

Minutes of the Regular Board of Education Meeting Tuesday, April 14, 2026

1. GENERAL BOARD FUNCTIONS

1.1 Meeting was Called to Order by Mr. Jose J. Rodriguez, President of the Board of Education, at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 14, 2026, 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 and the Character Counts! Pledge was led by Tyrone Conde, Clerk of the Board of Education.

1.3 Invocation was delivered by Joseph Manacmul, Member of the Board of Education.

1.4 ROLL CALL

Jose J. Rodriguez
D. Mark Morris
Tyrone Conde
Joseph Manacmul
Giovanna Perez-Saab
Linda Salomon Saldaña
Nancy A. Swenson

Roger Brossmer, Ed.D.

1.5 ADOPT Agenda for the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education held on April 14, 2026.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

1.6 APPROVE Official Minutes of the Special Board of Education Meeting held March 7, 2026, as submitted or with necessary corrections.

Motion by Nancy A Swenson, second by Tyrone Conde.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

1.7 APPROVE Official Minutes of the Regular Board of Education Meeting held March 10, 2026, as submitted or with necessary corrections.

Motion by Nancy A Swenson, second by Tyrone Conde.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

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

There was no correspondence to be received.

1.9 RECOGNIZE the Warren High School Large Squad, Non-Co-Ed and Non-Tumbling Cheer Team and Coaches as the 2025-26 CIF State Champions.

1.10 RECOGNIZE Luis Zamora as the 2025-26 Coastal Division CIF Southern Section Boys Wrestling Champion.

1.12 HEAR a Presentation from Dr. Rani Bertsch with a follow up to the DUSD Secondary Scholar Pathways.

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

Board members shared highlights from their activities over the past month. Many commented on the positive experiences and accomplishments they observed during visits to our school sites. The Board congratulated the elementary team on the successful Carnival of Champions event.

Ms. Swenson congratulated Dr. Rebekah Ruswick on being named a Soroptimist Woman of Distinction and also recognized Luz Perez for being honored by Assemblymember Blanca Pacheco in celebration of her retirement.

Mr. Rodriguez welcomed Personnel Commissioners Dianne Lumsdaine and John Kennedy, who were present at the meeting. He also expressed appreciation to staff for their dedication and hard work throughout the year and congratulated Dr. Brossmer on nearing the completion of his first year as Superintendent, noting his individual style and the positive impact of his leadership.

Superintendent Dr. Brossmer congratulated Dr. Xóchitl Ortiz, Principal of Columbus High School, on being named the 2026 Continuation Education Administrator of the Year, and Dr. Anthony Zegarra, Administrator of Business Services, on being named the 2026 Business Services Administrator of the Year. Dr. Brossmer expressed gratitude for the district's collaborative relationship with its unions, especially in light of the challenges surrounding districts are facing,. He noted that the District is preparing for a busy period ahead with upcoming end-of-year activities.

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

Comments were heard from the following:

Lorraine Neal with a presentation from the Stauffer Foundation to Chris Nezzar our Chief Technology Officer for his nomination of the Stauffer Foundation to Zangle. Due to this nomination the Stauffer Foundation received a grant in the amount of \$5,625.00.

Dr. Fabian Corona, from True Vision, thanking the District for their partnership with letting them do vision screenings for our students. This year they have performed 6,658 vision screenings, 588 color vision screening and supplied over 900 glasses at no charge to our students.

2. CONSENT AGENDA

2.1 Approval of Consent Agenda Item Nos. 2.1 through 2.54.

Motion by Linda Salomon Saldana, second by Nancy A Swenson.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

2.2 ACCEPT with gratitude and in accordance with Board Policy 6372 the gift donations received through March 2026.

Motion by Linda Salomon Saldana, second by Nancy A Swenson.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yea: Jose J Rodriguez, D Mark Morris, Tyrone Conde, Joseph Manacmul, Giovanna Perez-Saab, Linda Salomon Saldana, 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 Linda Salomon Saldana, second by Nancy A Swenson.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

2.4 RATIFY Individual Service Agreement for Nonpublic, Nonsectarian School Services No. 202526-38 with Del Sol School, Cypress, from July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026, in an amount not to exceed \$46,767.00, charged to the Special Education NPS Fund.

