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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 Williams at 1:06 p.m., June 2, 2025, in the Board Room, 200 Kalmus Drive, Costa Mesa, CA 92626, The Mayflower Hotel, 1127 Connecticut Avenue, Washington, D.C. 20036, and via YouTube live stream [https://youtube.com/live/-XD8\\_NEkwco](https://youtube.com/live/-XD8_NEkwco).

ROLL CALL

Present:

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

Board President Williams noted that Trustee Shaw is participating in the meeting virtually; therefore, all action items will be conducted via roll call vote.

AGENDA

Motion by Williams, seconded by Barke and carried by a roll call vote of 5-0 to approve the agenda of the Regular meeting of June 2, 2025 with an amendment to remove Items #5 and #6, as Compass Charter Schools of Santa Ana has withdrawn its petition.

MINUTES

Motion by Williams, seconded by Sparks and carried by a roll call vote of 5-0 to approve the minutes of the Regular meeting of May 7, 2025 and the Special meeting of May 14, 2025.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Yaron Lischinsky and Sarah Lynn Milgrim – Board President Williams led a moment of silence to honor Yaron Lischinsky and Sarah Lynn Milgrim.

INVOCATION

Pastor Craig Hill  
Taft Avenue Community Church

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Karen Jaffe

INTRODUCTIONS

Dr. Maria Martinez-Poulin, Director of Curriculum & Instruction, ACCESS

## PUBLIC COMMENTS (general)

- Darren
- Karen
- Geneva
- Michelle
- Tiffany
- Ellen
- Debra

## CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion by Barke, seconded by Sparks and carried by a roll call vote of 5-0 to approve Consent Calendar items #1, #2, and #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 \$25,000.00 donation from SchoolsFirst Federal Credit Union in support of the 2025 Academic Pentathlon program and send a letter of appreciation to donor.
3. Approve board date change from Wednesday, April 1, 2026 to **Wednesday, April 8, 2026.**

## CHARTER SCHOOLS

4. Charter submissions - None
7. Charter School Public Hearing – Orange County Academy of Sciences and Arts III  
Aracely Chastain, Executive Director, Charter Schools Unit, facilitated the public hearing.
  - Kapil Mathur, OCASA III

## PUBLIC COMMENTS (item #7 only)

- Julie
  - Nathan
  - Javier
8. Motion by Barke, seconded by Sparks and carried by a roll call vote of 5-0 to approve Option I for Orange County Academy of Sciences and Arts III.
  9. Charter School Public Hearing – College and Career Preparatory Academy material revision.

Aracely Chastain, Executive Director, Charter Schools Unit, facilitated the public hearing.

- Fatinah Judeh, Principal, CCPA

10. Motion by Barke, seconded by Sparks and carried by a roll call vote of 5-0 to approve the College and Career Preparatory Academy Material Revision.

## PRESENTATIONS

13. Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) Presentation – Chris Romanosky, Executive Director, Connections and Dr. Maria Martinez-Poulin, Director of Curriculum and Instruction, ACCESS, conducted the presentation regarding the LCAP for the Orange County Department of Education.

## BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS

22. The Board discussed the proposed amendment to the Charter Schools MOU.

## PRESENTATIONS (continue)

14. Public Hearing – Dr. Maria Martinez-Poulin, Director of Curriculum and Instruction, ACCESS, conducted a public hearing regarding the Orange County Department of Education LCAP.

The hearing was opened at 2:47 p.m. There being no input from the audience, the hearing was closed at 2:48 p.m.

15. Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) Presentation – Fatinah Judeh, Principal, conducted the presentation regarding the LCAP for the College and Career Preparatory Academy.
  - Fatinah Judeh, Principal, CCPA

16. Public Hearing – Fatinah Judeh, Principal, conducted a public hearing regarding the College and Career Preparatory Academy Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP).

The hearing was opened at 3:04 p.m. There being no input from the audience, the hearing was closed at 3:05 p.m.

## SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

12. Santa Ana High School Wrestling Team CIF Championship Recognition – Dennis Cole, Chief of Staff facilitated the presentation.
  - Sheriff Don Barnes
  - David Kim, board member, Sheriff's Advisory Council
  - Sheriff's Advisory Council representatives
  - Pablo Cunningham, head coach SAHS Wrestling

- Wrestling assistant coaches - Ernie Aguilar, Devon Odonahue, Chris Elder
  - Wrestling Team, 16 members
11. Presentation of High School Diploma - Angel, ACCESS/ Area 8 Graduate – Ruth Ramirez, Principal, ACCESS Area 8, facilitated the presentation. The Board presented the diploma to Angel.

Trustee Sparks departed the meeting at approximately 3:30 p.m.

#### PRESENTATIONS (continue)

17. Budget Presentation – David Giordano, Associate Superintendent, Administrative Services conducted the presentation regarding the Orange County Department of Education budget for 2025-2026 fiscal year.
18. Public Hearing – David Giordano, Associate Superintendent, Administrative Services conducted a public hearing regarding the Orange County Department of Education budget for 2025-2026 fiscal year.

The hearing was opened at 3:53 p.m. There being no input from the audience, the hearing was closed at 3:54 p.m.

#### STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

19. Superintendent's Salary

Motion by Barke, seconded by Valdes, and carried by a roll call vote of 4-0 (Sparks absent) to approve a 10% salary increase, positioning the Superintendent within the top quartile among comparable counties and districts, and to increase the vehicle allowance to \$20,000 annually to better reflect the Superintendent's current travel requirements.

Subsequent motion by Williams, seconded by Barke and carried by a roll call vote of 4-0 (Sparks absent) to approve the Superintendent's revised compensation, retroactive to June 1, 2025.

20. Motion by Barke, seconded by Valdes and carried by a roll call vote of 4-0 (Sparks absent) to approve the submission of a 2025 Golden Bell Awards® application for the TUPE CBP by the CSBA's deadline of Friday, June 27, 2025.

An overview of the program and submission was provided by Dareen Khatib, Administrator and Julieta Duarte, Lead Coordinator of Educational Services.

21. Presentation - Ethnic Studies
- Trish Walsh, Sr. Administrator, Educational Services
  - Jonathan Swanson, Direct, Educational Services

## BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS (continue)

23. Motion by Barke, seconded by Valdes and carried by a roll call vote of 4-0 (Sparks absent) to designate Board President Ken L. Williams, D.O., as a liaison to the Association of California County Boards of Education (ACCBE), and Trustee Jorge Valdes, Trustee Area 1 as backup representative.
24. Motion by Williams, seconded by Barke and carried by a roll call vote of 4-0 (Sparks absent) to adopt Resolution #17-25, Supporting Access to Speech and Debate Education.

## INFORMATION ITEMS

### COMMUNICATION/INFORMATION/DISCUSSION

- Irvine International Academy (IIA) - Notice of Concern and other events
  - The Board had a discussion and listened to comments from the public regarding IIA.

## PUBLIC COMMENTS (IIA)

- Anh
- Abigail
- Valery
- Mirian

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### Superintendent

- 5-3-1 Strategic Plan
- Welcomed global education leaders from South Korea's Gyeonggi Province on May 7 and Chapalla, Mexico on May 28 to exchange ideas on advancing future-ready schools.
- California Distinguished Schools – 44 honorees in Orange County
- Top five 2030 ACCESS goals - Career Readiness & CTE Pathways; Personalized, Rigorous Instruction; Safety, Engagement & Attendance; EQ Leadership & Resilience; and Practical Life Skills & Financial Literacy

#### Deputy Superintendent

- Next regular board meeting – Wednesday, June 18
  - Submission deadline is June 4
  - Board packet delivery on June 13
- Board Liaison update – three to four qualified applicants

### BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

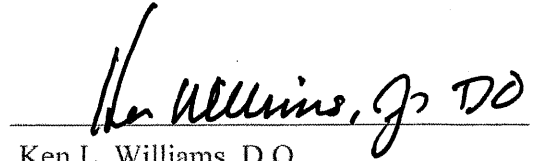
- Trustee Shaw – High School graduations, Luke at the U.S. Naval Academy for a week

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion duly made and seconded, the June 2, 2025, board meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.



Renee Hendrick  
Assistant Secretary, Board of Education



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

Next Regular Board Meeting – Wednesday, June 18, 2025

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

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