

**Minutes of the
Special Board of Education Meeting
Tuesday, February 22, 2022**



1. GENERAL BOARD FUNCTIONS

1.1 The Meeting was Called to Order by Mrs. Barbara R. Samperi, President of the Board of Education, at 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 22, 2022, in the Grace E. Horney Board Room of the Gallegos Administration Center, 11627 Brookshire Avenue, Downey, California.

1.2 Renewal of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was led by Mr. Jose J. Rodriguez, Member of the Board of Education.

1.3 Invocation was delivered by Mr. D. Mark Morris, Member of the Board of Education.

1.4 ROLL CALL

Present

Barbara R. Samperi
Martha E. Sodetani
Giovanna Perez-Saab
D. Mark Morris
Jose J. Rodriguez
Linda Salomon Saldaña
Nancy A. Swenson

John A. Garcia, Ph.D., Jr.

1.5 ADOPT Agenda #13 for the Special Meeting of the Board of Education held on February 22, 2022.

Motion by Nancy A. Swenson, second by Giovanna Perez-Saab

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Barbara R. Samperi, Martha E. Sodetani, Giovanna Perez-Saab, D. Mark Morris, Jose J. Rodriguez, Linda Salomon Saldaña, Nancy A. Swenson

1.6 RECEIVE correspondence and refer it to the proper order of business or to the Superintendent for handling.

There was no correspondence to be received.

1.7 HEAR Public on items appearing on the Agenda - Please limit your comments to no more than three (3) minutes.

Public Comments were related to Agenda Item No. 4.1 and will be heard at that time.

2. GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

2.1 HEAR a presentation regarding the analysis of Downey Unified School District Trustee Areas and the needed adjustment of its trustee area boundaries based upon the census population results in accordance with California Education Code Section 5019.5.

The Board of Education heard a presentation regarding the adjustment of its trustee area boundaries based upon the census. Discussion was held regarding the three Options, noting that Option 1 required the least amount of boundary adjustment - only Trustee Area No. 2 and No. 3. It was also noted that Option 2 offered a more level population adjustment but required boundary adjustments to Trustee Area Nos. 2, 3 and 5. Discussion was also held about Option

3 and after review and consensus, it was determined that it required too many adjustments and decided that Option 3 should not be considered.

The Board of Education then discussed Options 1 and 2 and after consensus, it was decided that they should move forward with a vote for Option 2 as it level out the populations and did not require a lot of boundary adjustments.

No members of the public spoke on this item.

2.2 APPROVE the adjustment of the Downey Unified School District Trustee Area Boundaries in accordance with California Education Code Section 5019.5.

The Board of Education approved the Option 2 adjustment of the Downey Unified School District Trustee Area Boundaries in accordance with California Education Code Section 5019.5, which shifts two smaller populations out of Trustee Area 2 and into Trustee Area Nos. 3 and 5.

No members of the public spoke on this item.

Motion by Nancy A. Swenson, second by Martha E. Sodetani.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Barbara R. Samperi, Martha E. Sodetani, Giovanna Perez-Saab, D. Mark Morris, Jose J. Rodriguez, Linda Salomon Saldaña, Nancy A. Swenson

2.3 APPROVE the President's recommendations for the Board of Education Members to various responsibilities:

The Board of Education approved the President's recommendations for the following Ad Hoc Committee:

Facilities Master Plan Committee - Giovanna Perez-Saab, Jose J. Rodriguez, Linda Salomon Saldaña

Motion by Nancy A Swenson, second by Martha E Sodetani.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Barbara R. Samperi, Martha E. Sodetani, Giovanna Perez-Saab, D. Mark Morris, Jose J. Rodriguez, Linda Salomon Saldaña, Nancy A. Swenson

3. CLOSED SESSION

3.1 The Board of Education Retired into Closed Session at 4:32 p.m. to discuss: Potential Litigation; Public Employment - Certificated/Administration/Classified Management; Discipline/Dismissal/Release; Negotiations; Threat to Public Services or Facilities (Government Code Section 54957); and Conference with Real Property Negotiators - 11525 Brookshire Avenue and 11500 Dolan Street, Downey California, and reconvened into Open Session at 5:52 p.m.

4. GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

4.1 The Board of Education heard a Current Conditions Update from Dr. Wayne Shannon, Assistant Superintendents of Educational Services, and DISCUSS the Implications of the Current Conditions for the 2021-22 school year. The Board of Education supported the staff's recommendation of changing outdoor masking requirement to "recommended, not required."

The following were heard urging the Board of Education to unmask the students:

Arianna Weisenburger-Flemister

Erin Hipsman

Maria Cuadros

Emma Llamas

5. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA

6. NEXT MEETING

6.1 The next meeting of the Board of Education will be a Regular Meeting to be held on Tuesday, March 8, 2022, at 5:00 p.m. in the Grace E. Horney Board Room of the Gallegos Administration Center, 11627 Brookshire Avenue,

Downey, California.

7. ADJOURNMENT

7.1 The Special Meeting of the Board of Education was adjourned at 6:24 p.m.

DOWNEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Education

Barbara R. Samperi, President

Giovanna Perez-Saab, Clerk