Motion by Linda Salomon Saldana, second by Nancy A Swenson.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

2.5 RATIFY Independent Contractor Agreement for Non-Construction Services No. 202526-592 with Dynamic Education Services, Inc., Placentia, to provide the Sondag Reading Intervention Program to a District student, from March 11, 2026 through June 30, 2028, in an amount not to exceed \$15,000.00, charged to the Special Education Tutoring Fund.

Motion by Linda Salomon Saldana, second by Nancy A Swenson.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

2.6 RATIFY Independent Contractor Agreement for Non-Construction Services No. 202526-601 with Dynamic Education Services, Inc., Placentia, to provide sixty hours of reading intervention services for a student with an Individualized Education Program, from April 14, 2026 through December 31, 2026, in an amount not to exceed \$7,800.00, charged to the General Special Education Tutoring Fund.

Motion by Linda Salomon Saldana, second by Nancy A Swenson.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

2.7 APPROVE Independent Contractor Agreement for Non-Construction Services No. 202526-628 with Spectrum Assessment Services, Whittier, to conduct an Independent Educational Evaluation in Psychoeducation for a student with an Individualized Education Program, from April 15, 2026 through April 15, 2027, in an amount not to exceed \$6,400.00, charged to the Special Education Tutoring Fund.

Motion by Linda Salomon Saldana, second by Nancy A Swenson.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

2.8 APPROVE Independent Contractor Agreement for Non-Construction Services No. 202526-634 with Unlimited Behavior Solutions, Lakewood, to provide behavioral consultation for a student and attend Individual Education Program meetings for two hours per month, from April 15, 2026 through June 30, 2026, in an amount not to exceed \$1,200.00, charged to the Special Education Guidance and Counseling Fund.

Motion by Linda Salomon Saldana, second by Nancy A Swenson.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

2.9 APPROVE the Williams Lawsuit Settlement Quarterly Report on Uniform Complaints for the third quarter (January 1 through March 31) of the 2025-26 school year.

Motion by Linda Salomon Saldana, second by Nancy A Swenson.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

2.10 RATIFY the issuance of A Warrant Payroll Orders for Hourly, Extra Duty and Overtime, Electronic Payments and Community Service work performed by Classified, Adult School, and Food Services Personnel, issued in the month of February 2026.

Motion by Linda Salomon Saldana, second by Nancy A Swenson.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

2.11 RATIFY B Warrants and Electronic Fund Transfers (EFT/ACH) for Downey Unified School District, falling between Warrant Numbers 22577663 - 22620029, and EFT/ACH Numbers falling between 202601300539107 - 202602260549284 issued for payment of authorized purchases or obligations incurred by law or District policy, for the period beginning February 1, 2026 and ending February 28, 2026.

Motion by Linda Salomon Saldana, second by Nancy A Swenson.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

2.12 RATIFY Agreement No. 202526-461 with the University of Southern California (USC) Rossier School of Education, Los Angeles, to provide supervised field experiences in support of teaching, school counseling, and speech language pathology candidates, from March 19, 2026 through June 30, 2029, at no cost to the District.

Motion by Linda Salomon Saldana, second by Nancy A Swenson.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

2.13 APPROVE Independent Contractor Agreement for Non-Construction Services No. 202526-613 with Close Up Foundation, Arlington, Virginia, for DHH students to attend the Close Up Civic Education Program in Washington, D.C., in a total amount not to exceed \$17,879.06 including the prepaid deposit, from May 3, 2026 through May 8, 2026, charged to the DHH Program Fund.

