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Mr. Abel Sanchez • Mr. Bruce Van Allen • Ms. Rachel Williams

Student Trustee: Natalie Hofkins and Ruben Marcus

Santa Cruz County Board of Education
Regular Board Meeting
Saturday, January 25, 2025
9:00 am - 3:30 p.m.
Boardroom, Santa Cruz County Office of Education
400 Encinal Street, Santa Cruz CA 95060

Members of the public may join the meeting by attending in-person.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Any person wishing to make a public comment will have the opportunity to do so in person during the meeting for up to **two minutes each for any item listed on the agenda**. To submit a comment to be read aloud on your behalf on the meeting agenda, please send a comment no longer than 300 words to vvalentin@santacruzcoe.org no later than 5:00 PM on January 24th. Each individual may only make one comment per topic.

Cualquier persona que desee hacer un comentario público tendrá la oportunidad de hacerlo durante la reunión de hasta **dos minutos cada uno para cualquier tema que esté incluido en la agenda**. Para enviar un comentario para ser leído en voz alta en su nombre, ya sea para un tema en la agenda o no en la agenda, envíe un comentario de no más de 300 palabras a vvalentin@santacruzcoe.org a más tardar a las 5:00 PM del 24 de enero. Cada individuo solo puede hacer un comentario por tema.

AGENDA

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

Abel Sanchez (President), Ed Acosta, Edward Estrada (Vice President), Greg Larson, Sue Roth, Bruce Van Allen, Rachel Williams

Natalie Hofkins (Student Trustee), Ruben Marcus (Student Trustee)

Faris Sabbah, Secretary

1.1 Board Member Remote Attendance Approval

Per AB 2449, Trustees may participate in the Board meeting remotely under the following conditions:

- Just Cause, or Emergency Circumstances
- Board Approval

Motion &

Voice Vote: Abel Sanchez (President)

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Superintendent Sabbah (Secretary) will lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Agenda deletions and/or changes of sequence will be approved or the agenda will be approved as submitted.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

This is an opportunity for the public to address the Board **regarding items on the agenda**. Each speaker may speak up to **two (2) minutes** unless otherwise limited or extended by the President. The President may allot time to those wishing to speak but no action will be taken on matters presented (EDC § 35145.5). If appropriate, the President, or any Member of the Board, may direct that a matter be referred to the Superintendent's Office for placement on a future agenda. Please refer to item, *Please Note*, on the last item of this agenda.

5. GOVERNANCE PRACTICE WORKSHOP

5.1 "Good Beginnings" Workshop

The Board will participate in a "Good Beginnings" workshop conducted by Mike Walsh, Director at the California School Boards Association (CSBA). The goal of the workshop is to build the governance team's capacity by exploring various aspects of their roles and responsibilities, learning how to navigate difficult conversations, defining the team's core values, and enhancing the Board's influence.

Presenter(s): Mike Walsh, Director, County Board Member Services, California School Boards Association

6. SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

All meetings scheduled and approved by the Board are listed below. Specific meetings may be removed or added if so determined, pending board approval.

Santa Cruz County Board of Education
Regular Meeting
February 20, 2025
5:30 p.m.

7. ADJOURNMENT

President Sancehz will adjourn the meeting.

PLEASE NOTE:

Public Participation:

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