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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
Thursday, June 12, 2025
5:30 pm
Boardroom and/or Zoom

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To submit a comment to be read aloud on your behalf either listed or not listed on the meeting agenda, please send a comment no longer than 300 words to vvalentin@santacruzcoe.org no later than 4:00 PM on June 12th. Each individual may only make one comment per topic.

Cualquier persona que desee hacer un comentario público tendrá la oportunidad de hacerlo en vivo o por videoconferencia durante la reunión virtual hasta tres minutos cada uno para cualquier tema que no esté incluido en la agenda, y hasta tres minutos para cualquier tema incluido en la agenda. Para solicitar hablar durante los comentarios públicos o sobre cualquier tema de la agenda, complete este formulario: <https://sccoe.link/PublicComment>

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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. CLOSED SESSION DISCLOSURE

President Sanchez will disclose that the Board will, in closed session, discuss matters relating to a litigation matter as noted in item 3.1.

3. CLOSED SESSION

3.1 Litigation Matter

Superintendent Sabbah will share a litigation update with the County Board of Education.
Action may be taken.

Presenter(s): Dr. Faris Sabbah, County Superintendent of Schools
Liann Reyes, Deputy Superintendent, Business Services

Motion &
Voice Vote: Abel Sanchez (President)

4. OPEN SESSION

Open session will begin as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard.

5. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Superintendent Sabbah will lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

6. REPORT OUT AND ACTION ON CLOSED SESSION

President Sanchez will report on actions made during Closed Session.

6.1 Litigation Matter Discussion

Superintendent Sabbah presented a litigation update with the County Board of Education.
Action may be taken.

7. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

8. 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.

9. 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.

9.0.1 Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on May 15, 2025

9.0.2 Routine Budget Revisions

9.0.3 Donations

9.0.4 Adoption of a Screening Instrument to Determine Risk of Reading Difficulties (K-2)

9.1 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.

10. 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.

11. STUDENT TRUSTEE REPORTS

Student 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.

12. REPORTS, DISCUSSIONS, AND PRESENTATIONS

12.1 Santa Cruz County Office of Education Retirement Recognitions

The Board will recognize the important contributions of the following Santa Cruz County Office of Education employees who are retiring in the 2024-2025 school year.

Retirees: Kimber Collins, Guidance Counselor Technician II, Alternative Education
Barbara Crosser, Executive Assistant, SELPA/MIS Technician, SELPA
Rudy Lopez, CTE Instructor, Career and Adult Learning Services
Diane Munoz, Community Organizer, Child Development Programs,
Educational Services
Sean Patrick, CTE Instructor, Career and Adult Learning Services
Veronica Ramirez, Senior Instructional Aide, Court and Community
Schools, Alternative Education
Bonnie Shinliver, Senior Instructional Aide, Special Education

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

12.2 Certificates of Completion for Administrative Credential Training

The County Board of Education will recognize 22 administrators who have completed the Santa Cruz County Office of Education Clear Administrative Services Credential Program, Act II. The program is accredited by the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing and supports preliminary credential holders in refining their administrative competencies. These educators have demonstrated significant growth and development as educational leaders through a two-year job-embedded induction program focused on continuous reflection, leadership coaching, and equity-driven practice.

Administrators: Rachel Hofmann	Heather Maurin
Nichole Salles-Cunha	Brittany Burchall
Rachel Jones	Marisa Samuel
Dustin Carr	Joe Allen
Christie Danner	Kim Ponza
Roisin Vivo (Fahey)	Scott Keller
Elizabeth Ortiz	Carlo Albano
Esmerelda Flores	Ashley Moules
Hayley Newman	Elizabeth Ettinger
Meagan Hill	Patrick Lynch
Barbara Huebner	Shanna Urbancic

Presenter(s): Dr. Faris Sabbah, County Superintendent of Schools
Dr. Marcia Russell, Associate Superintendent, Educational Services
Brooke Hofkins, Senior Director, District Support and Leadership

13. PUBLIC HEARINGS

13.1 Public Hearing: 2025-2026 Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) of the Santa Cruz County Office of Education

In compliance with California EDC § 52062(b)(1), the Board will hold a public hearing to solicit recommendations and comments from members of the public regarding the specific actions and expenditures proposed by the 2025-2026 Local Control Accountability Plan of the Santa Cruz County Office of Education and the 2025-2026 Annual Update, and 2025-2026 Budget Overview for Parents.