Motion by Linda Salomon Saldana, second by Nancy A Swenson.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

2.14 RATIFY Independent Contractor Agreement for Non-Construction Services No. 202526-504 with Play-Well Teknologies, San Anselmo, to provide STEM explorations using Legos for GATE students at Price Elementary School, from January 5, 2026 through March 2, 2026, in an amount not to exceed \$1,800.00, charged to the General Elementary CIA GATE Fund.

Motion by Linda Salomon Saldana, second by Nancy A Swenson.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

2.15 APPROVE Independent Contractor Agreement for Non-Construction Services No. 202526-584 with Holly Cepeda, dba Paramount Pet Entertainment, Paramount, to provide a reptile presentation at Price Elementary School, on April 29, 2026, in an amount not to exceed \$718.00, charged to the General Price Elementary Site Fund.

Motion by Linda Salomon Saldana, second by Nancy A Swenson.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

2.16 APPROVE Independent Contractor Agreement for Non-Construction Services No. 202526-585 with Thor's Reptile Family, Norco, to provide two (2) thirty-minute hands-on Safari presentations for Leap students at Pace Education Center, on May 12, 2026, in an amount not to exceed \$730.00, charged to the General Leap Fund.

Motion by Linda Salomon Saldana, second by Nancy A Swenson.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

2.17 APPROVE Independent Contractor Agreement for Non-Construction Services No. 202526-594 with Pathfinder Child Development, La Palma, to provide a party puppet show performance at Leap in the Pace Education Center, on June 15, 2026, in an amount not to exceed \$365.00, charged to the General Leap Fund.

Motion by Linda Salomon Saldana, second by Nancy A Swenson.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

2.18 RATIFY Independent Contractor Agreement for Non-Construction Services No. 202526-596 with California Weekly Explorer Inc., Tustin, to provide three Walk Through California presentations at Ward Elementary School, from March 16, 2026 through March 31, 2026, in an amount not to exceed \$2,982.99, charged to the Ward Elementary Arts & Music Prop 28 Fund.

Motion by Linda Salomon Saldana, second by Nancy A Swenson.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

2.19 RATIFY Agreement for Construction Services (Small Projects) No. 202526-598 with Westside Builders Corp., Northridge, to provide and install lighting and light fixture angle supports to illuminate school signage at Lewis Elementary School, from February 19, 2026 through April 30, 2026, in an amount not to exceed \$33,078.00, charged to the Routine Repair Maintenance Fund.

Motion by Linda Salomon Saldana, second by Nancy A Swenson.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

2.20 RATIFY Agreement for Construction Services (Small Projects) No. 202526-599 with Red Hawk Services, Inc., Perris, to provide removal of chain link fencing and replace it with black vinyl fencing between the playground and portable buildings at Pace Education Center, from February 11, 2026 through April 30, 2026, in an amount not to exceed \$48,862.24, charged to the General Pace Construction Fund.

Motion by Linda Salomon Saldana, second by Nancy A Swenson.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

2.21 RATIFY Independent Contractor Agreement for Non-Construction Services No. 202526-602 with Bill Ferrell Co., Sun Valley, to provide delivery and installation of one 16-foot diameter turntable platform stage for Downey High School for a theatrical performance at the Downey Theatre, from March 21, 2026 through April 4, 2026, in an amount not to exceed \$5,033.00, charged to the General Downey High Arts & Music Prop 28 Fund.

Motion by Linda Salomon Saldana, second by Nancy A Swenson.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

2.22 RATIFY Agreement for Independent Consultant/Professional Services (Construction Related) No. 202526-603 with SGH Architects, Inc., Redlands, to provide a feasibility study for kitchen renovations at Stauffer Middle School, from February 25, 2026 through April 30, 2026, in an amount not to exceed \$12,000.00, charged to the Kitchen Infrastructure and Training Fund.

