



**SANTA CRUZ**  
COUNTY OFFICE OF  
**EDUCATION**  
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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**

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**Santa Cruz County Board of Education**  
**Regular Board Meeting**  
**Thursday, October 17, 2024**  
**4:00 pm**  
**Boardroom and/or Zoom**

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## **AGENDA**

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

Sue Roth (President), Ed Acosta, Edward Estrada, Sandra Nichols, Abel Sanchez, Bruce Van Allen, Rachel Williams  
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: Sue Roth (President)

### **2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Superintendent Sabbah will lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Agenda deletions and/or sequence changes 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 outside the agenda. The Board President will recognize any member of the audience not previously placed on the agenda who wishes to speak on a matter directly related to school business. Each speaker, on any specific topic, may speak for up to **three (3) 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. SWEARING-IN CEREMONY**

The following trustees will be sworn into the Santa Cruz County Board of Education:

Ruben Marcus, Student Trustee

### **6. CONSENT AGENDA**

All items appearing on the consent agenda are recommended actions that are considered to be routine and will be acted upon as one motion. Specific items may be removed for separate consideration. Item(s) removed will be considered immediately following the consent agenda motion as Deferred Consent Items.

6.0.1 Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on September 19, 2024

6.0.2 Budget Revisions

**6.1 DEFERRED CONSENT ITEMS (if required)**

This item is placed on the agenda to address any items that might be pulled from Agenda Item 9.0 for further discussion/consideration if so determined.

**7. CORRESPONDENCE**

Official correspondence received by the Board, if any, is included herein. Copies of correspondence received within 72 hours of the meeting will be made available at the meeting location.

**8. NEW BUSINESS**

**8.1 Filling Student Trustee Vacancy on Santa Cruz County Board of Education**

According to County Board of Education Board Bylaw 9150, the Board may appoint a high school student from the county to serve as a Student Trustee for the duration of the school year. The Board is selecting an additional student to serve on the board.

The Board will review the process the interviews will be conducted.

Presenter(s): Sue Roth, Board President

**8.2 Conduct Interviews of Student Trustee Applicants**

Applicants: Natalie Hofkins (Oasis High School)

**8.3 Filling Student Trustee Vacancy on Santa Cruz County Board of Education - Board Deliberation to Determine Final Student Trustee Candidate**

The Board will deliberate to determine the final student trustee candidate.

Presenter(s): Sue Roth, Board President

**8.4 Resolution #24-38: Appointment to Fill Student Trustee Vacancy on the Santa Cruz County Board of Education**

According to Board Bylaw 9150, the Board is authorized to make an appointment to fill the Student Trustee vacancy.

Presenter(s): Sue Roth, Board President

Motion &

Roll Call Vote: Sue Roth, Board President

**9. REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS**

**9.1 2025-2030 Santa Cruz County Office of Education Strategic Plan**

Superintendent Sabbah will present an overview of the County Office of Education's updated Strategic Plan, highlighting its vision, goals, and strategic priorities for the upcoming years. This presentation will cover the foundational elements of the plan, including our mission to support equitable, high-quality education and specific goals focused on student success, staff support, community engagement, and operational excellence. The board will have an opportunity to share their thoughts.

Presenter(s): Dr. Faris Sabbah, County Superintendent of Schools

**9.2 Administrator Kick Off Recap**

This year, the annual Administrators' Kickoff for Santa Cruz County administrators was held on September 23, 2024. The event featured keynote speaker Ron Clark, who spoke about the importance of trust and relationship-building. Dr. Russell will present an overview of the event to the Board.

Presenter(s): Dr. Marcia Russell, Associate Superintendent, Educational Services

**10. ACTION ITEMS**

**10.1 School Plan for Student Achievement (SPSA) for the Santa Cruz COE Alternative Education Community Schools**

California Education Code § 64001(i) requires that the School Plan for Student Achievement shall be reviewed and approved by the governing board or body of the local educational agency at a regularly scheduled meeting whenever there are material changes that affect the academic program for pupils covered by programs identified in this part.

Presenter(s): Dr. Faris Sabbah, County Superintendent of Schools  
Dr. Jennifer Izant-Gonzales, Senior Director, Alternative Education

Motion &  
Voice Vote: Sue Roth, Board President

**10.2 Adopt Resolution #24-39: Gann Amendment Appropriations Limit**

The Gann Amendment (Proposition 4, 1979) limits the growth in appropriations made by the State of California, school districts, and local governments. All local education areas are required to adopt Gann Appropriations Limits each year by Board Resolution.

Presenter(s): Liann Reyes, Deputy Superintendent, Business Services  
Melissa Lopez, Director, Fiscal Services, Business Services

Motion &  
Roll Call Vote: Sue Roth, Board President

**10.3 Adopt Resolution #24-40: Recognizing National Native American Heritage Month**

In the US, November 1 through November 30 is recognized as National Native American Heritage Month. National Native American Heritage Month is an opportunity to consider and recognize the contributions of Native Americans to the history of the United States.

Presenter(s): Bruce Van Allen, Chair, Community Outreach and Legislation Committee  
Dr. Faris Sabbah, County Superintendent of Schools

Motion &

Roll Call Vote: Sue Roth, Board President

**10.4 Resolution #24-41 Recognizing November as National Homeless Youth Awareness Month**

In 2007, Congress established November as National Homeless Youth Awareness Month to raise awareness about youth homelessness, its causes, and potential solutions. This month is a time to recognize efforts addressing youth homelessness and strengthen the commitment to ending it in the United States. The California Homeless Education Technical Assistance Center (HETAC) and the California Department of Education (CDE) support this initiative and emphasize the role of education in preventing and ending youth homelessness. The Board will consider adopting this Resolution.

Presenter(s): Bruce Van Allen, Chair, Community Outreach and Legislation Committee  
Dr. Faris Sabbah, County Superintendent of Schools

Motion &

Roll Call Vote: Sue Roth, Board President

**11. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

County Superintendent Dr. Faris Sabbah will provide an update on activities and matters of interest.

**12. TRUSTEE REPORTS (3 minutes each)**

Trustees will report on matters, events, and activities related to the Board's goals of advocating for students, maintaining community relations, and promoting student achievement.

**13. AD HOC/STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS/ACTIONS**

**14. 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  
November 21, 2024  
4:00 p.m.

Santa Cruz County Board of Education  
Agenda, Regular Meeting  
October 17, 2024

Santa Cruz County Board of Education  
Regular Meeting  
December 19, 2024  
4:00 p.m.

15. **ADJOURNMENT**  
President Roth will adjourn the meeting.

**PLEASE NOTE:**

**Public Participation:**

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