



**Santa Cruz County Board of Education
Regular Board Meeting
Thursday, March 19, 2026 5:30 PM
Boardroom and/or Zoom**

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

President Williams called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m.

Trustees Present:

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

Ash Immoor (Student Trustee)

Trustees Absent at the time of Roll Call:

Sue Roth

Trustees Absent:

Ed Acosta, Vicente Guillén Martinez (Student Trustee)

Staff Present:

Faris Sabbah (Superintendent), Rory Bruce, Elizabeth Burnhamgrau, Verenise Figueroa, LaDawn Holliday, Nick Ibarra, Dr. Jennifer Izant-Gonzales, Michelle Kennedy, Rishi Lal, Melissa Lopez, Rebecca Olker, Andres Ortiz, John Rice

1.1 Board Member Remote Attendance

There were no requests for remote attendance.

2. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

President Williams opened the meeting with a land acknowledgment. This acknowledgment honored the original stewards of the land and affirms the Board's commitment to respect, reflection, and responsibility in our service to the community.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Superintendent Sabbah led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved By Vice President Larson

Seconded By Trustee Van Allen

A motion was made to approve the agenda as presented.

Voters	For	No	Abstain	Conflict	Absent
Trustee Acosta					X
Trustee Kyle	X				
Vice President Larson	X				
Trustee Roth					X
Trustee Sanchez	X				
Trustee Van Allen	X				
President Williams	X				
Results	5	0	0	0	2

Motion Type: Majority Voted, Recorded

Carried (5 to 0)

Student Trustee Immoor voted for the motion

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were three public comment requests.

Sebastin Endrigo-Williams (Student) recommended to the the County Board to promote safe school communities by adopting a Resolution removing the n-word and hate speech, as well as asked the board to updated their non-discrimination policy.

Liyon Clark (Student) recommended that the County Board adopt a Resolution removing the n-word and hate speech, as well as asked the board to updated their non-discrimination policy.

Pedro Nadyr Camillo (Student) recommended that the County Board adopt Resolution removing the n-word and hate speech, as well as asked the board to updated their non-discrimination policy. They also shared their experiences with hate speech and its impact.

Trustee Roth arrived at 5:36 p.m. to the meeting.

President Williams and Student Trustee Immoor shared their support for the public comment requests.

6. STUDENT TRUSTEE REPORTS

Student Trustee Immoor:

He shared that he attended the Civic Summit and visited several Alternative Education school sites. He shared that many students love alternative education programs. He also shared that transportation is a barrier for many students. He also shared that he will be participating in a Queer Student Union field trip to the capital next week.

7. CONSENT AGENDA

Moved By Vice President Larson

Seconded By Trustee Van Allen

A motion was made to approve the consent agenda as presented.

Voters	For	No	Abstain	Conflict	Absent
Trustee Acosta					X
Trustee Kyle	X				
Vice President Larson	X				
Trustee Roth	X				
Trustee Sanchez	X				
Trustee Van Allen	X				
President Williams	X				
Results	6	0	0	0	1

Motion Type: Majority Voted, Recorded

Carried (6 to 0)

7.1 Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting on February 19, 2026

7.2 Budget Revisions

8. DEFERRED CONSENT ITEMS (if required)

No consent agenda items were deferred.

Superintendent Sabbah disclosed that Student Trustee Immoor will be leaving the meeting early as he is being awarded a Community Champion Award by the Santa Cruz Warriors.

9. CORRESPONDENCE

Verenise Figueroa disclosed that the board received an email and report from the Santa Cruz County Office of Education's auditing firm. The email and report was added to the

backup on March 16, 2026.

10. REPORTS, DISCUSSIONS, AND PRESENTATIONS

10.1 Labor Negotiations - “Sunshine” the California School Employees Association (CSEA), Chapter #484, Proposed Changes to Four Articles within the 2026-2027 Classified Employee Bargaining Unit Agreement to the Santa Cruz County Superintendent of Schools

Rory Bruce, President, CSEA Chapter 484, presented the union's proposed changes to four articles within the 2026-2027 Classified Employee Bargaining Unit Agreement.

10.2 “Sunshine” with the Santa Cruz County Employees Association (CSEA), Chapter #484

Rebecca Olker, Interim-Deputy Superintendent-Business Services, presented the Santa Cruz County Office of Education's proposed changes to the 2026-2027 Agreement to the California School Employees Association (CSEA), Chapter #484.

10.3 Labor Negotiations - “Sunshine” the Santa Cruz County Education Association (SCCEA), Chapter 036, Proposed Changes to Article 6 and Appendix 1 within the 2026-2027 Certificated Employee Unit Agreement to the Santa Cruz County Superintendent of Schools

Elizabeth Burnhamgrau, President, SCCEA, Chapter 036, presented the union's proposed changes to two articles within the 2026-2027 Certificated Employee Unit Agreement to the Santa Cruz County Superintendent of Schools.

10.4 “Sunshine” with the Santa Cruz County Education Association (SCCEA), Chapter 036

Rebecca Olker, Interim-Deputy Superintendent-Business Services, presented the Santa Cruz County Office of Education's proposed changes to the 2026-2027 Agreement to the Santa Cruz County Education Association (SCCEA).

10.5 2026 Civic Summit Recap Presentation

Nick Ibarra, Communications and Engagement Director, and Andres Ortiz, Student Leadership and Engagement Coordinator, presented the 2026 Civic Summit recap presentation.

