# Minutes of the Special Board of Education Meeting Tuesday, May 13, 2025



#### 1. GENERAL BOARD FUNCTIONS

- 1.1 Meeting was Called to Order by Mrs. Linda Salomon Saldana, President of the Board of Education, at 5:05 p.m. on Tuesday, May 13, 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 Giovanna Perez-Saab, Member of the Board of Education.
- 1.3 Invocation was delivered by D. Mark Morris, Clerk of the Board of Education due to Barbara R. Samperi, Member of the Board of Education arriving late.

#### 1.4 ROLL CALL

Linda Salomon Saldaña
Jose J. Rodriguez
D. Mark Morris
Tyrone Conde
Giovanna Perez-Saab
Barbara R. Samperi - Mrs. Samperi arrived at 5:34 p.m.
Nancy A. Swenson

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

1.5 ADOPT Agenda for the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education held on Tuesday, May 13, 2025.

Motion by Giovanna Perez-Saab, second by Jose J Rodriguez.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

Swenson

Not Present at Vote: Barbara R Samperi

1.6 APPROVE Official Minutes of the Regular Board of Education Meeting held April 8, 2025, as submitted or with necessary corrections.

Motion by Jose J Rodriguez, second by Giovanna Perez-Saab.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

Swenson

Not Present at Vote: Barbara R Samperi

1.7 APPROVE Official Minutes of the Special Board of Education Meeting held on April 29, 2025, as submitted or with necessary corrections.

Motion by Tyrone Conde, second by Jose J Rodriguez.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

Swenson

Not Present at Vote: Barbara R Samperi

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

A Thank You card was received from the Price Elementary Autobots thanking the Board of Education for their support in the VEX Worlds Robotics competition.

1.9 HEAR Presentation from John Shook, Director of Maintenance, Operations and Transportation, recognizing Jorge Marquez, bus driver, with the Shared Values Award in the Area of Best Staff and High Standards.

Due to staff not being present this item was moved to the end of the meeting.

1.10 HEAR Oral Communications from Members of the Board of Education and Superintendent.

Board members provided brief reports on various events they recently attended, including high school drama productions, the Downey High School Viking Awards, Warren High School Golden Bear Awards, athletic events, and the PTA Honorary Service Awards, among others.

Highlights of student achievements included participation by high school students in the SkillsUSA competition and the Price Elementary Autobots currently competing in the VEX Worlds Robotics Competition.

Board President Linda Saldaña and Board member Giovanna Perez-Saab attended the Cerritos College/K–12 Partners in Education Joint Meeting and shared positive updates regarding the many great initiatives taking place across the district.

Mr. Rodriguez welcomed Personnel Commissioners Mrs. Dianne Lumsdaine and Mr. John Kennedy to the evening's meeting and expressed appreciation to the Board of Education for their continued dedication and service.

The month ahead will be particularly active for the district with upcoming graduation and promotion ceremonies. Board members collectively extended wishes for a safe and enjoyable summer to all students, families, and staff.

Dr. Garcia reported that the Price Elementary Autobots have been performing well in their division at the VEX Worlds Robotics Competition. He also announced that the Downey Foundation for Educational Opportunities (DFEO) will host its 4th Annual Expo at Doty Middle School on Saturday, May 17. Additionally, an International Baccalaureate (IB) Information Meeting is scheduled to be held at Sussman Middle School on Thursday, May 15.

Dr. Garcia also shared that the Kiwanis Club has awarded a total of \$134,000 in scholarships to Downey students this year. He joined the Board in wishing the community a happy and safe summer.

1.11 HEAR Public on items not appearing on the Agenda - Please limit your comments to no more than three (3) minutes.

Comments were heard from William Richert and Cynthia Salomon-Ponce regarding the continuation of the IB Program in high school.

#### 2. CONSENT AGENDA

2.1 Approval of Consent Agenda Item Nos. 2.1 through 2.63.

Motion by D Mark Morris, second by Jose J Rodriguez.

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 ACCEPT with gratitude and in accordance with Board Policy 6372 the gift donations received through April.

Motion by D Mark Morris, second by Jose J Rodriguez.

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

2.3 RATIFY and/or APPROVE attendance and authorize payment of actual and necessary expenses, including registration fees; and AUTHORIZE payment of expenses as described herein, as provided by Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 7310, Convention and Conference Attendance.

