

ORANGE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
MINUTES

WELCOME

CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the Orange County Board of Education was called to order by President Barke at 5:05 p.m., February 2, 2026, in the Board Room, 200 Kalmus Drive, Costa Mesa, CA 92626 and via YouTube live stream <https://www.youtube.com/live/6M1EgExBa1Y>.

ROLL CALL

Present:

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

AGENDA

Motion by Barke, seconded by Sparks to amend the agenda as follows:

- Move Item No. 19 to the beginning of the meeting, following the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Table Item No. 20.

Subsidiary motion by Williams, seconded by Valdes to retain Item No. 20 on the agenda. The motion failed by a 2–3 vote (Williams and Valdes in favor; Barke, Sparks, and Shaw opposed).

Motion by Barke, seconded by Sparks, and carried by a vote of 3-2 (Barke, Shaw, and Sparks in favor; Williams and Valdes opposed) to approve the agenda for the February 2, 2026, Regular Meeting as amended:

- Move Item No. 19 to the beginning of the meeting, following the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Table Item No. 20.

INVOCATION

Rabbi Stephen Einstein

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Dr. Lisa Sparks, Board Member

BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS

19. Motion by Barke, seconded by Shaw, and carried by a vote of 5-0 to adopt Resolution No. 04-26, Recognizing January 27, 2026, as International Holocaust Remembrance Day.

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Motion by Sparks, seconded by Williams, and carried by a vote of 5-0 to approve the minutes of the Regular meeting of January 7, 2026.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion by Sparks, seconded by Williams, and carried by a vote of 5-0 to approve Consent Calendar items No. 1, No. 2, and No. 3.

1. Approve the granting of diplomas to the students listed from Alternative, Community, and Correctional Education Schools and Services, Alternative Education Division.
2. Accept the 2nd Quarter Report on Williams Uniform Complaints for Orange County Department of Education ACCESS and Connections for the period of October 1 to December 31, 2025.
3. Adopt resolution No. 02-26 to recognize March 2026 as Arts Education Month.

PUBLIC COMMENTS (General)

- Katherine
- Laurie
- Debora
- Kaylie
- Nancy
- Marcia
- DA
- Laurel
- Christine
- Carol
- Joe
- Amy

INTRODUCTIONS

Students from Beckman High School:  
Julia Nguyen  
Kiyomi Okamoto  
Dazi Sulit  
Haluka Nasu

CHARTER SCHOOLS

4. Charter submissions
  - Orange Springs Charter School - Material Revision
  - Orange County Workforce Innovation High School - Material Revision
5. Charter School Public Hearing – Samueli Academy Renewal Charter Petition  
Aracely Chastain, Executive Director, Charter Schools Unit, facilitated the public hearing.
  - Anthony Saba, Executive Director, Samueli Academy

Note

- Board Vice President Tim Shaw recused himself from discussion and participation regarding Item No. 5, Samueli Academy Renewal Charter Petition.
6. Motion by Barke, seconded by Sparks, and carried by a vote of 4-0 (Shaw Abstained) to approve Option I for the Samueli Academy Renewal Charter Petition.
  7. Charter School Public Hearing – Ednovate-OC College Prep Material Revision  
Aracely Chastain, Executive Director, Charter Schools Unit, facilitated the public hearing.
    - Katie Hart, Chief Operating Officer, Ednovate Charter Schools
  8. Motion by Williams, seconded by Sparks, and carried by a vote of 5-0 to approve Option I for the Ednovate-OC College Prep Material Revision.
  9. Charter School Public Hearing – California Republic Leadership Academy  
Orange County Material Revision  
Aracely Chastain, Executive Director, Charter Schools Unit, facilitated the public hearing.
    - Gary Davis, Executive Director, CRLA
  10. Motion by Barke, seconded by Sparks, and carried by a vote of 5-0 to approve Option I for the California Republic Leadership Academy Orange County Material Revision.
  11. Charter School Public Hearing – Vista Condor Global Academy Renewal Charter Petition  
Aracely Chastain, Executive Director, Charter Schools Unit, facilitated the public hearing.
    - Dr. Collin Felch, Superintendent, Vista Charter Public Schools
    - Roxanne Alessandro, Principal

PUBLIC COMMENTS (Item No. 11)

- Javier
  - Miles
  - Ramsie
  - Zoila
  - Amanda
  - Josue
12. Charter School Public Hearing – Suncoast Charter School Countywide Charter Petition  
Aracely Chastain, Executive Director, Charter Schools Unit, facilitated the public hearing.
    - Windi Eklund, Director
    - Steph

- Gretchen
- Nicky
- Katy
- Bethany
- Ronna
- Erica
- Kim

PUBLIC COMMENTS (Item No. 12)

- Alison
- Zachary
- Lily
- William
- Rebecca
- Heidi
- Gabriela
- Charisse
- Patricia
- Chip
- Colleen
- Amanda
- Vicki
- Alfonso
- Scott
- April
- Stacy
- Sabrina
- Shaunna
- Shannon
- Amy
- Savannah
- Jana
- Terri
- Kaya
- Andi
- Audrey
- Tim
- Denise
- Alexis
- Annamarina
- Javier

Note

The Board recessed from 7:45 p.m. to 8:04 p.m. By consensus, Item No. 18 was moved to precede Item No. 13.