Open Public Hearing: Abel Sanchez (President)

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

Conduct and

Close Public Hearing: Abel Sanchez (President)

13.2 Public Hearing: 2025-2026 Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) of the Santa Cruz County Career Advancement Charter School

In compliance with California EDC § 52062(b)(1), the Board will hold a public hearing to solicit recommendations and comments from members of the public regarding the specific actions and expenditures proposed by the 2025-2026 Local Control Accountability Plan of the Santa Cruz County Career Advancement Charter School and the 2025-2026 Annual Update, and 2025-2026 Budget Overview for Parents.

Open Public Hearing: Abel Sanchez (President)

Presenter(s): Dr. Faris Sabbah, County Superintendent of Schools
Denise Guerra-Sanson, Executive Director, Student Program

Conduct and

Close Public Hearing: Abel Sanchez (President)

13.3 Public Hearing: Santa Cruz County Office of Education 2025-2026 Budget

The Santa Cruz County Office of Education's 2025-2026 Budget is presented for public comment in accordance with EDC § 1620 et seq., 24103. Per California Education Code Section 52062(b)(2), the board shall present the LCAP prior to presentation of the budget. A copy of the budget is available upon request.

Open Public Hearing: Abel Sanchez (President)

Presenter(s): Liann Reyes, Deputy Superintendent, Business Services

Conduct and

Close Public Hearing: Abel Sanchez (President)

14. NEW BUSINESS AND ACTION ITEMS

14.1 Memorandum Of Understanding (“MOU”) - Charter School Authorization For Santa Cruz County Career Advancement Charter

The Board will consider the proposed Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), which outlines the relationship between the Career Advancement Charter (CAC) and the Santa Cruz County Office of Education (COE). Certain aspects of CAC's operations and COE's oversight responsibilities are either not addressed or insufficiently addressed in the Charter petition. Accordingly, the MOU seeks to clarify these matters and establish the applicable requirements and procedures governing COE's oversight of the Charter School.

Presenter(s): Dr. Faris Sabbah, County Superintendent of Schools
Dr. Marcia Russell, Associate Superintendent, Educational Services

Motion &
Voice Vote: Abel Sanchez (President)

14.2 Petition to Renew Career Advancement Charter School

Following a public hearing held on May 15, 2025, the Board will be asked to either approve (Resolution #25-19) or deny (Resolution #25-20) the petition to renew Career Advancement Charter School.

Presenter(s): Dr. Marcia Russell, Associate Superintendent, Educational Services
Denise Guerra-Sanson, Executive Director, Student Program

Motion &
Roll Call Vote: Abel Sanchez (President)

15. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

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

16. 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.

17. AD HOC/STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS/ACTIONS

18. 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.

County Board of Education
Regular Meeting
June 26, 2025
Santa Cruz County Office of Education

**County Board of Education
Regular Meeting
July 17, 2025
Santa Cruz County Office of Education**

**County Board of Education
Regular Meeting
August 21, 2025
Santa Cruz County Office of Education**

**County Board of Education
Regular Meeting
September 18, 2025
Santa Cruz County Office of Education**

**County Board of Education
Regular Meeting
October 16, 2025
Santa Cruz County Office of Education**

19. **ADJOURNMENT**
President Sanchez will adjourn the meeting.

PLEASE NOTE:

Public Participation:

All persons are encouraged to attend and, when appropriate, to participate in meetings of the Santa Cruz County Board of Education. If you wish to speak to an item on the agenda, please be present at the beginning of the meeting as any item, upon motion, may be moved to the beginning of the agenda. Persons wishing to address the Board are asked to state their name for the record. The president of the Board will establish a time limit of three (3) minutes, unless otherwise stated by the president, for comments from the public. Consideration of all matters is conducted in open session except those relating to litigation, personnel and employee negotiations, which, by law, may be considered in closed session. Expulsion appeal hearings are heard in closed session unless a request for hearing in open session is made by the appellant.

Backup Documentation:

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