Motion by D Mark Morris, second by Jose J Rodriguez.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

2.4 RATIFY Individual Service Agreement for Nonpublic, Nonsectarian School Services No. 202425-41 with Olive Crest Academy, Santa Ana, in an amount not to exceed \$20,635.10, from July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025, charged to the General Special Education Fund.

Motion by D Mark Morris, second by Jose J Rodriguez.

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

2.5 RATIFY Independent Contractor Agreement for Non-Construction Services No. 202425-665 with Play Move Develop Therapy, Inc., Glendale, to provide triennial physical therapy evaluations, written reports, and IEP meeting attendance for three DUSD Special Education students, in an amount not to exceed \$5,250.00, from April 9, 2025 through August 31, 2025, charged to the Special Education Health Fund.

Motion by D Mark Morris, second by Jose J Rodriguez.

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

2.6 RATIFY Independent Contractor Agreement for Non-Construction Services No. 202425-689 with Luis Ceballos/Inspired Education Center, Whittier, to provide assessment support (Function Behavior Assessment and Special Circumstance Instructional Assistance) to a student with an Individualized Education Plan (IEP), in an amount not to exceed \$3,500.00, from May 11, 2025 through December 30, 2025, charged to the Special Education Psychological Services Fund.

Motion by D Mark Morris, second by Jose J Rodriguez.

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

2.7 APPROVE Independent Contractor Agreement for Non-Construction Services No. 202425-693 with Professional Tutors of America, Inc., Brea, to provide academic tutoring services to a DUSD student, in an amount not to exceed \$15,200.00, from May 14, 2025 through March 11, 2027, charged to the Special Education NPA-Tutoring Fund.

Motion by D Mark Morris, second by Jose J Rodriguez.

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

2.8 APPROVE Settlement Agreement for OAH Case No. 2024090069, Downey Unified School District Agreement No. 202425-712.

Motion by D Mark Morris, second by Jose J Rodriguez.

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

2.9 RATIFY Amendment No. 3 to Independent Contractor Agreement for Non-Construction Services No. 202425-046 with Sea Change Therapy, Torrance, to provide Occupational Therapy staff to support Special Education students, by extending the contract term through June 5, 2025, and by increasing the contract amount by \$24,000.00 for a new contract not to exceed amount of \$154,032.00, charged to the Special Education Health Services Fund.

Motion by D Mark Morris, second by Jose J Rodriguez.

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

2.10 APPROVE listed school personnel from Downey and Warren High Schools as CIF League Representatives for the 2025-26 school year.

Motion by D Mark Morris, second by Jose J Rodriguez.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

2.11 AUTHORIZE the Los Angeles County Office of Education to make the appropriate transfers necessary at the close of the 2024-25 school year to permit payment of obligations the District incurred during that school year in accordance with the provisions of Section 42601 of the Education Code.

Motion by D Mark Morris, second by Jose J Rodriguez.

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

2.12 AUTHORIZE the Payroll Department to withhold sums for the 2025-26 fiscal year, without charge, from pay warrants of both Certificated and Classified Personnel when directed to do so by the employee on a revocable form provided for that purpose in accordance with Education Code Section 45060.

Motion by D Mark Morris, second by Jose J Rodriguez.

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

2.13 RATIFY and/or APPROVE per Board Policy 6362 the Purchase Orders prepared by the Purchasing Department for the 2024-25 fiscal year from March 26, 2025 through April 28, 2025.

Motion by D Mark Morris, second by Jose J Rodriguez.

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

2.14 RATIFY the issuance of A Warrant Payroll Orders for Hourly, Extra Duty, Overtime, Electronic Payments and Community Services Work performed by Classified Personnel, Adult School, and Food Services issued through March 2025.

Motion by D Mark Morris, second by Jose J Rodriguez.

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

2.15 RATIFY B Warrants and Electronic Fund Transfers (EFT/ACH) for Downey Unified School District, falling between Warrant Numbers 22059619 - 22108001, and EFT/ACH Numbers falling between 202502280412127 - 202503270423539, issued for payment of authorized purchases or obligations incurred by law or district policy, for the period beginning March 1, 2025 and ending March 31, 2025.

