

# California State Board of Education Final Minutes March 5, 2025

## Members Present

* Linda Darling-Hammond, President
* Cynthia Glover Woods, Vice President
* Francisco Escobedo
* Gabriela Orozco-Gonzalez
* Brenda Lewis
* James J. McQuillen
* Sharon Olken
* Kim Pattillo Brownson
* Haydee Rodriguez
* Alison Yoshimoto-Towery
* Julia Clauson, Student Member

## Secretary & Executive Officer

* Tony Thurmond, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Secretary and Executive Officer

## Members Participating Remotely

* None

## Members Absent

* None

## Principal Staff

* Brooks Allen, Executive Director, State Board of Education (SBE)
* Lisa Constancio, Senior Deputy Director, SBE
* Kirin Gill, Chief Counsel, SBE
* Alex Traverso, Communications Director, SBE
* Rigel Massaro, Deputy Legal Counsel and Deputy Policy Director, SBE
* Laura Rodriguez, Senior Policy Director, SBE
* Debra Brown, Senior Policy Advisor, SBE
* Kate Dove, Policy Director, SBE
* Michelle Valdivia, Assistant Policy Director, SBE
* Aileen Allison-Zarea, Education Administrator I, SBE
* Ric Reyes, Education Administrator I, SBE
* Amy Bubbico, Staff Services Manager, SBE
* Lisa Hopkins, Associate Governmental Program Analyst, SBE
* Haley Gordon, Associate Governmental Program Analyst, SBE
* David Schapira, Chief Deputy Superintendent, California Department of Education (CDE)
* Ingrid Roberson, Chief Deputy Superintendent, CDE
* Mary Nicely, Deputy Superintendent, CDE
* Len Garfinkel, General Counsel, CDE
* Erika Torres, Deputy Superintendent, CDE
* Alex Moos, Education Policy Administrator I, CDE

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## California State Board of Education Public Session March 5, 2025

**Wednesday, March 5, 2025 – 8:30 a.m. Pacific Time ±**California Department of Education  
1430 N Street, Room 1101  
Sacramento, California 95814

* Call to Order
* Salute to the Flag
* Communications
* Announcements
* Special Presentations
  + *Public notice is hereby given that special presentations for informational purposes may take place during this session.*
* Agenda Items
* Day’s Adjournment

**President Darling-Hammond called the meeting to order at approximately 8:32 a.m.**

### AGENDA ITEMS

#### Item 01

**Subject:** STATE BOARD PROJECTS AND PRIORITIES. Including, but not limited to, future meeting plans; agenda items; and officer nominations and/or elections; State Board appointments and direction to staff; declaratory and commendatory resolutions; Bylaw review and revision; Board policy; approval of minutes; Board President and liaison reports; training of Board members; and other matters of interest.

**Type of Action:** Action,Information

**Recommendation:** Listen to the State Superintendent of Public Instruction and State Board of Education President’s Reports.

**ACTION:** No Action Taken.

#### Item 02

**Subject:** Update on the Implementation of the Integrated Local, State, and Federal Accountability and Continuous Improvement System: Adoption of the Science Indicator Cut Scores for Status and Change and Color Scheme for Five-by-Five Grid, and a Review of Student Growth Data.

**Type of Action:** Action, Information

**Recommendation:** The CDE recommends that the SBE adopt Status Cut Scores, Change Cut Scores, and Five-by-Five Color Grid for the Science Indicator.

**ACTION 1:** Member Glover Woods moved that the SBE adopt the CDE recommendation for the Status Cut Scores, Change Cut Scores, and Five-by-Five Color Grid for the Science Indicator based on the science points methodology.

Member Rodriguez seconded the motion.

**Yes votes:** Members Clauson, Darling-Hammond, Escobedo, Glover Woods, Lewis, McQuillen, Olken, Orozco-Gonzalez, Pattillo Brownson, Rodriguez, and Yoshimoto-Towery.

**No votes:** None

**Members Absent:** None

**Abstentions:** None

**Recusals:** None

The motion passed with 11 votes.

**ACTION 2:** Member Glover Woods moved that the SBE adopt the Balanced Color Scheme for the Five-by-Five Color Grid for the Science Indicator.

