

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 3:55 p.m., June 17, 2026, in the Board Room, 200 Kalmus Drive, Costa Mesa, CA 92626, alternate locations - HB AOSTA SAS di Alessandra e Marco Bich & C., Via Malherbes 18/A, 11100 Aosta (AO), Italy & The Westin Washington Downtown, 999 9th Street NW, Washington, DC 20001, and via YouTube live stream <https://www.youtube.com/live/NjRk0K4yj7U>.

ROLL CALL

Present:

Jorge Valdes, Esq.
Ken L. Williams, D.O.
Mari Barke
Lisa Sparks, Ph.D. (joined the meeting virtually)

Absent:

Tim Shaw (joined the meeting virtually at approximately 4:15 p.m.)

AGENDA

Motion by Valdes, seconded by Williams, and carried by a roll call vote of 4-0 (Shaw Absent) to approve the agenda for the June 17, 2026, Regular Meeting.

MINUTES

Motion by Valdes, seconded by Williams, and carried by a roll call vote of 4-0 (Shaw Absent) to approve the minutes of the Regular meeting of June 3, 2026.

TIME CERTAIN

The Board recessed into closed session at 3:58 p.m. to conduct student appeal hearings and closed session items.

Note

Trustee Sparks was temporarily disconnected from the virtual meeting due to technical issues.

1. Inter-district Appeal Hearing (Closed) – Student # 06172026001I– Irvine Unified District to Newport-Mesa Unified School District.
No action was taken, as the case was dismissed.
2. Inter-district Appeal Hearing (Closed) – Student # 06172026002I– Irvine Unified School District to Newport-Mesa Unified School District.

Motion by Barke, seconded by Valdes, and carried by a roll call vote of 3-0 (Sparks and Shaw Absent) to approve the appeal and allow the student to attend the Newport-Mesa Unified School District for the period of one academic year (2026-2027).

Note Trustee Sparks and Trustee Shaw joined the meeting at approximately 4:15 p.m.

3. Inter-district Appeal Hearing (Closed) – Student # 06172026003I– Huntington Beach City School District to Newport-Mesa Unified School District.

Motion by Barke, seconded by Valdes, 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 (2026-2027).

CLOSED SESSION 1

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL-ANTICIPATED LITIGATION
Potential litigation pursuant to (d) (4) of Government Code Section 54956.9

CLOSED SESSION 2

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

The Board reconvened in open session at 5:11 p.m.

INVOCATION

Bethany Ewers

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Dennis Cole, Chief of Staff

INTRODUCTIONS

There were no introductions at this meeting.

Note

President Barke announced that Trustees Shaw and Sparks were participating remotely; therefore, all votes would be conducted by roll call.

PUBLIC COMMENTS (General)

- Katherine
- Cara
- Heidi
- Bethany

CONSENT CALENDAR

4. Motion by Williams, seconded by Valdes, and carried by a roll call vote of 5-0 to approve the granting of diplomas to the students listed from Alternative, Community, and Correctional Education Schools and Services, Alternative Education Division.
6. Board Action – Suncoast Charter School Agreement/MOU.
- Motion by Valdes, seconded by Williams for discussion.

Subsidiary motion by Valdes, seconded by Williams, and carried by a roll call vote to table the item to be brought back at a later date.

BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS

7. Motion by Barke, seconded by Williams, and carried by a roll call vote of 5-0 to adopt Resolution #19-26 regarding the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence and the birth of the United States with one amendment, correcting the word "Orange County" to "Orange County Board of Education."

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

8. Motion by Williams, seconded by Barke, and carried by a roll call vote of 5-0 to adopt and approve the 2026-27 OCDE Local Control and Accountability Plan.
9. Motion by Williams, seconded by Valdes, and carried by a roll call vote of 5-0 to adopt and approve the College and Career Preparatory Academy Local Control and Accountability Plan.
10. Motion by Williams, seconded by Valdes, and carried by a roll call vote of 5-0 to approve the Annual County School Services Fund Budget of the County Superintendent of Schools.
11. The Board received the California School Dashboard Local Indicators: Orange County Department of Education Schools and Programs (ACCESS County Community, ACCESS Juvenile Hall, OCCS: CHEP/PCHS, and CONNECTIONS).
12. The Board received the California School Dashboard Local Indicators: College and Career Preparatory Academy.
13. The Board received the Orange County Department of Education Annual Summary Report.
14. Motion by Williams, seconded by Barke, and carried by a roll call vote of 5-0 to approve Resolution # 18-26 in accordance of regulations required under Proposition 30 and 55 regarding the Education Protection Account Proposed Expenditures.
15. Motion by Williams, seconded by Valdes, and carried by a roll call vote of 5-0 to approve apportionment of Federal Forest Reserve receipts in the amount of \$34,580.46.
16. Board Action on Superintendent's Salary.

Motion by Williams, seconded by Barke to approve a 10% salary increase for the Superintendent.

During discussion, Dr. Bean stated that he preferred a 5% salary increase, consistent with the salary increase provided to teachers.

Subsidiary motion by Valdes, seconded by Sparks, and carried by a roll call vote of 5-0 to amend the motion to approve a 5% salary increase, plus the same cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) provided to other employee groups for the 2026–27 fiscal year.

17. Motion by Williams, seconded by Valdes, and carried by a roll call vote of 5-0 to approve the Notice of Intent to Revoke - Explore Academy.

INFORMATION ITEMS

COMMUNICATION/INFORMATION/DISCUSSION

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Superintendent
 - Introduced the OCDE's updated logo and brand mark, highlighting the redesign process and upcoming implementation with the new website.
 - Reported attending several ACCESS and Connections graduation ceremonies and congratulated CCPA on graduating its second-largest class.
 - Shared a student success story demonstrating the positive impact of ACCESS staff and teachers in supporting students.
 - Announced Ella Wu as the grand prize winner of the USA 250 student competition and noted plans to invite her to perform at a future Board meeting.
 - Recognized students from McGarvin Intermediate School and Gordon H. Beatty Middle School for their success at the National Academic Pentathlon.
 - Thanked OCDE staff for their continued dedication to serving Orange County students.
- Deputy Superintendent
 - Next board meeting is on July 8, board deadline on June 24, and board packet delivery scheduled for Thursday, July 2.
 - The office will be closed on Friday, July 3 in observance of July 4, Independence Day holiday.
 - Currently there are five inter-district appeals for July and eleven for August.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

- Vice President Shaw requested a review of SCA 5 with the Sheehy Group.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

- Vice President Shaw: Shared greetings from Washington, D.C., noting the city's preparations for the nation's 250th anniversary.
- Trustee Sparks: Reported that the G7 Summit caused minor traffic delays during her travel course, but all activities proceeded successfully.

- Trustee Valdes: Requested an update on negotiations regarding the summer school MOU and asked that the matter remain a priority.
- President Barke: Commented on attending several graduation ceremonies and congratulated students on their achievements.

CLOSED SESSION(S) PUBLIC REPORT OUT

For Closed Session 1, General Counsel Greg Rolen reported that the Board met with legal counsel regarding potential litigation and provided direction to counsel and staff by a 4-0-1. Trustees Williams, Sparks, Barke, and Valdes voted in favor; Trustee Shaw abstained.

For Closed Session 2, General Counsel Greg Rolen reported that the Board met with the real property negotiator and provided direction regarding the parameters of negotiations.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion duly made and seconded, June 17, 2026, board meeting adjourned at 6:46 p.m.



Renee Hendrick
Assistant Secretary, Board of Education



Mari Barke
President, Board of Education

Next Regular Board Meeting – Wednesday, July 8, 2026

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

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