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

Santa Cruz County Board of Education
Regular Board Meeting
Thursday, July 17, 2025
4:00 pm CLOSED Session
5:30 pm OPEN Session
Boardroom and/or Zoom

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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
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 an interdistrict transfer appeal hearing and litigation as noted in item 3.1.

3. **CLOSED SESSION**

3.1 **Interdistrict Transfer Appeal Hearing #25-02**

The Board will hold an Interdistrict Transfer Appeal Hearing concerning a student wishing to attend school in the Scotts Valley Unified School District.

Open, Conduct, & Close the Hearing: Abel Sanchez (President)

4. **OPEN SESSION - 5:30 P.M.**

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 Closed Session and the Board will vote to take action, if needed, in public session.

6.1 **Interdistrict Transfer Appeal Hearing #25-02**

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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 June 26, 2025

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. REPORTS, DISCUSSIONS, AND PRESENTATIONS

11.1 Santa Cruz County Office of Education's Student Trustee Academy Presentation

Dr. Faris Sabbah, County Superintendent of Schools, Andres Ortiz, Student Leadership and Engagement Coordinator, and COE's Trustee Academy students will present to the County Board. Students will share a program overview and their learnings. This is the fourth cohort of the Academy consisting of 15 students from across the County, representing ten local high schools.

Presenter(s): Dr. Faris Sabbah, County Superintendent of Schools
Andres Ortiz, Coordinator, Student Leadership & Engagement

12. NEW BUSINESS AND ACTION

12.1 Resolution #25-26 In The Matter of Authorizing Inter-Fund Loans for Cash Flow Purposes

The Board will be asked to adopt Resolution #25-26 in the matter of authorizing interfund loans for cash flow purposes.

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

Motion &

Roll Call Vote: Abel Sanchez (President)

12.2 Resolution #25-27 Recognizing Women's Equality Day as a National Day of Celebration

Consideration of a resolution to commemorate August 26 as Women's Equality Day, recognizing the historic struggle and ongoing efforts of women across the United States to gain full civil, legal, and institutional rights. This day honors the ratification of the Nineteenth Amendment, which secured women's right to vote, and acknowledges the contributions of women from diverse backgrounds and communities—across all states, professions, and faiths—who have worked to advance democracy and equality.

Presenter(s): Greg Larson, Chair, Community Outreach and Legislation

Motion &

Roll Call Vote: Abel Sanchez (President)

12.3 Resolution #25-28 Opposing the Withholding of Federally Authorized Education Funds

The Board will consider adopting Resolution #25-28 in response to the U.S. Department of Education's continued withholding—or "impoundment"—of federal education funds approved by Congress under a continuing resolution signed into law in March 2025. These funds, totaling approximately \$45 billion nationwide, support essential TK-12 education services including instruction for English learners, migrant education programs, educator professional development, after-school enrichment, and student mental health support.

Presenter(s): Greg Larson, Chair, Community Outreach and Legislation

Motion &

Roll Call Vote: Abel Sanchez (President)

12.4 Public Disclosure: SCCEA Collective Bargaining Agreement

Government Code Section 3547.5 requires that before a public school employer enters into a written agreement with an exclusive representative, the major provisions of the agreement shall be disclosed in a public meeting.

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

12.5 Public Disclosure: CSEA Collective Bargaining Agreement

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

12.6 Public Disclosure: Certificated Management, Classified Management & Confidential Collective Bargaining Agreement

Government Code Section 3547.5 requires that before a public school employer enters into a written agreement with an exclusive representative, the major provisions of the agreement shall be disclosed in a public meeting.

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

13. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

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

14. 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.

15. AD HOC/STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS/ACTIONS

15. 1 Policy Committee Report - Review Process & Timeline

The Policy Committee is tasked with ensuring that all board policies are current, legally compliant, and reflective of organizational priorities and values. To streamline this work, the committee has been developing a structured review cycle and decision-making process for prioritizing which policies to bring forward. The committee will report out and seek feedback. No action on policies will be made.

16. 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.

17. ADJOURNMENT

President Sanchez will adjourn the meeting.