Motion by D Mark Morris, second by Jose J Rodriguez.

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

2.16 RATIFY Agreement for Construction Services (Small Projects) No. 202425-440 with South Bay Landscaping, Inc., Redondo Beach, to provide tree trimming and removal services of fruit trees at Downey High School, in an amount not to exceed \$5,100.00, from April 14, 2025 to June 30, 2025, charged to the General Maintenance Fund.

Motion by D Mark Morris, second by Jose J Rodriguez.

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

2.17 APPROVE Agreement for Construction Services (Small Projects) No. 202425-563 with Innovation Painting Inc., Ontario, to prepare the surface and paint the second floor deck of the C Building at Downey High School, in an amount not to exceed \$15,000.00, from June 1, 2025 to June 30, 2025 charged to Deferred Maintenance Fund.

Motion by D Mark Morris, second by Jose J Rodriguez.

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

2.18 RATIFY Independent Contractor Agreement for Non-Construction Services No. 202425-574 with Fernando Tours, Inc., Montebello, to provide transportation services to the Folsom Jazz Festival for Downey High School, in an

amount not to exceed \$12,000.00, from January 4, 2025 through June 30, 2025, charged to the General Fund.

Motion by D Mark Morris, second by Jose J Rodriguez.

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

2.19 APPROVE Independent Contractor Agreement for Non-Construction Services No. 202425-586 with Downey Events Corp., dba Danny's Jumpers, Downey, to provide party rentals for the 5th grade party at Rio Hondo Elementary School, in an amount not to exceed \$1,500.72, on June 2, 2025, charged to the Rio Hondo Elementary School Special Site Account.

Motion by D Mark Morris, second by Jose J Rodriguez.

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

2.20 APPROVE Independent Contractor Agreement for Non-Construction Services No. 202425-641 with Downey Events Corp., dba Danny's Jumpers, Downey, to provide party rentals for the 5th grade party at Gallatin Elementary School, in an amount not to exceed \$3,793.92, on June 3,2025, charged to the Gallatin Special Site Account.

Motion by D Mark Morris, second by Jose J Rodriguez.

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

2.21 RATIFY Independent Contractor Agreement for Non-Construction Services No. 202425-643 with Pathfinder Child Development, La Palma, to provide a puppet show for the Leap Program, in an amount not to exceed \$365.00, on April 4, 2025, charged to the Restricted General Contracted Services Leap Fund.

Motion by D Mark Morris, second by Jose J Rodriguez.

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

2.22 RATIFY Independent Contractor Agreement for Non-Construction Services No. 202425-648 with e3 Diagnostics, dba e3 Audiometrics, Inc., Arlington Heights, Illinois, to install sound booths at Lewis and Gauldin Elementary Schools for the DHH program, in an amount not to exceed \$75,518.58, from March 5, 2025, through June 30, 2025, to be charged to the DHH Fund.

Motion by D Mark Morris, second by Jose J Rodriguez.

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

2.23 RATIFY Independent Contractor Agreement for Non-Construction Services No. 202425-660 with WestEd, San Francisco, to support special and general pre-school staff and students with disabilities to receive support they need within general education classrooms at the PACE site and to develop push-in practices at the earliest stage of a student's academic journey, in an amount not to exceed \$80,000.00, from April 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026, charged to the Early Intervention Program Grant Fund.

Motion by D Mark Morris, second by Jose J Rodriguez.

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

2.24 RATIFY DUSD Agreement No. 202425-663 with Paramount Pet Entertainment, Paramount, to provide two one-hour reptile presentations at Williams Elementary School, at no cost to the District, on May 2, 2025.

Motion by D Mark Morris, second by Jose J Rodriguez.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

2.25 RATIFY Agreement for Construction Services (Small Projects) No. 202425-666 with Innovation Painting Inc., Ontario, to paint the exterior fascia board and rain gutter at Stauffer Middle School, in an amount not to exceed \$2,900.00, from March 10, 2025 to March 31, 2025, charged to the General Maintenance Fund.

Motion by D Mark Morris, second by Jose J Rodriguez.