PUBLIC COMMENTS (Item No. 18)

- Sailee

Note Board Vice President Shaw joined the meeting at approximately 8:13 p.m.

BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS

18. Motion by Valdes, seconded by Barke to adopt Resolution No. 03-26, Supporting Access to Bilingual Education.

Subsidiary motion by Williams, seconded by Valdes, and carried by a vote of 5-0 to revise all instances of “bilingual education” to read “bilingual education and/or dual immersion.”

Motion by Valdes, seconded by Barke, and carried by a vote of 5-0 to adopt Resolution No. 03-26, Supporting Access to Bilingual Education, with one amendment: that all instances of “bilingual education” be revised to read “bilingual education and/or dual immersion.”

CHARTER SCHOOLS (continue)

13. Charter School Public Hearing – Orange Springs Charter School Material Revision  
Aracely Chastain, Executive Director, Charter Schools Unit, facilitated the public hearing.
  - Dr. Kathleen Hermsmeyer, Superintendent
  - Michelle

PRESENTATIONS

14. School Site Safety Protocols - Gina Lance, Chief Human Resources Officer and Randy Styner, Director of Safety.
15. Anti-fraud Protocols – Childcare Reimbursements - Rosalee Hormuth, Sr Administrator, Business Services.
16. Clarification of State School Tiers, Metrics, and Reauthorization Presumptions – Aracely Chastain, Executive Director, Charter Schools Unit.
17. Presentation and adoption of the proclamation recognizing February 2026 as Career and Technical Education (CTE) Month - Jill Katevas, Sr. Administrator, Educational Services.

Motion by Barke, seconded by Sparks, and carried by a vote of 5-0 to adopt the proclamation recognizing February 2026 as Career and Technical Education (CTE) Month.

### STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

21. Motion by Williams, seconded by Valdes, and carried by a vote of 5-0 to approve the Notice of Violation – Explore Academy.

### INFORMATION ITEMS

#### COMMUNICATION/INFORMATION/DISCUSSION

- Board Liaison Update – Brandon Guevara
  - Will provide monthly ACCBE updates; April conference in Riverside, with OCDE input requested to shape the agenda (CTE, charter renewals, community schools).
  - Shared invitations to the OCASA 10-year celebration and the OCDE Counselor Symposium.
  - OCDE is now on Facebook, Instagram, and X.
- Mid-Year Update of the 2025-26 OCDE/Connections Local Control and Accountability Plan (received)
- Mid-Year Update of the 2025-26 CCPA Local Control and Accountability Plan (received)
- Salary Increases over \$10,000 in accordance with Education Code 1302 and board policy 100-10 (received)

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Superintendent
  - No updates provided.
- Deputy Superintendent
  - Next board meeting is on Wednesday, March 4, 2026; submission deadline is February 18; board packet delivery is February 27.
  - Office closed: February 9, Lincoln Day and February 16, Presidents Day

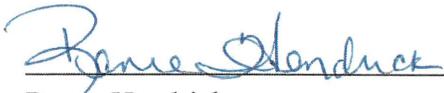
#### LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

#### BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

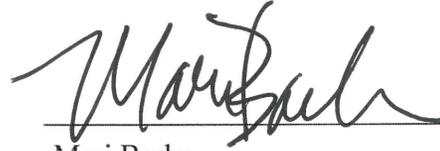
- Trustee Valdes: Thanked the teachers; expressed that their comments and work with ACCESS and Connections are important and appreciated.
- Vice President Shaw: Shared that his niece received her church mission assignment and will serve in Madrid, Spain beginning July 1.
- President Barke: Acknowledged the significance of Shaw's family event and thanked all attendees for staying through a long evening.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion duly made and seconded, the February 2, 2026, board meeting adjourned at 9:44 p.m.



Renee Hendrick  
Assistant Secretary, Board of Education



Mari Barke  
President, Board of Education

Next Regular Board Meeting – Wednesday, March 4, 2026

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

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