Motion by Linda Salomon Saldana, second by Nancy A Swenson.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

2.23 APPROVE Independent Contractor Agreement for Non-Construction Services No. 202526-605 with College Essay Guy, Corpus Christi, Texas, to provide college essay and personal statement writing workshops for 11th grade students at Warren High School, from June 8, 2026 through July 7, 2026, in an amount not to exceed \$4,000.00, charged to the LCAP Fund.

Motion by Linda Salomon Saldana, second by Nancy A Swenson.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

2.24 RATIFY Agreement for Construction Services (Small Projects) No. 202526-606 with Genesis Floor Covering, Inc., Santa Fe Springs, to remove carpeting damaged by rain leaks and to install new flooring in two offices at Stauffer Middle School, from March 2, 2026 through March 30, 2026, in an amount not to exceed \$3,482.49, charged to the Routine Repair Maintenance Fund.

Motion by Linda Salomon Saldana, second by Nancy A Swenson.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

2.25 RATIFY Agreement for Construction Services (Small Projects) No. 202526-611 with Pastusak Plumbing, Inc., Lakewood, to install a drainage floor sink and a floor drain in the kitchen at Sussman Middle School, from April 6, 2026 through April 8, 2026, in an amount not to exceed \$12,000.00, charged to the Routine Repair Maintenance Fund.

Motion by Linda Salomon Saldana, second by Nancy A Swenson.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

2.26 RATIFY Independent Contractor Agreement for Non-Construction Services No. 202526-612 with Pisanick Partners, LLC, Brecksville, Ohio, to provide Interim Registered Dietitian (RD) support during a maternity leave to ensure continuity, regulatory compliance, documentation accuracy, and effective communication related to student special diet accommodations, for a maximum of 110 hours from April 1, 2026, through November 1, 2026, in an amount not to exceed \$19,250.00, charged to the Food Services Fund.

Motion by Linda Salomon Saldana, second by Nancy A Swenson.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

2.27 RATIFY Independent Contractor Agreement for Non-Construction Services No. 202526-600 with Gwendolyn Olicker, Studio City, to provide an Independent Educational Evaluation in the area of Occupational

Therapy for a student with an Individualized Education Program, from March 11, 2026 through December 30, 2026, in an amount not to exceed \$2,100.00, charged to the Special Education Health Fund.

Motion by Linda Salomon Saldana, second by Nancy A Swenson.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

2.28 RATIFY Independent Contractor Agreement for Non-Construction Services No. 202526-604 with Engie North America Inc., dba SoCore Installation Services LLC, Houston, Texas, to provide a shutdown and restart of the battery energy storage system at Rio San Gabriel Elementary School, from March 2, 2026 through March 31, 2026, in an amount not to exceed \$1,100.00, charged to the Routine Repair Maintenance Fund.

Motion by Linda Salomon Saldana, second by Nancy A Swenson.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

2.29 RATIFY Independent Contractor Agreement for Non-Construction Services No. 202526-608 with Outfront Media, LLC, Hollywood, to provide advertising services by displaying a bulletin along the Long Beach Freeway promoting Downey Adult School, from March 16, 2026 through March 14, 2027, in an amount not to exceed \$59,475.00, charged to the Adult Education Fund.

Motion by Linda Salomon Saldana, second by Nancy A Swenson.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

2.30 RATIFY Independent Contractor Agreement for Non-Construction Services No. 202526-609 with Adventus Education, LLC, Fairfield, to provide software and support services for GradTracker, a web-based platform designed to survey and track student employment outcomes following graduation of Downey Adult School students, from February 18, 2026 through February 17, 2027, in an amount not to exceed \$9,000.00, charged to the Adult Education Fund.

Motion by Linda Salomon Saldana, second by Nancy A Swenson.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

2.31 RATIFY Independent Contractor Agreement for Non-Construction Services No. 202526-614 with Grupo Crecer, Inc., Anaheim, to provide a series of parent education workshops on Zoom with an in-person finale, from March 25, 2026 through May 20, 2026, in an amount not to exceed \$15,000.00, charged to the LCAP Fund.

