

**Minutes of the
Special Board of Education Meeting
Tuesday, April 29, 2025**



1. GENERAL BOARD FUNCTIONS

1.1 The meeting was Called to Order by Mrs. Linda Saldana, President of the Board of Education, at 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 29, 2025; 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 Tyrone Conde, Member of the Board of Education.

1.3 Invocation was delivered by Giovanna Perez-Saab, Member of the Board of Education.

1.4 ROLL CALL

Linda Salomon Saldana
Jose J. Rodriguez
D. Mark Morris - Mr. Morris arrived at 4:20 p.m.
Tyrone Conde
Giovanna Perez-Saab
Barbara R. Samperi
Nancy A. Swenson

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

1.5 ADOPT Agenda for the Special Meeting of the Board of Education held on Tuesday, April 29, 2025.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yea: Linda Salomon Saldana, Jose J Rodriguez, Tyrone Conde, Giovanna Perez-Saab, Barbara R Samperi, Nancy A Swenson

Not Present at Vote: D Mark Morris

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.

Comment was hear from Mr. Kevin Welch, President of the DEA Board on the characteristics that the teacher union is looking for in the new Superintendent.

1.8 ACKNOWLEDGE representatives of the Downey United Masonic Lodge #220, and HEAR presentations from school principals for the Masonic Teacher of the Year.

The following were recognized by Downey Masonic Lodge #220 as Teachers and Students of the Year. Rio Hondo Elementary's Teacher of the Year was Rosanna Lorberter and Student of the Year was Skyler Herrera; Sussman Middle School's Teacher of the Year was Margarita Velasco and Student of the Year was Emily Cerda and Downey High School's Teacher of the Year was Dolores Neria and Student of the Year was Michelle Gomez.

1.9 HEAR a Presentation from Dr. Robert McEntire, Associate Superintendent of Business Services and Annie Aung, Director of Facilities on a facilities update.

2. CONSENT AGENDA

2.1 Approval of Consent Agenda Item Nos. 2.1 through 2.2.

Motion by Jose J Rodriguez, second by Nancy A Swenson.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yea: Linda Salomon Saldana, Jose J Rodriguez, D Mark Morris, Tyrone Conde, Giovanna Perez-Saab, Barbara R Samperi, Nancy A Swenson

2.2 APPROVE Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)/DUSD Agreement No. 202425-722 with Cerritos Community College District, Norwalk, to provide a program of summer instruction developed and supervised by the College to the District's high school students and provided by existing district faculty-qualified teachers at Downey Unified School District high school sites, with State Apportionment funds to offset the cost of implementing and administering the program, from May 8, 2025 through June 30, 2026 unless sooner terminated as provided for in the MOU.

Motion by Jose J Rodriguez, second by Nancy A Swenson.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yea: Linda Salomon Saldana, Jose J Rodriguez, D Mark Morris, Tyrone Conde, Giovanna Perez-Saab, Barbara R Samperi, Nancy A Swenson

3. NEXT MEETING

3.1 The next meeting of the Board of Education will be a Regular Meeting to be held on Tuesday, May 13, 2025 at 5:00 p.m. in the Grace E. Horney Board Room of the Gallegos Administration Center, 11627 Brookshire Avenue, Downey, California.

The meeting was recessed at 5:03 p.m. and reconvened at 5:20 p.m

4. CLOSED SESSION

4.1 The Board of Education retired into Closed Session at 5:21 p.m. to discuss: Public Employment - Certificated/Administration/Classified Management: Employment of the Superintendent - discussion with partners of The Cosca Group; Discipline/Dismissal/Release; Negotiations.

The meeting reconvened into Open Session at 7:39 p.m. and the following announcement was made: During its recently concluded Closed Session, the Board voted unanimously to appoint Mr. Mark Schiavo as Stauffer Middle School's Vice Principal.

5. ADJOURNMENT

5.1 The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education was adjourned at 7:41 p.m. in memory of Joan Langton.

DOWNEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Education

Linda Salomon Saldaña, President

D. Mark Morris, Clerk