Member Orozco-Gonzalez seconded the motion.

**Yes votes:** Members Clauson, Darling-Hammond, Escobedo, Glover Woods, Lewis, McQuillen, Olken, Orozco-Gonzalez, Pattillo Brownson, Rodriguez, and Yoshimoto-Towery.

**No votes:** None

**Members Absent:** None

**Abstentions:** None

**Recusals:** None

The motion passed with 11 votes.

#### Item 03

**Subject:** California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress: Approval of the Receipt of the Report *Advancing Excellence in Mathematics: Smarter Balanced Support of the Big Ideas in the California Mathematics Framework*.

**Type of Action:** Action, Information

**Recommendation:** The CDE recommends that the California State Board of Education (SBE) approve the receipt of the report *Advancing Excellence in Mathematics: Smarter Balanced Support of the Big Ideas in the California Mathematics Framework* provided in Attachment 1.

The CDE also requests feedback about the analyses and conclusions outlined in the report and direction from the SBE on the next steps.

**ACTION:** Member Clauson moved that the SBE approve receipt of the report.

Member Pattillo Brownson seconded the motion.

**Yes votes:** Members Clauson, Darling-Hammond, Escobedo, Glover Woods, Lewis, McQuillen, Olken, Orozco-Gonzalez, Pattillo Brownson, Rodriguez, and Yoshimoto-Towery.

**No votes:** None

**Members Absent:** None

**Abstentions:** None

**Recusals:** None

The motion passed with 11 votes.

#### Item 04

**Subject:** California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress: Request for Approval of the Proposed Revisions to the Reporting Achievement Level Descriptors.

**Type of Action:** Action, Information

**Recommendation:** The CDE recommends that the SBE approve the proposed revisions to the reporting Achievement Level Descriptors (ALDs) and labels for the Smarter Balanced Summative Assessments for ELA and Mathematics and California Science Test (CAST) as provided in Tables 1B, 2B, and 3B.

**ACTION:** Member Lewis moved to approve the proposed revisions to the reporting achievement level descriptors (ALDs) and labels for the Smarter Balanced Summative Assessments for English Language Arts/Literacy (ELA) and Mathematics and California Science Test (CAST) as provided in Tables 1B, 2B, and 3B of Item 4, with the following amendments:

* For Level 1: the label of Below Basic will be replaced with the label Minimal, with the term Minimal in the descriptor, and;
* For Level 2: the label of Basic will be replaced with the label Developing, with the term Initial replacing the term Fundamental in the descriptor.

Member Glover Woods seconded the motion.

**Yes votes:** Members Clauson, Darling-Hammond, Glover Woods, Lewis, McQuillen, Olken, and Rodriguez.

**No votes:** Members Pattillo Brownson, Escobedo, Orozco-Gonzalez and Yoshimoto-Towery

**Members Absent:** None

**Abstentions:** None

**Recusals:** None

The motion passed with 7 votes.

### REGULAR CONSENT ITEMS (Item 05 and Item 07)

#### Item 05

**Subject:** Approval of 2024–25 Consolidated Applications.

**Type of Action:** Action, Information, Consent

**Recommendation:** The CDE recommends that the SBE approve the 2024–25 ConApps submitted by LEAs in Attachment 1.

#### Item 07

**Subject:** Assignment of a Charter School Number to a Newly Granted Charter Petition, Pursuant to California *Education Code* Section 47602.

**Type of Action:** Action, Information, Consent

**Recommendation:** The CDE recommends that the SBE assign a charter number to the charter petition identified in Attachment 1.

**ACTION:** Member Rodriguez moved to approve the CDE staff recommendations for each regular item on consent (Item 05 and Item 07).

Member Olken seconded the motion.

**Yes votes:** Members Clauson, Darling-Hammond, Glover Woods, Lewis, McQuillen, Olken, Orozco-Gonzalez, Pattillo Brownson, Rodriguez and Yoshimoto-Towery.

**No votes:** None

**Members Absent:** None

**Abstentions:** None

**Recusals:** Member Escobedo

The motion passed with 10 votes.