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

2.26 RATIFY Independent Contractor Agreement for Non-Construction Services No. 202425-671 with United Rentals (North America), Inc., Los Angeles, to provide parts and install a replacement alternator in the Maintenance Yard, in an amount not to exceed \$4,038.28, from January 20, 2025 through February 28, 2025, charged to the General Maintenance Fund.

Motion by D Mark Morris, second by Jose J Rodriguez.

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

2.27 APPROVE Agreement for Construction Services (Small Projects) No. 202425-676 with Genesis Floor Covering, Inc., Santa Fe Springs, to install synthetic turf in front of the Administration Building at Stauffer Middle School, in an amount not to exceed \$32,649.00, from May 15, 2025 through June 30, 2025, charged to the Routine Repair Maintenance Fund.

Motion by D Mark Morris, second by Jose J Rodriguez.

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

2.28 RATIFY Agreement for Construction Services (Small Projects) No. 202425-678 with Earth General Construction, City of Industry, to provide labor to complete the kitchen renovation at Pace Education Center, in an amount not to exceed \$74,950.00, from March 21, 2025 to June 30, 2025, charged to the General Pace Construction Fund.

Motion by D Mark Morris, second by Jose J Rodriguez.

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

2.29 RATIFY Agreement for Construction Services (Small Projects) No. 202425-682 with Genesis Floor Covering, Inc., Santa Fe Springs, to remove and replace flooring in the Administration Building at Gallatin Elementary School and in Rooms 11, 15, 17 and 4 at Gauldin Elementary School, in an amount not to exceed \$30,682.22, from April 17, 2025 through June 30, 2025, charged to the Routine Repair Maintenance Fund.

Motion by D Mark Morris, second by Jose J Rodriguez.

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

2.30 APPROVE Independent Contractor Agreement for Non-Construction Services No. 202425-684 with Downey Events Corp., dba Danny's Jumpers, Downey, to provide inflatable sport games and generator rental for the 5th grade party at Old River Elementary School, in an amount not to exceed \$1,333.28, on June 2, 2025, charged to the Old River Elementary School Special Site Account.

Motion by D Mark Morris, second by Jose J Rodriguez.

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

2.31 APPROVE Independent Contractor Agreement for Non-Construction Services No. 202425-686 with BMX Freestyle Team, LLC, Corona, to provide two BMX performance and bicycle safety assemblies at Old River Elementary School, in an amount not to exceed \$2,350.00, on June 2, 2025, charged to the Old River Elementary School Special Site Account.

Motion by D Mark Morris, second by Jose J Rodriguez.

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

2.32 RATIFY Independent Contractor Agreement for Non-Construction Services No. 202425-688, a Master Agreement with Stay Arts, Downey, to provide arts education programs, exhibitions and projects for various school sites throughout the District, during the 2024-25 school year, in an amount not to exceed \$50,000.00, effective February 1, 2025 through June 30, 2025.

Motion by D Mark Morris, second by Jose J Rodriguez.

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

2.33 APPROVE DUSD Agreement No. 202425-694 with Kroll, LLC, Los Angeles, to provide an updated fixed asset accounting ledger for accounting and financial reporting of District capital equipment inventory as of June 30, 2025, in an amount not to exceed \$7,200.00, charged to the General Fund.

Motion by D Mark Morris, second by Jose J Rodriguez.

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

2.34 RATIFY Independent Contractor Agreement for Non-Construction Services No. 202425-695 with FaciliServ, Inc., Woodstock, Illinois, to replace the basketball backstop winch at Downey High School, in an amount not to exceed \$3,500.00, from March 13, 2025 through May 30, 2025, charged to the General Maintenance Fund.

Motion by D Mark Morris, second by Jose J Rodriguez.

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

2.35 RATIFY Independent Contractor Agreement for Non-Construction Services No. 202425-697 with NVB Equipment, Inc., Fresno, to remove existing compressor and mounting bracket, install new compressor, mounting bracket, pulley and belt; charge and test the A/C system on Bus #14 for the Transportation Department, in an amount not to exceed \$7,000.00, from July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025, charged to the General Maintenance Fund.

Motion by D Mark Morris, second by Jose J Rodriguez.

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

2.36 APPROVE Agreement for Construction Services (Small Projects) No. 202425-698 with Genesis Floor Covering, Inc., Santa Fe Springs, to provide and install new flooring in the employee lounges at the District Office, in an amount not to exceed \$14,335.97, from May 14, 2025 through June 30, 2025, charged to the Routine Repair Maintenance Fund.

