

Minutes of the Special Board of Education Meeting Tuesday, October 28, 2025

1. GENERAL BOARD FUNCTIONS

1.1 The Board of Education Meeting was Called to Order by Mrs. Linda Saldana, President of the Board of Education, at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 28, 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 Nancy A. Swenson, Member of the Board of Education.

1.3 Invocation was delivered by Jose R. Rodriguez, Vice President 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 - In Memoriam
Nancy A. Swenson

Roger Brossmer, Ed.D.

1.5 ADOPT Agenda for the Special Meeting of the Board of Education held on October 28, 2025.

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, 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.

Comments were heard from:

Anda Hayes who read a statement on behalf of Andra Macomber in support of Lorraine Neal for Interim Board Member.

Betty Monroy applicant for the Interim Board Member seat introduced herself to the Board Members.

Lynn Silagyi-Morris in support of Lorraine Neal for Interim Board Member.

Donald LaPlante in support of Lorraine Neal for Interim Board Member.

2. GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE

2.1 Interviews were conducted of the following applicants for the Interim Board Member vacancy representing Trustee Area 7 due to the passing of Barbara (Bobbie) Samperi: Oscar Cisco, Luis Lopez, Joseph Manacmul, Betty Monroy, Lorraine Neal and Xavier Reyes.

Before the interviews began, Board President, Linda Saldana read a statement on how the interviews were going to be conducted.

2.2 DISCUSS and SELECT an Interim Board of Education Member to fill the seat for Trustee Area 7 until the next regularly scheduled election in November of 2026, in accordance with Education Code §5091.

Board members made comments on the applicants interviewed and discussed who the best candidates would be to fill the vacant seat. After these discussions, motions were made and Joseph Manacmul received the majority vote, Manacmul was appointed as the Interim Board Member until the November 2026 election. He will be sworn in at the November 12 meeting.

Motion by Nancy A Swenson, second by D Mark Morris.

Final Resolution: Motion Failed

Yea: D Mark Morris, Nancy A Swenson

Nay: Linda Salomon Saldana, Jose J Rodriguez, Tyrone Conde, Giovanna Perez-Saab

Motion by Jose J Rodriguez, second by Tyrone Conde.

Motion Carried

Yea: Linda Salomon Saldana, Jose J Rodriguez, Tyrone Conde, Giovanna Perez-Saab

Nay: D Mark Morris, 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 Wednesday, November 12, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. in the Grace E. Horney Board Room of the Gallegos Administration Center, 11627 Brookshire Avenue, Downey, California.

The meeting was recessed at 8:09 p.m. and reconvened at 8:22 p.m.

4. CLOSED SESSION

4.1 The Board of Education retired into Closed Session at 8:23 p.m. to discuss: Public Employment - Certificated/Administration/Classified Management; Discipline/Dismissal/Release; Negotiations.

5. ADJOURNMENT

5.1 The Special Meeting of the Board of Education was adjourned at 9:16 p.m.

DOWNEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Education

Linda Salomon Saldaña, President

D. Mark Morris, Clerk