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Mr. Ed Acosta • Mr. Greg Larson • Ms. Sue Roth
Mr. Abel Sanchez • Mr. Bruce Van Allen • Ms. Rachel Williams

Santa Cruz County Board of Education
Special Board Meeting
Wednesday, August 27, 2025
5:30 pm
Boardroom

MEETING MINUTES

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

Meeting called to order at 5:38 p.m.

Trustees Present (At Time of Roll Call):

Abel Sanchez (President), Greg Larson, Bruce Van Allen, Rachel Williams (Vice President)

Trustee Absent ((At Time of Roll Call):

Ed Acota

Trustee Absent:

Sue Roth

Staff Present:

Dr. Faris Sabbabh (Secretary), Jessica Little, Dr. Marcia Russell, Verenise Valentin

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

Trustee Acosta requested remote participation to this meeting under just cause.

A motion was made to approve of Trustee Acosta's remote participation (Van Allen/Williams, 4-0-0-2)

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

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Superintendent Sabbabh led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made to approve the agenda as presented, removing agenda item 6.1 Interdistrict Transfer Appeal Hearing #25-03, as requested by the appellant. (Williams/Van Allen, 5-0-0-1)

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

4. CLOSED SESSION DISCLOSURE

President Sanchez disclosed that the Board, in closed session, will discuss matters relating to an interdistrict transfer appeal hearing as noted in item 6.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

No requests for public comment.

6. CLOSED SESSION

6.1 Interdistrict Transfer Appeal Hearing #25-03

This Interdistrict Transfer Appeal Hearing was cancelled as the appellant withdrew their application.

6.2 Interdistrict Transfer Appeal Hearing #25-04

The Board held an Interdistrict Transfer Appeal Hearing concerning a student wishing to attend school in the Live Oak School District.

President Sanchez opened, conducted, and closed the hearing. Marilyn Rockey, presented the case on behalf of Live Oak School District.

A motion was made to approve Interdistrict Transfer Appeal #25-04 and grant the student enrollment to the Live Oak School District (Larson/Williams, 5-0-0-1)

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

7. REPORT OUT ON CLOSED SESSION

President Sanchez reported on board action made in Closed Session.

8. ACTION - OPEN SESSION

8.1 Board Vacancy – Determination of Process for Filling Vacancy

A vacancy has occurred on the Board for Trustee Area 4. Under Education Code §5091, when a vacancy arises, the Board must take action to determine how the vacancy will be filled. The Board has two options:

1. Call a Special Election – Order a special election to fill the vacancy.
2. Provisional Appointment – Call for and review applications from interested community members and make a provisional appointment, subject to potential petition for a special election.

A motion was made to proceed with a provisional appointment to fill the Board Vacancy in Trustee Area 4 (Van Allen/Larson, 5-0-0-1)

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

9. ADJOURNMENT

President Sanchez adjourned the meeting at 7:19 p.m.