Motion by Linda Salomon Saldana, second by Nancy A Swenson.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

2.32 RATIFY Independent Contractor Agreement for Non-Construction Services No. 202526-615 with Vanessa Solis, Lynwood, to provide coffee catering services for staff appreciation at Sussman Middle School, on March 12, 2026, in an amount not to exceed \$570.00, charged to the General Sussman Middle Special Site Fund.

Motion by Linda Salomon Saldana, second by Nancy A Swenson.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

2.33 APPROVE Independent Contractor Agreement for Non-Construction Services No. 202526-616 with Prismatic Magic, LLC, Forth Worth, Texas, to provide Lasermania laser show assemblies at Sussman Middle School, on June 3, 2026, in an amount not to exceed \$1,797.00, charged to the General Sussman Middle School Fund.

Motion by Linda Salomon Saldana, second by Nancy A Swenson.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

2.34 APPROVE Independent Contractor Agreement for Non-Construction Services No. 202526-617 with Total Safety Solutions, LLC, Ladera Ranch, to provide two Cyber Safety Workshops for parents at Alameda Elementary School, from April 21, 2026 through April 22, 2026, in an amount not to exceed \$2,760.00, charged to the General Alameda Elementary School Fund.

Motion by Linda Salomon Saldana, second by Nancy A Swenson.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

2.35 RATIFY Independent Contractor Agreement for Non-Construction Services No. 202526-619 with John Burdett, Claremont, to provide adjudication services for the District's Band Spectacular at the Downey Civic Theatre, on March 2, 2026, in an amount not to exceed \$500.00, charged to the General Stauffer Middle School Arts & Music Prop 28 Fund.

Motion by Linda Salomon Saldana, second by Nancy A Swenson.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

2.36 RATIFY DUSD Agreement No. 202526-620 with Lincoln Chiropractic, Anaheim, to furnish practical experience and the use of office facilities in educating Allied Health students from Downey Adult School, from February 25, 2026 through February 24, 2031, at no cost to the District.

Motion by Linda Salomon Saldana, second by Nancy A Swenson.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

2.37 RATIFY DUSD Agreement No. 202526-621 with Bell Dental Care, et al, Bellflower, to furnish practical experience and the use of office facilities in educating Allied Health students from Downey Adult School, from February 20, 2026 through February 19, 2031, at no cost to the District.

Motion by Linda Salomon Saldana, second by Nancy A Swenson.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

2.38 RATIFY DUSD Agreement No. 202526-622 with Magicland Children Dentistry - West Coast Dental, et al., Santa Fe Springs, to furnish practical experience and the use of office facilities in educating Allied Health students from Downey Adult School, from March 4, 2026 through March 3, 2031, at no cost to the District.

Motion by Linda Salomon Saldana, second by Nancy A Swenson.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

2.39 RATIFY Agreement for Construction Services (Small Projects) No. 202526-623 with Voice of the Arts, Inc., dba TechArts, Los Alamitos, to install lighting battens above the stage and main gym floor at Sussman

Middle School, from March 12, 2026 through June 30, 2026, in an amount not to exceed \$15,460.50, charged to the Sussman Middle School Redevelopment Fund.

Motion by Linda Salomon Saldana, second by Nancy A Swenson.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

2.40 RATIFY DUSD Agreement No. 202526-624 with White Memorial Medical Group, Inc., Los Angeles, to furnish practical experience and the use of office facilities in educating Allied Health students from Downey Adult School, from February 14, 2026 through February 13, 2031, at no cost to the District.

Motion by Linda Salomon Saldana, second by Nancy A Swenson.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

2.41 RATIFY Agreement for Construction Services (Small Projects) No. 202526-625 with Westside Builders Corp., Northridge, to demolish existing entry doors and provide and install a new frame and metal door with a deadbolt in the gym at Downey High School, from March 11, 2026 through April 30, 2026, in an amount not to exceed \$14,580.00, charged to the Routine Repair Maintenance Fund.