Motion by D Mark Morris, second by Jose J Rodriguez.

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

2.37 RATIFY Independent Contractor Agreement for Non-Construction Services No. 202425-700 with KDAY Radio, LLC, Burbank, to provide radio advertising services to promote the Transitional Kindergarten birthdate expansion, in an amount not to exceed \$17,200.00, from April 7, 2025 through June 1, 2025, charged to the General Fund.

Motion by D Mark Morris, second by Jose J Rodriguez.

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

2.38 RATIFY Independent Contractor Agreement for Non-Construction Services No. 202425-701 with KXOS Radio, LLC, Burbank, to provide radio advertising services to promote the Transitional Kindergarten birthdate expansion, in an amount not to exceed \$23,200.00, from April 7, 2025 through June 1, 2025, charged to the General Fund.

Motion by D Mark Morris, second by Jose J Rodriguez.

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

2.39 APPROVE Independent Contractor Agreement for Non-Construction Services No. 202425-702 with Inspired Life School Assemblies, dba Forward BMX Show, to provide two BMX school assemblies at Sussman Middle School, in an amount not to exceed \$2,485.00, on June 2, 2025, charged to the General LCFF Supplemental and Concentration Fund.

Motion by D Mark Morris, second by Jose J Rodriguez.

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

2.40 RATIFY Downey Unified School District Agreement No. 202425-707 for Consultant/Professional Services (Construction-Related) with Geo-Advantec, Inc., San Dimas, to provide geological testing at Rio San Gabriel Elementary School, in an amount not to exceed \$32,395.00, from April 1, 2025 through June 30, 2025, charged to the Measure K Bond Fund.

Motion by D Mark Morris, second by Jose J Rodriguez.

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

2.41 APPROVE Independent Contractor Agreement for Non-Construction Services No. 202425-709 with Douglas W. Stephey O.D., Inc., Covina, to provide vision therapy assessments, written reports, and IEP meeting attendance for a DUSD student, in an amount not to exceed \$1,800.00, from May 14, 2025 through December 31, 2025, charged to the Special Education Health Fund.

Motion by D Mark Morris, second by Jose J Rodriguez.

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

2.42 RATIFY Independent Contractor Agreement for Non-Construction Services Agreement No. 202425-710 with Avalon Transportation, LLC, Orange, to transport Warren High School students to Cerritos Community College, in an amount not to exceed \$1,200.00, from April 4, 2025 through June 30, 2025, charged to LCAP Line 55.

Motion by D Mark Morris, second by Jose J Rodriguez.

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

2.43 APPROVE Independent Contractor Agreement for Non-Construction Services No. 202425-711 with Tania McKey/In5pird 2 Lead, LLC, Huntsville, Alabama, to facilitate professional learning for the International Baccalaureate Middle Year Program (MYP) at Sussman Middle School, in an amount not to exceed \$3,600.00, from June 6, 2025 through June 9, 2025, charged to the IASA Title IV Fund.

Motion by D Mark Morris, second by Jose J Rodriguez.

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

2.44 RATIFY DUSD Agreement No. 202425-717 and Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the City of Downey, acting by and through the Downey City Library, to provide the Downey One Card Program for the purpose of improving access to library resources for all District students by accepting a student's DUSD identification card as a City Library card, at no cost to the District, from July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2029.

Motion by D Mark Morris, second by Jose J Rodriguez.

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

2.45 RATIFY Agreement for Construction Services (Small Projects) No. 202425-720 with Guinart Construction, Inc., Pasadena, for relocating the existing playground at Carpenter Elementary School, in an amount not to exceed

\$74,980.00, from April 21, 2025 to June 30, 2025, charged to the Measure K Bond Fund.

Motion by D Mark Morris, second by Jose J Rodriguez.

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

2.46 RATIFY Independent Contractor Agreement for Non-Construction Services No. 202425-721 with Beltmann Relocation Group, Anaheim, to relocate equipment and containers to prepare for summer modernization construction at Imperial and Rio Hondo Elementary Schools, in an amount not to exceed \$79,848.00, from April 21, 2025 through June 30, 2025, charged to the Measure K Bond Fund.