Student Trustee Immoor left the meeting at 6:13 p.m.

10.6 Santa Cruz COE 2025-2026 Second Interim Financial Report

Rebecca Olker, Interim-Deputy Superintendent, Business Services, presented the Santa Cruz COE 2025-2026 Second Interim Financial Report.

11. NEW BUSINESS AND ACTION

11.1 Approve 2026-2027 COE and Student Program Calendar

Superintendent Sabbah presented the 2026-2027 COE and Student Program Calendar.

Moved By Trustee Van Allen

Seconded By Trustee Roth

A motion was made to approve the 2026-2027 COE and Student Program Calendar as presented.

Voters	For	No	Abstain	Conflict	Absent
Trustee Acosta					X
Trustee Kyle	X				
Vice President Larson	X				
Trustee Roth	X				
Trustee Sanchez	X				
Trustee Van Allen	X				
President Williams	X				
Results	6	0	0	0	1

Motion Type: Majority Voted, Recorded, Secret Ballot

Carried (6 to 0)

11.2 Resolution #26-11 Recognizing April as National Bilingual/Multilingual Learner Advocacy Month

President Williams presented the Resolution.

Moved By Trustee Van Allen

Seconded By Trustee Kyle

A motion was made to approve Resolution #26-11 Recognizing April as National Bilingual/Multilingual Learner Advocacy Month.

Voters	For	No	Abstain	Conflict	Absent
Trustee Acosta					X
Trustee Kyle	X				
Vice President Larson	X				
Trustee Roth	X				

Trustee Sanchez	X				
Trustee Van Allen	X				
President Williams	X				
Results	6	0	0	0	1

Motion Type: Majority Voted, Recorded

Carried (6 to 0)

11.3 Resolution #26-12 In Recognition of National Child Abuse Prevention Month

President Williams presented the Resolution.

Moved By Trustee Van Allen

Seconded By Trustee Roth

A motion was made to approve Resolution #26-12 In Recognition of National Child Abuse Prevention Month as presented.

Voters	For	No	Abstain	Conflict	Absent
Trustee Acosta					X
Trustee Kyle	X				
Vice President Larson	X				
Trustee Roth	X				
Trustee Sanchez	X				
Trustee Van Allen	X				
President Williams	X				
Results	6	0	0	0	1

Motion Type: Majority Voted, Recorded

Carried (6 to 0)

11.4 Resolution #26-13 Recognizing April as National Arab American Heritage Month

President Williams presented the Resolution.

Moved By Trustee Van Allen

Seconded By Vice President Larson

A motion was made to approve Resolution #26-13 Recognizing April as National Arab American Heritage Month as presented.

Voters	For	No	Abstain	Conflict	Absent
Trustee Acosta					X
Trustee Kyle	X				
Vice President Larson	X				
Trustee Roth	X				
Trustee Sanchez	X				
Trustee Van Allen	X				
President Williams	X				
Results	6	0	0	0	1

Motion Type: Majority Voted, Recorded

Carried (6 to 0)

11.5 Resolution #26-14 Recognizing Earth Day And Environmental Education Week

President Williams presented the Resolution.

Moved By Trustee Kyle

Seconded By Trustee Sanchez

A motion was made to Resolution #26-14 Recognizing Earth Day And Environmental Education Week as presented.

Voters	For	No	Abstain	Conflict	Absent
Trustee Acosta					X
Trustee Kyle	X				
Vice President Larson	X				
Trustee Roth	X				
Trustee Sanchez	X				
Trustee Van Allen	X				
President Williams	X				
Results	6	0	0	0	1

Motion Type: Majority Voted, Recorded

Carried (6 to 0)

11.6 First Reading - Board Bylaws (9000s Series)

Trustee Van Allen presented on the six proposed policies and corresponding two exhibits.

Moved By Trustee Van Allen

Seconded By President Williams

A motion was made to approve the proposed policies and exhibits, and waive the second reading.

Voters	For	No	Abstain	Conflict	Absent
Trustee Acosta					X
Trustee Kyle	X				
Vice President Larson	X				
Trustee Roth	X				
Trustee Sanchez	X				
Trustee Van Allen	X				
President Williams	X				
Results	6	0	0	0	1

Motion Type: Majority Voted, Recorded

Carried (6 to 0)

12. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Sabbah presented his report to the County Board.

13. TRUSTEE REPORTS (3 minutes each) President Williams:

She attended Mocktrail, Civic Summitt, an LCAP review session, agenda committee, policy committee, HerStory, Monarch Services Gala, Legislative Action Week, and the eScribe training.

Vice President Larson:

He attended the eScribe training, AEC planning meeting, CSBA County Board conference, UPK Community Forum, Latino Role Models. BAYMAC meeting, Resource Center for Nonviolence event, Dream Girls performance, and the Coastal Watershed event.

Trustee Van Allen:

He attended the eScribe training and worked on policies and resolutions.

Trustee Roth:

She attended the "Mask You Live In" screening, the budget committee, eScribe training, and the Dream Girls performance.

Trustee Kyle:

She attended the Your Future is Our Business Luncheon, Semillitas event, CSBA legislative Action week, and the budget committee.

Trustee Sanchez:

He attended the COE All meeting and shared updates from ACCBE.

14. AD HOC/STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS/ACTIONS (If Applicable)

There were no committee reports or actions.

15. SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

16. ADJOURNMENT

President Williams adjourned the board meeting at 7:37 p.m.