

**Minutes of the
Special Board of Education Meeting
Tuesday, March 4, 2025**



1. GENERAL BOARD FUNCTIONS

1.1 The meeting was Called to Order by Mrs. Linda Saldana, President of the Board of Education, at 5:10 p.m. on Tuesday, March 4, 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 Barbara R. Samperi, Member of the Board of Education.

1.3 Invocation was delivered by Nancy A. Swenson, Member of the Board of Education.

1.4 ROLL CALL

Linda Salomon Saldaña
Jose J. Rodriguez
D. Mark Morris
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, March 4, 2025.

Motion by Barbara R Samperi, second by Giovanna Perez-Saab.

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

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.

There were no comments to be heard.

2. GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

2.1 HEAR Presentations from the following Executive Search Firms: The Cosca Group, Leadership and Associates, McPherson and Jacobson, Education Support Services Group and Education Leadership Services.

The Board of Education heard Presentations from the following Executive Search Firms:

- a. The Cosca Group
- b. Leadership and Associates
- c. McPherson & Jacobson

The meeting was recessed at 6:40 p.m and reconvened at 6:50 p.m.

- d. Education Support Services Group
- e. Education Leadership Services

2.2 SELECT Search Firm to recommend highly qualified candidates for the position of District Superintendent.

After some discussion the Board of Education narrowed it down to two firms with The Cosca Group being chosen by the majority vote of the Board of Education.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yea: Jose J Rodriguez, Tyrone Conde, Giovanna Perez-Saab, Nancy A Swenson

Nay: Linda Salomon Saldana, D Mark Morris, Barbara R Samperi

Education Support Services

Motion by D Mark Morris, second by Barbara R Samperi.

Motion Failed

Yea: Linda Salomon Saldana, D Mark Morris, Barbara R Samperi

Nay: Jose J Rodriguez, Tyrone Conde, Giovanna Perez-Saab, 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, March 11, 2025, at 5:00 pm in the Grace E. Horney Board Room of the Gallegos Administration Center, 11627 Brookshire Avenue, Downey, California.

4. CLOSED SESSION

4.1 The Board of Education did not Retire into Closed Session since there was nothing to discuss.

5. ADJOURNMENT

5.1 The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education was adjourned at 8:32 p.m. in memory of Vaimasele Leniu.

DOWNEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Education

Linda Salomon Saldaña, President

D. Mark Morris, Clerk