Motion by D Mark Morris, second by Jose J Rodriguez.

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

2.47 APPROVE Agreement No. 202425-726 between Downey Unified School District and the City of Downey for School Resource Officer services for the Police on Campus Program at Columbus High School, from August 13, 2025 through August 16, 2026, in an amount not to exceed \$150,000.00, charged to LCAP Line 52.

Motion by D Mark Morris, second by Jose J Rodriguez.

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

2.48 RATIFY Amendment No. 1 to Independent Contractor Agreement for Non-Construction Services No. 202425-374 with Clearwell, Glendale, to provide an assets-based Professional Development program at the middle schools, to increase the agreement amount by \$41,475.00 for a new total not to exceed amount of \$66,115.00, charged to the A-G Access Success Grant.

Motion by D Mark Morris, second by Jose J Rodriguez.

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

2.49 APPROVE Amendment No. 1 to Independent Contractor Agreement for Non-Construction Services No. 202425-439 with Sharp International, Inc., Claremont, to provide judges for cheer tryouts at all middle schools, by increasing the agreement amount by \$800.00 for a new total agreement amount not to exceed \$1,700.00, charged to the General Fund.

Motion by D Mark Morris, second by Jose J Rodriguez.

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

2.50 APPROVE Amendment No. 1 to Independent Contractor Agreement for Non-Construction Services No. 202425-645 with Omar Espinoza, Downey, to provide additional DJ Services for the Elementary Esports event, to increase the agreement amount by \$2,000.00 for a new total amount not to exceed \$4,000.00, and to extend the term through May 14, 2025, charged to LCAP Line 9.

Motion by D Mark Morris, second by Jose J Rodriguez.

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

2.51 RATIFY Amendment No. 1 to Independent Contractor Agreement for Non-Construction Services No. 202425-652 with NVB Equipment, Inc., Fresno, to cover the additional cost to make all necessary repairs to the fire suppression system panel on Bus #95, in the amount of \$1,000.00 for a new total agreement not to exceed amount of \$4,000.00, charged to the General Maintenance Fund.

Motion by D Mark Morris, second by Jose J Rodriguez.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

2.52 RATIFY Amendment No. 1 to Agreement for Construction Services (Small Projects) No. 202425-653 with Evaro Glazing Inc., Azusa, to cover the cost and installation of an additional glass panel at the District Administration Office, in the amount of \$650.00 for a new total agreement not to exceed amount of \$5,275.00, charged to the General Maintenance Fund.

Motion by D Mark Morris, second by Jose J Rodriguez.

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

2.53 RATIFY Amendment No. 2 to Agreement 202425-021 with Integrated Pest Control Management, Covina, to amend and increase the agreement for providing pest control services in the Food Services kitchens, increasing the contract by \$1,050.00 for a new total amount not to exceed \$10,500.00, charged to the Food Services Fund.

Motion by D Mark Morris, second by Jose J Rodriguez.

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

2.54 RATIFY Amendment No. 2 to Independent Contractor Agreement for Non-Construction Services No. 202425-089 with Western Pump, Inc., Rancho Cucamonga, to provide maintenance and service to the Transportation fuel pumps, in the increased amount of \$5,500.00 for a new total agreement amount not to exceed \$18,900.00, charged to the General Maintenance Fund.

Motion by D Mark Morris, second by Jose J Rodriguez.

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

2.55 APPROVE Amendment No. 3 to Cerritos College's College and Career Access Pathways Partnership (CCAP) Contract No.C22000000201 and DUSD Independent Contractor Agreement for Non-Construction Services No. 202122-303-003 to modify by adding courses to the Dual Enrollment Course Program.

Motion by D Mark Morris, second by Jose J Rodriguez.

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

2.56 ACCEPT and APPROVE the use of California Multiple Award Schedule (CMAS) Contract Number 3-23-08-1020 with AVI-SPL, LLC, Tampa, Florida, for the purchase of information technology goods and services with the same advantages, terms and conditions as approved by the agency.

Motion by D Mark Morris, second by Jose J Rodriguez.

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

2.57 ACCEPT and APPROVE the use of California Multiple Award Schedule (CMAS) Contract Number 3-23-08-1028 with AVI-SPL, LLC, Tampa, Florida, for the purchase of information technology goods and services with the same advantages, terms and conditions as approved by the agency.