Motion by Linda Salomon Saldana, second by Nancy A Swenson.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

2.42 RATIFY Agreement for Construction Services (Small Projects) No. 202526-627 with Padcor, Simi Valley, to remove the existing marquee and provide and install a new one at Gauldin Elementary School, from March 11, 2026 through June 30, 2026, in an amount not to exceed \$42,677.00, charged to the County School Facilities Fund.

Motion by Linda Salomon Saldana, second by Nancy A Swenson.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

2.43 RATIFY Independent Contractor Agreement for Non-Construction Services No. 202526-631 with VU 4 Learning Corporation, dba Bricks 4 Kidz, Anaheim, to provide a STEM Learning with Legos workshop at Sussman Middle School, on March 20, 2026, in an amount not to exceed \$1,000.00, charged to the General Secondary CIA GATE Fund.

Motion by Linda Salomon Saldana, second by Nancy A Swenson.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

2.44 APPROVE Agreement for Construction Services (Small Projects) No. 202526-632 with Paul's Concrete, Inc., Downey, to excavate new footings for the installation of safety bollards between the wrought iron fence and picnic tables area along Patton Road at Alameda Elementary School, from March 17, 2026 to June 30, 2026, in an amount not to exceed \$53,785.00, charged to the Deferred Maintenance Fund.

Motion by Linda Salomon Saldana, second by Nancy A Swenson.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

2.45 APPROVE DUSD Agreement No. 202526-638 with SchoolLinks, Inc., Dallas, Texas, to provide a comprehensive K-12 College and Career Readiness platform that streamlines student scheduling, A-G

tracking, CTE Pathway Management, and postsecondary planning to support data driven decisions and strengthen college and career readiness outcomes, at an implementation cost of \$20,500.00 from May 1, 2026 through June 30, 2026, and a total agreement amount from May 1, 2026 through June 30, 2029 not to exceed \$390,419.01, charged to the LCAP Fund.

Motion by Linda Salomon Saldana, second by Nancy A Swenson.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

2.46 RATIFY DUSD Temporary Use Agreement No. 202526-639 with the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Downey, to use the parking lot of their property adjacent to Garcia Elementary School during construction and modernization at the school site, from December 9, 2025 through December 8, 2026, at no cost to the District.

Motion by Linda Salomon Saldana, second by Nancy A Swenson.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

2.47 APPROVE DUSD Agreement No. 202627-002 with Pali Institute, Running Springs, to provide the Outdoor Education Program Science Camp for 5th grade students, from January 25, 2027 through January 29, 2027, in an amount not to exceed \$283,500.00, charged to the General Fund.

Motion by Linda Salomon Saldana, second by Nancy A Swenson.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

2.48 APPROVE Independent Contractor Agreement for Non-Construction Services No. 202627-003 with Vanguard University of Southern California, Costa Mesa, to provide supervised field experiences in support of student teaching, from August 10, 2026 through June 30, 2029, at no cost to the District.

Motion by Linda Salomon Saldana, second by Nancy A Swenson.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

2.49 RATIFY Amendment No. 1 to Agreement for Independent Consultant/Professional Services (Construction Related) No. 202526-127 with Bellflower Music Center, Bellflower, to provide additional instrument repairs district-wide, in the amount of \$2,000.00 for a new total agreement amount not to exceed \$12,000.00, charged to the Routine Repair Maintenance Fund.

Motion by Linda Salomon Saldana, second by Nancy A Swenson.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

2.50 RATIFY Amendment No. 1 to Agreement for Independent Consultant/Professional Services (Construction Related) No. 202526-581 with A&E Commercial Equipment Repair, Burbank, to provide additional repair of a water leak found in a compressor during servicing, in the amount of \$518.00 for a new total agreement amount not to exceed \$4,495.51, charged to the Strong Workforce Program Fund.

