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**Mr. Ed Acosta • Mr. Edward Estrada • Ms. Sandra Nichols
Ms. Sue Roth • Mr. Abel Sanchez • Mr. Bruce Van Allen**

Student Trustee: Mr. Oscar Alvarez-Delgado

**Santa Cruz County Board of Education
Special Board Meeting
Thursday, May 30, 2024
4:30 pm
Boardroom and Zoom**

MEETING MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL AND ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

Trustees Present:

Sue Roth (President), Edward Estrada, Sandra Nichols, Abel Sanchez, Bruce Van Allen

Trustees Absent:

Ed Acosta, Oscar Alvarez-Delgado (Student Trustee)

Staff Present:

Faris Sabbah (Secretary), Nick Ibarra, Liann Reyes, Verenise Valentin

1.1 Board Member Remote Attendance Approval

In accordance with AB 2449, Trustees may participate in the Board meeting remotely under the following conditions: just cause, or emergency circumstances.

No trustees requested to participate in the meeting remotely.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Superintendent Sabbah led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made to approve the agenda as presented (Van Allen/Estrada 5-0-0-0).

Ayes: Estrada, Nichols, Roth, Sanchez, Van Allen
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

Jenni Veitch-Olsen (*Community Member*) shared comments from colleagues who would be in support of the appointment of Rachel Williams as Trustee, area 5.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

The Board received two official correspondence after the packet was published.

The first correspondence was received via email from Jenny T. Sarimiento, sent on Sunday, May 26, sharing her support of the appointment of Rachel Williams as Trustee, area 5.

The second correspondence was received via email from Lauren Leff, sent on Monday, May 27, sharing her support of the appointment of Gilbert Stein as Trustee, area 5.

6. NEW BUSINESS AND ACTION ITEMS

6.1 Filling Trustee Area 5 Vacancy on Santa Cruz County Board of Education

A vacancy exists on the County Board of Education, Trustee Area 5. Per Board Bylaw 9223, the Board may appoint a provisional appointment to fill the vacancy for the remainder of the current term. President Roth establish the interview process for the applicants.

6.2 Conduct Interviews of Applicants

The following applicants submitted their application to the Board and are confirmed residents of Trustee Area 5.

Applicants: Gilbert E. Stein
 Rachel Williams

Trustees asked each candidate six questions.

6.3 Resolution #24-23 Provisional Appointment to Fill Vacancy on the Santa Cruz County Board of Education

Under the provision of Education Code 5091, the Board is authorized to make a provisional appointment to fill the existing vacancy through to the next regularly scheduled governing board election, November 2024.

A motion was made to adopt Resolution #24-23, with the provisional appointee Rachel Williams (Nichols/Sanchez 5-0-0-0).

Ayes: Estrada, Nichols, Roth, Sanchez, Van Allen
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

6.4 Swearing-In Ceremony

Rachel Williams, provisional appointee trustee area 5, was sworn in by Superintendent Sabbah. After being sworn in, Trustee Williams took her seat at the dais.

7. SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

Santa Cruz County Board of Education
Regular Meeting
June 20, 2024
4:00 p.m.

Santa Cruz County Board of Education
Minutes, Special Meeting
May 30, 2024

Santa Cruz County Board of Education
Regular Meeting
June 27, 2024
4:00 p.m.

8. **ADJOURNMENT**
President Roth adjourned the meeting at 5:33 p.m.