

# Santa Cruz County Committee on School District Organization

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

Thursday, October 17, 2024

3:00 PM

Boardroom and/or Zoom

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## MEETING MINUTES

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

Present:

Bruce Van Allen (Chair), Edward Estrada, Sue Roth, Rachel Williams

Absent (At time of roll call):

Sandra Nichols

Absent:

Ed Acosta, Abel Sanchez

Staff Present:

Dr. Faris Sabbah, Nick Ibarra, Dr. Marcia Russell, Verenise Valentin

Legal Counsel Present:

Frank Zotter

### 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 (Roth/Williams 4-0-0-3):

Ayes: Estrada, Roth, Van Allen, Williams

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Acosta, Nichols, Sanchez

### 4. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments were made.

### 5. CORRESPONDENCE

No official correspondence was received.

### 6. PUBLIC HEARING

Per Education Code Sections 35705 and 35705.5, the Committee conducted a public hearing to consider a petition initiated by homeowners to redistrict their property from Scotts Valley Unified School District to the Loma Prieta Joint Union School District.

Chair Van Allen opened the public hearing at 3:17 p.m.

*Committee Approved:*

The petitioners, Gary and Pamela Milliken, presented their case to the committee.

The Scotts Valley Unified School District was represented by Dr. Nadia Oskolkoff, Director of Student Services. She presented the district's case.

Members of the public were given the opportunity to share comments regarding this matter. No public comments were made.

Committee members were given the opportunity to ask questions of the petitioners and district. All committee members asked clarifying questions.

Committee member Nichols arrived at the meeting.

Chair Van Allen closed the public hearing at 3:49 p.m.

## **7. ACTION ITEMS**

### **7.1 Approval or Denial of Territory Transfer Petition #24-01**

Following the public hearing, agenda item #6, the Committee considered approving or denying a homeowner-initiated petition to redistrict their property from Scotts Valley Unified School District to the Loma Prieta Joint Union School District.

The committee deliberated on this item. Committee member Nichols arrived to the meeting.

A motion was made to deny, based on the Committee's finding that it cannot meet all criteria set forth in Education Code § 35753, subd. (a), and particularly criteria (a)(8) (Roth/Williams 4-0-1-2):

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

## **8. ADJOURNMENT**

Committee Chair Van Allen adjourned the meeting at 4:18 p.m.