



**Santa Cruz County Board of Education  
Special Board Meeting  
Saturday, January 24, 2026 at 09:00 AM  
Boardroom and/or Zoom**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Any person wishing to make a public comment will have the opportunity to do so either in-person or via videoconference during the meeting for up to three minutes each for any item listed on the agenda. To request to speak during public comment, please complete this form: <https://sccoe.link/PublicComment>

To submit a comment to be read aloud on your behalf on items listed on the meeting agenda, please send a comment no longer than 300 words to [vvalentin@santacruzcoe.org](mailto:vvalentin@santacruzcoe.org) no later than 8:00 AM on the day of the meeting. Each individual may only make one comment per topic.

**ZOOM MEETING INFORMATION:**

<https://santacruzcoe-org.zoom.us/j/89608735523>

Webinar ID: 896 0873 5523

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

President Williams will call the meeting to order and initiate a roll call.

Ed Acosta  
Stacey Kyle  
Greg Larson (Vice President)  
Sue Roth  
Abel Sancherz  
Bruce Van Allen  
Rachel Williams (President)

Vicente Guillén Martinez (Student Trustee)  
Ash Immoor (Student Trustee)

**1.1 Board Member Remote Attendance Approval**

Per SB 707, Trustees may participate in the Board meeting remotely under

the following conditions: just cause, or emergency circumstances.

## **2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Superintendent Sabbah will lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

## **3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

The board may approve agenda deletions or sequence changes, or approve the agenda as submitted.

## **4. PUBLIC COMMENT**

The Board President will recognize any member of the audience who was not previously placed on the agenda and who wishes to speak on an item on the agenda. Each speaker may address the Board for up to three (3) minutes, unless otherwise limited or extended by the President. The President may allot time to those wishing to speak; however, no action will be taken on matters presented (EDC § 35145.5). If appropriate, the President or any Board Member may direct that a matter be referred to the Superintendent's Office.

## **5. BOARD WORKSHOP**

### **5.1 Board Self-Evaluation**

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In accordance with Board Bylaw 9400, the Board will participate in a board self-evaluation conducted by CSBA Director, Mike Walsh.

Presenter(s):

Mike Walsh, Director, County Board Member Services, California School Boards Association

## **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.

### **February 19, 2026**

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

### **March 19, 2026**

County Board of Education - Regular Meeting

Santa Cruz County Office of Education  
5:30 p.m.

**April 16, 2026**  
County Board of Education - Regular Meeting  
Santa Cruz County Office of Education  
5:30 p.m.

## **7. ADJOURNMENT**

President Williams will adjourn the meeting.

**SANTA CRUZ COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION****Bylaws of the Board****BB 9400****SELF-EVALUATION**

The County Board of Education shall annually conduct a self-evaluation in order to demonstrate accountability to the community and ensure that district governance effectively supports student achievement and the attainment of the vision and goals.

The evaluation may address any area of Board responsibility, including, but not limited to, Board performance in relation to vision setting, curriculum, personnel, finance, policy development, collective bargaining, community relations, and advocacy. The evaluation may also address objectives related to Board meeting operations, relationships among Board members, relationship with the Superintendent, understanding of Board and Superintendent roles and responsibilities, communication skills, or other governance or boardsmanship skills.

The Board shall evaluate itself as a whole. Individual Board members are also expected to use the evaluation process as an opportunity to assess and set goals for their own personal performance.

Each year, the Board, with assistance from the Superintendent, shall determine an evaluation method or instrument that measures key components of board responsibility and previously identified performance objectives. Visual and/or audio recordings of a Board meeting may only be used as an evaluation tool when consent is given by all Board members.

Any discussion involving the Board's self-evaluation shall be conducted in open session.

At the request of the Board, a facilitator may be used to assist with the evaluation process. The Board may invite the Superintendent or other individual(s) with pertinent information to provide input into the evaluation process.

Following the evaluation, the Board shall set goals, define and/or refine protocols, and establish priorities and objectives for the following year's evaluation. The Board shall also develop strategies for strengthening Board performance based on identified areas of need, including, but not limited to, Board trainingS such as those offered by the California School Boards Association.

*Adopted: May 20, 2021*