#### *END OF REGULAR CONSENT ITEMS*

#### *REGULAR ITEMS CONTINUED*

#### Item 06

**Subject:** Approval of the Fiscal Year 2024–25 Career Technical Education Incentive Grant Allocations Round 10B.

**Type of Action:** Action, Information

**Recommendation:** The CDE recommends that the SBE review and approve the following:

* 2024–25 Career Technical Education Incentive Grant Specific Proposed Funding Amounts and Number of Grant Awards Round 10B (Attachment 2)

**ACTION:** Member McQuillen moved to approve the CDE recommendation to approve the 2024–25 Career Technical Education Incentive Grant Specific Proposed Funding Amounts and Number of Grant Awards Round 10B (Attachment 2) as set forth in the Second Revised Item posted on March 3, 2025.

Member Rodriguez seconded the motion.

**Yes votes:** Members Clauson, Darling-Hammond, Escobedo, Glover Woods, Lewis, McQuillen, Olken, Orozco-Gonzalez, Pattillo Brownson, Rodriguez, and Yoshimoto-Towery.

**No votes:** None

**Members Absent:** None

**Abstentions:** None

**Recusals:** None

The motion passed with 11 votes.

#### Item 08

**Subject:** California Community Schools Partnership Program: Approval of the State Technical Assistance Center Contract Awardee.

**Type of Action:** Action, Information

**Recommendation:** The CDE recommends that the SBE approve the CDE’s recommendation for Sacramento County Office of Education (SCOE) to serve as the California Community Schools Partnership Program (CCSPP) S-TAC.

**ACTION:** Member Yoshimoto-Towery moved to approve the CDE staff recommendation.

Member McQuillen seconded the motion.

**Yes votes:** Members Clauson, Darling-Hammond, Escobedo, Glover Woods, Lewis, McQuillen, Olken, Orozco-Gonzalez, Pattillo Brownson, Rodriguez, and Yoshimoto-Towery.

**No votes:** None

**Members Absent:** None

**Abstentions:** None

**Recusals:** None

The motion passed with 11 votes.

#### *PUBLIC HEARING*

#### Item 09

**Subject:** Petition for the Renewal of a Charter School Authorized by the California State Board of Education: Consideration of Altus Schools South Bay.

**Type of Action:** Action, Information, Public Hearing

**Recommendation:** The CDE recommends the SBE grant the Charter School’s petition for renewal for a term of five years, beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2030, with the two technical amendments described below, and designate the San Diego County Board of Education (County) as the chartering authority.

The CDE recommends the following two technical amendments as a condition of approving the Charter School’s petition for renewal:

1. The Charter School will revise its student discipline policy to remove willful defiance from the list of offenses a student may be suspended from school.
2. The Charter School will revise its enrollment process such that the Home Language Survey will be administered to a student enrolling in the Charter School if it is the student’s initial enrollment in a California public school.

The CDE’s recommendation is based on the following determinations:

1. The Charter School’s petition is consistent with sound educational practice and with the interests of the community in which the Charter School is located pursuant to *EC* Section 47605(c).
2. The Charter School’s petition includes a comprehensive description of the 15 required elements specified in *EC* Section 47605(c)(5)(A)–(O).
3. The Charter School’s performance on state and local indicators and the alternative metrics applicable to the Charter School based on the pupil population served pursuant to the *EC* Section 47607(c)(7). The CDE analyzed the Charter School’s performance using alternative metrics because the Charter School is an alternative school participating in the Dashboard Alternative School Status (DASS) program.

**President Darling-Hammond opened the Public Hearing at approximately 2:38 p.m.**

**President Darling-Hammond closed the Public Hearing at approximately 2:54 p.m.**

**ACTION 1:** Member Olken moved to approve the CDE staff recommendation to renew the charter petition for a term of 5 years with the two technical amendments in the item.

Member Glover Woods seconded the motion.

**Yes votes:** Members Clauson, Darling-Hammond, Escobedo, Glover Woods, Lewis, McQuillen, Olken, Orozco-Gonzalez, Pattillo Brownson, Rodriguez, and Yoshimoto-Towery.

**No votes:** None

**Members Absent:** None

**Abstentions:** None

**Recusals:** None

The motion passed with 11 votes.

**Action 2:** Member Olken moved to designate the San Diego County as the charter authorizer of Altus Schools South Bay.

Member Glover Woods seconded the motion.