Motion by D Mark Morris, second by Jose J Rodriguez.

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

2.58 ACCEPT and APPROVE the use of the SchoolBuys Contract #0000-7792 with Krueger International, Inc., Green Bay, Wisconsin, for the purchase of school and office furniture, fixtures, and equipment, by the Downey Unified School District on an as needed basis with the same advantages, terms and conditions.

Motion by D Mark Morris, second by Jose J Rodriguez.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

2.59 ACCEPT and APPROVE the use of California Multiple Award Schedule (CMAS) Contract Number 4-22-01-1042 with Bentley Mills, Inc., City of Industry, for the purchase, warranty, removal, disposal, and installation of carpet and commercial flooring, with the same advantages, terms and conditions as approved by the agency.

Motion by D Mark Morris, second by Jose J Rodriguez.

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

2.60 APPROVE the declaration and sale and/or recycling of District obsolete property and abate the income to the General Fund or the Food Services Fund.

Motion by D Mark Morris, second by Jose J Rodriguez.

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

2.61 ACKNOWLEDGE Receipt of a Claim for Damages dated April 18, 2025 and received April 25, 2025, submitted by Eric Canton of Sepulveda Sanchez Accident Lawyers, Los Angeles, on behalf of Marvin Zepeda, and REJECT the claim in compliance with Government Code Section 945.6.

Motion by D Mark Morris, second by Jose J Rodriguez.

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

2.62 ACKNOWLEDGE Receipt of a Claim for Damages dated April 25, 2025 and received April 30, 2025, submitted by Vardan Boyazhyan, Esq., of V/B & Associates, Glendale, on behalf of minor client I.R., and REJECT the claim in compliance with Government Code Section 945.6.

Motion by D Mark Morris, second by Jose J Rodriguez.

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

2.63 RATIFY and/or APPROVE routine Personnel Items until subsequent action is taken by the Board of Education.

Motion by D Mark Morris, second by Jose J Rodriguez.

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. GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

3.1 APPROVE the Schedule of Regular Board Meetings for the 2025-2026 school year.

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

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

3.2 APPROVE the name change of Imperial Elementary School to John A. Garcia, Jr. Elementary School.

Motion by D Mark Morris, second by Tyrone Conde.

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

3.3 APPROVE Downey Unified School District Resolution No. 202425-20 Declaring the Futility of Further Public Bidding for Pace Education Center Classroom Renovations and Authorizing Contract with Jermax Construction, Inc., a California Corporation, for the Additional Labor and Material Needed Due to Abatement of Floor Tile, Mastic Removal, Carpet Installation, and Demolition of Casework.

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

3.4 RATIFY Change Orders No. 1 & 2 to Bid No. 24/25-25, Pace Education Center Classroom Renovation Project, with Jermax Construction, Inc., San Fernando, in the increased amount of \$45,977.02 for a total agreement amount not to exceed \$110,977.02, charged to the General Pace Construction Fund.

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

3.5 APPROVE Downey Unified School District Resolution No. 202425-21 Declaring the Futility of Further Public Bidding for Pace Education Center Plumbing and Authorizing Contract with GDL Best Contractors, Inc., a California Corporation, for the Additional Labor and Material Needed Due to Installation of Additional Toilets, Removal and Demolition of Existing Toilets, Sewer Connection, and Ceramic Tile Replacement.

Motion by Nancy A Swenson, second by Tyrone Conde.

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

3.6 RATIFY Change Order No. 1 to Bid No. 24/25-18, Pace Education Center Plumbing Project, with GDL Best Contractors, Inc., Whittier, in the increased amount of \$30,000.00 for a total agreement amount not to exceed \$98,000.00, charged to the General Pace Construction Fund.

Motion by Tyrone Conde, second by Jose J Rodriguez.

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

3.7 APPROVE Downey Unified School District Resolution No. 202425-22 Declaring the Futility of Further Public Bidding for Pace Education Center Fencing and Authorizing Contract with Red Hawk Services, Inc., a California Corporation, for the Additional Labor and Material Needed Due to Changes in Galvanized Wire to Black Vinyl Coated Chain Link, Wrought Iron Fence, and Lever Gate Hardware to Panic Hardware.