Motion by Linda Salomon Saldana, second by Nancy A Swenson.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

2.51 RATIFY Amendment No. 2 to Independent Contractor Agreement for Non-Construction Services No. 202425-429 with Realtime Learning Systems, Springville, Utah, to provide additional consulting services for the Court Reporting Program at Downey Adult School, to extend the agreement from November 30, 2025 through February 28, 2026, increasing the contract amount by \$2,608.00 for a new total agreement amount not to exceed \$22,608.00, charged to the Adult School Fund.

Motion by Linda Salomon Saldana, second by Nancy A Swenson.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

2.52 RATIFY Amendment No. 3 for Independent Contractor Agreement for Non-Construction Services No. 202526-404 with Best Limousines & Transportation, Inc., Santa Ana, to provide transportation for Fresh Films students from Downey and Warren High Schools to a Project Mentor Program field trip at the United Talent Agency on March 19, 2026, and for high school students to attend the Early College Program Class of 2029 Welcome Day at Cerritos College on March 27, 2026, in the amount of \$7,176.76 for a new total agreement amount not to exceed \$86,097.22, charged to the Career Technical Education Incentive Grant Fund.

Motion by Linda Salomon Saldana, second by Nancy A Swenson.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

2.53 ACCEPT and APPROVE the use of the Region 4 Education Service Center and OMNIA Partners Contract #R241701 with Apple, Inc., Cupertino, for the purchase of Apple products and services, on an as-needed basis, with the same advantages, terms and conditions.

Motion by Linda Salomon Saldana, second by Nancy A Swenson.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

2.54 RATIFY Routine Personnel Items until subsequent action is taken by the Board of Education

Motion by Linda Salomon Saldana, second by Nancy A Swenson.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

3. GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

3.1 APPROVE updated Downey Unified School District Board Policies from November 2025 through January 2026.

Motion by Linda Salomon Saldana, second by Giovanna Perez-Saab.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

3.2 APPROVE new Downey Unified School District Administrative Regulation 4361.03: Management Employees - Illness Time to ensure compliance with CalPERS requirements.

Motion by Linda Salomon Saldana, second by Tyrone Conde.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

3.3 APPROVE new Downey Unified School District Administrative Regulation 4361.04: Management Employees - Management Time to ensure compliance with CalPERS requirements.

Motion by Linda Salomon Saldana, second by Nancy A Swenson.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

3.4 APPROVE new Downey Unified School District Administrative Regulation 4361.05: Management Employees - Personal Business to ensure compliance with CalPERS requirements.

Motion by Tyrone Conde, second by Linda Salomon Saldana.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

3.5 APPROVE a maximum of 200 words for candidate statements for the November 3, 2026 Board of Education election; candidate to pay the cost at the time of filing for the election.

Motion by Tyrone Conde, second by Linda Salomon Saldana.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

4. SPECIAL ADMINISTRATIVE

4.1 ESTABLISH assignments for participation in the Class of 2026 graduation and promotion ceremonies.

5. SPECIAL ADMINISTRATIVE - Instructional

5.1 APPROVE the Site-Based Decision-Making and Waiver request for Doty Middle School to continue a 7-period block schedule for the 2026-27 school year.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

5.2 ADOPT Proposed Course of Study for the high schools and the middle schools for the 2026-2027 school year.

Motion by Nancy A Swenson, second by Linda Salomon Saldana.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

6. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA

7. NEXT MEETING

7.1 The next meeting of the Board of Education will be a Regular Meeting to be held on May 12, 2026, 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 8:43 pm and reconvened at 8:48 pm.

8. CLOSED SESSION

8.1 the Board of Education retired into Closed Session at 8:49 pm to discuss: Public Employment - Certificated/Administration/Classified Management; Discipline/Dismissal/Release and reconvened into Open Session at 10:00 pm.

9. ADJOURNMENT

9.1 The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education was adjourned at 10:03 pm in memory of Bob Thomas, Ben Carr and John Zander.

DOWNEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
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Jose J. Rodriguez, President

Tyrone Conde, Clerk