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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
Thursday, September 4, 2025
5:30 p.m.
Boardroom and/or Zoom

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AGENDA

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

Abel Sanchez (President), Ed Acosta, 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. 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 on 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 **two (2) 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. NEW BUSINESS, PUBLIC HEARINGS, AND ACTION ITEMS

5.1 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 may select a total of two student students (one from the County Office of Education programs and one from a school district).

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

Presenter(s): Greg Larson, Board Vacancy & Student Trustee Committee
Bruce Van Allen, Board Vacancy & Student Trustee Committee
Dr. Faris Sabbah, County Superintendent of Schools

5.2 Conduct Interviews of Student Trustee Applicants

Applicants: Ash R Immoor (El Nido, Alternative Education)
Zola Woodbridge Burnham Grau (Aptos High)
Vicente Guillén Martínez (Watsonville High School)
Amy Vasquez Ortiz (Watsonville High School)
Americo. D. Castillo (Soquel High School)
Zahyd E Delgado (Escuela Quetzal, Alternative Education)

5.3 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): Abel Sanchez, Board President

5.4 Resolution #25-33: Appointment to Fill Student Trustee Vacancy on the Santa Cruz County Board of Education - Alternative Education Student

According to Board Bylaw 9150, the Board is authorized to make an appointment to fill the Student Trustee vacancy. This appointment would be for the Alternative Education student trustee position.

Presenter(s): Abel Sanchez, Board President

Motion &

Roll Call Vote: Abel Sanchez, Board President

5.5 Resolution #25-34: Appointment to Fill Student Trustee Vacancy on the Santa Cruz County Board of Education - High School District Student

According to Board Bylaw 9150, the Board is authorized to make an appointment to fill the Student Trustee vacancy. This appointment would be for the high school school district student trustee position.

Presenter(s): Abel Sanchez, Board President

Motion &

Roll Call Vote: Abel Sanchez, Board President

6. 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.

September 18, 2025

County Board of Education - Regular Meeting
Santa Cruz County Office of Education
5:30 p.m.

October 16, 2025

County Board of Education - Regular Meeting
Santa Cruz County Office of Education
5:30 p.m.

November 20, 2025

County Board of Education - Regular Meeting
Santa Cruz County Office of Education
5:30 p.m.

December 18, 2025

County Board of Education - Regular Meeting
Santa Cruz County Office of Education
5:30 p.m.

7. ADJOURNMENT

President Sanchez will adjourn the meeting.

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