Passed with 11 votes.

#### *END OF PUBLIC HEARING*

### WAIVERS/ACTION AND CONSENT ITEMS

*(W-01 through W-09)*

The following agenda items include waivers that are proposed for consent and those waivers scheduled for separate action because CDE staff may have recommended denial or determined that they may present new or unusual issues. Waivers proposed for consent are so indicated on each waiver’s agenda item; however, any board member may remove a waiver from proposed consent and the item may be heard individually. Action different from that recommended by CDE staff may be taken.

Special Education Program (Extended School Year (Summer School))

#### Item W-01 General

**Subject:** Request by **six local educational agencies** to waive *California Code of Regulations,* Title 5, Section 3043(d), which requires a minimum of 20 school days for an extended school year (summer school) for students with disabilities.

Waiver Number:

* Chula Vista Elementary School District 1-11-2024
* La Mesa Spring Valley School District 1-12-2024
* San Marcos Unified School District 3-10-2024
* Tulare County Office of Education 3-11-2024
* Butte County Office of Education 4-10-2024
* National Elementary School District 8-10-24

(Recommended for APPROVAL WITH CONDITIONS)

Special Education Program (Extended School Year (Summer School))

#### Item W-02 General

**Subject:** Request by **Gridley Unified School District** to waive *California Code of Regulations*, Title 5, Section 3043(d), which requires a minimum of 20 school days for an extended school year (summer school) for students with disabilities.

Waiver Number: 3-5-2024

(Recommended for APPROVAL)

Special Education Program (Child Specific/ NPA or NPS Certification)

#### Item W-03 Specific

**Subject:** Request by the **Siskiyou County Office of Education** to waive California *Education Code* Section 56366(d), the requirement for state certification, to allow the use of federal and state special education funds for the placement of one high school student with disabilities at the Bayes Achievement Center, an uncertified nonpublic school for students with disabilities with a residential treatment center in Huntsville, Texas.

Waiver Number: 3-12-2024

(Recommended for APPROVAL WITH CONDITIONS)

Special Education Program (Child Specific/ NPA or NPS Certification)

#### Item W-04 Specific

**Subject:** Request by the **San Diego Unified School District** to waive California *Education Code* Section 56366(d), the requirement for state certification, to allow the use of federal and state special education funds for the placement of one high school student with disabilities at the Shrub Oak International School Residential Treatment Center, an uncertified nonpublic school for students with disabilities with a residential treatment center in Mohegan Lake, New York.

Waiver Number: 2-10-2024

(Recommended for APPROVAL WITH CONDITIONS)

Instructional Time Requirement Audit Penalty (Charter - Minimum Instructional Time)

#### Item W-05 Specific

**Subject:** Request by **Contra Costa School of Performing Arts** under the authority of the California *Education Code* Section 47612.6(a), to waive California *Education Code* Section 47612.5(c), the audit penalty for offering insufficient instructional minutes during the 2022–23 school year.

Waiver Number: 4-9-2024

(Recommended for APPROVAL WITH CONDITIONS)

Instructional Time Requirement Audit Penalty (Below 1982-83 Base Minimum Minutes)

#### Item W-06 Specific

**Subject:** Request by **Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District** under the authority of the California *Education Code* Section 46206(a), to waive *Education Code* Section 46207(b), the audit penalty for offering insufficient instructional minutes during the 2022–23 school year.

Waiver Number: 7-10-2024

(Recommended for APPROVAL WITH CONDITIONS)

Community Day Schools (CDS) (Minimum School Day)

#### Item W-07 General

**Subject:** Amending the conditions of approval for the previously approved request by the **Visalia Unified** **School District** to retroactively waive portions of California *Education Code* Section 48663(a), relating to community day school minimum instructional minutes.

Waiver Number: 18-4-2024

(Recommended for APPROVAL WITH CONDITIONS)

School Construction Bonds (Bond Indebtedness Limit - Non-Unified)

#### Item W-08 General

**Subject:** Request by **Earlimart Elementary School District** to waive California *Education Code* sections 15102 and 15268 to allow the district to exceed its bonded indebtedness limit. Total bonded indebtedness may not exceed 1.25 percent of the taxable assessed valuation of property for elementary or high school districts. Depending on the type of bond, a tax rate levy limit of $30 per $100,000 of assessed value for elementary or high school districts may also apply.

