 249 and Assembly Bill (AB) 84.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

- Trustee Sparks expressed appreciation for the invaluable support provided by Tom Sheehy and Brena Sheehy.
- Trustee Shaw expressed appreciation to the Board for the opportunity to serve as Vice President.
- Trustee Valdes shared a personal update from Memphis, Tennessee, where he is attending a week-long baseball tournament with his son.
- Trustee Sparks congratulated and acknowledged newly elected Board President Barke and Vice President Tim Shaw.

CLOSED SESSION(S) PUBLIC REPORT OUT

There was no report out, as the Board did not convene in closed session.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion duly made and seconded, the July 9, 2025, board meeting adjourned at 5:58 p.m.



Renee Hendrick
Assistant Secretary, Board of Education



Mari Barke
President, Board of Education

Next Regular Board Meeting – Wednesday, August 6, 2025

Location - Orange County Department of Education, Boardroom, 200 Kalmus Drive, Costa Mesa, CA 92626 and via YouTube Livestream

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