Motion by Tyrone Conde, second by Jose J Rodriguez.

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

3.8 RATIFY Change Order No. 1 to Bid No. 24/25-17, Pace Education Center Fencing Project, with Red Hawk Services, Inc., Perris, in the increased amount of \$68,322.00 for a total agreement amount not to exceed \$492,593.00, charged to the General Pace Construction Fund.

Motion by Tyrone Conde, 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

3.9 APPROVE Downey Unified School District Resolution No. 202425-23 Delegating Authority to Award and Enter Into the Lease-Leaseback Contract for the Rio Hondo Elementary School Modernization and New Construction Project Pursuant to Education Code Section 17604.

Motion by Nancy A Swenson, 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

3.10 RECEIVE and APPROVE Administrative Report: Request for Allowance of Attendance Due to Emergency Conditions and the corresponding Certification for the Downey Unified School District for the 2024-25 fiscal year.

Motion by Nancy A Swenson, 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

#### 4. SPECIAL ADMINISTRATIVE

4.1 ESTABLISH assignments for participation in the Class of 2025 graduation and promotion ceremonies.

Board Members will be attending the following Graduation and Promotion Ceremonies

Downey High School Graduation - Linda Saldana, Jose Rodriguez, Tyrone Conde, Giovanna Perez-Saab, Nancy Swenson

Warren High School Graduation - Linda Saldana, Jose Rodriguez, Tyrone Conde, Giovanna Perez-Saab, Nancy Swenson

Columbus High School Graduation - Linda Saldana, Jose Rodriguez, Tyrone Conde, Giovanna Perez-Saab, Nancy Swenson

Woodruff Academy Promotion - Linda Saldana, Jose Rodriguez, Nancy Swenson Doty MS Promotion - Jose Rodriguez, Tyrone Conde, Giovanna Perez-Saab Stauffer MS Promotion - Linda Saldana, Nancy Swenson Griffiths MS Promotion - Linda Saldana, Jose Rodriguez, Tyrone Conde, Giovanna Perez-Saab

Sussman MS Promotion - Nancy Swenson

### **5. SPECIAL ADMINISTRATIVE - Instructional Services**

5.1 APPROVE Proposed Course of Study for the high schools and middle schools for the 2025-2026 school year.

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

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

#### 6. SPECIAL ADMINISTRATIVE - Personnel

6.1 APPROVE Contract for the Superintendent of Downey Unified School District, effective July 1, 2025.

Motion by D Mark Morris, 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

Meeting was recessed at 5:51 p.m. and was reconvened at 6:15 p.m.

1.9 HEAR Presentation from John Shook, Director of Maintenance, Operations and Transportation, recognizing Jorge Marquez, bus driver, with the Shared Values Award in the Area of Best Staff and High Standards.

#### 7. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA

#### 8. NEXT MEETING

8.1 The next meeting of the Board of Education will be a Regular Meeting to be held on Tuesday, June 10, 2025, at 5:00 p.m. in the Grace E. Horney Board Room of the Gallegos Administration Center, 11627 Brookshire Avenue, Downey, California.

# 9. CLOSED SESSION

9.1 The Board of Education retired into Closed Session at 6:26 p.m. to discuss: Public Employment - Certificated/Administration/Classified Management; Discipline/Dismissal/Release; Conference with Legal Counsel - Anticipated Litigation, Initiation of litigation pursuant to Gov. Code, § 54956.9, subd. (d)(4): 1 potential case and reconvened into Open Session at 8:10 p.m.

During its recently concluded Closed Session, the Board voted unanimously to authorize the initiation of litigation to recover damages, costs, and expenses sustained as a result of a former Certificated employee's violation of a Settlement Agreement. Information regarding the defendants or other particulars, once formally commenced, will be available upon request unless to do so would jeopardize the District's ability to effectuate service of process on one or more unserved parties, or that to do so would jeopardize its ability to conclude existing settlement negotiations to its advantage.

#### **10. ADJOURNMENT**

10.1 The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education meeting was adjourned at 8:14 p.m. in memory of Stefanie Miller and Manolo Reyes.

# DOWNEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT Board of Education

Linda Salomon Saldaña, President	D. Mark Morris, Clerk