Waiver Number: 2-12-2024

(Recommended for APPROVAL WITH CONDITIONS)

Sale or Lease of Surplus Property (Sale of Surplus Property)

#### Item W-09 General

**Subject:** Request by **Inglewood Unified School District** to waive California *Education Code* sections specific to statutory provisions for the sale or lease of surplus property.

Waiver Number: 4-11-2024

(Recommended for APPROVAL WITH CONDITIONS)

**ACTION:** Member Lewis moved to approve the CDE staff recommendations for each waiver item on consent (W-01 though W-09).

Members Glover Woods seconded the motion.

**Yes votes:** Members Clauson, Darling-Hammond, Escobedo, Glover Woods, Lewis, McQuillen, Olken, Orozco-Gonzalez, Pattillo Brownson, Rodriguez, and Yoshimoto-Towery.

**No votes:** None

**Member Absent:** None

**Abstentions:** None

**Recusals:** None

The motion passed with 11votes.

#### *END OF WAIVER CONSENT ITEMS*

#### Item 10

**Subject:** Academia Avance Charter: Consider Issuing a Notice of Violation Pursuant to California *Education Code* Section 47607(g).

**Type of Action:** Action, Information

**Recommendation:** The CDE recommends that the SBE issue a Notice of Violation to Academia Avance (Attachment 1) pursuant to *EC* Section 47607(g), as the Charter School engaged in fiscal mismanagement, as set forth in *EC* Section 47607(f)(3).

Pursuant to *EC* Section 47607(g) and *California Code of Regulations*, Title 5 (5 *CCR*) Section 11968.5.2, Academia Avance shall have the opportunity to present evidence that refutes, remedies, or proposes to remedy the alleged violations at the May 7–8, 2025 SBE meeting. At that meeting, the SBE will consider issuing a Notice of Intent to Revoke with Notice of Facts, pursuant to *EC* Section 47607(h), and consider taking action to revoke the Academia Avance charter petition.

**ACTION:** Member Glover Woods moved to approve the CDE staff recommendation to issue a Notice of Violation to Academia Avance based on the instances of fiscal mismanagement in Item 10.

Member Escobedo seconded the motion.

**Yes votes:** Members Clauson, Darling-Hammond, Escobedo, Glover Woods, Lewis, McQuillen, Olken, Orozco-Gonzalez, Pattillo Brownson, Rodriguez, and Yoshimoto-Towery.

**No votes:** None

**Members Absent:** None

**Abstentions:** None

**Recusals:** None

The motion passed with 11 votes.

#### Re-Open Item 01

**Subject:** STATE BOARD PROJECTS AND PRIORITIES.

Including, but not limited to, future meeting plans; agenda items; and officer nominations and/or elections; State Board appointments and direction to staff; declaratory and commendatory resolutions; Bylaw review and revision; Board policy; approval of minutes; Board President and liaison reports; training of Board members; and other matters of interest.

**Type of Action:** Action, Information

**Recommendation:**

* Approve the Draft Preliminary Report of Actions/Draft Meeting Minutes for the January 15, 2025, meeting.
* Board Member Liaison Reports

**ACTION 1:** Member Escobedo moved to approve the Preliminary Report of Actions/Draft Meeting Minutes for the January 15, 2025, meeting.

Member Rodriguez seconded the motion.

**Yes votes:** Members Clauson, Darling-Hammond, Escobedo, Glover Woods, Lewis, McQuillen, Olken, Orozco-Gonzalez, Pattillo Brownson, Rodriguez, and Yoshimoto-Towery.

**No votes:** None

**Members Absent:** None

**Abstentions:** None

**Recusals:** None

The motion passed with 11 votes.

#### Item 11

**Subject:** GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT.

Public Comment is invited on any matter **not** included on the printed agenda. Depending on the number of individuals wishing to address the State Board, the presiding officer may establish specific time limits on presentations.

**Type of Action:** Information

**ACTION:** No Action Taken.

### ADJOURNMENT OF THE MEETING

**President Darling-Hammond adjourned the meeting at approximately 4:10 p.m.**