

# California State Board of Education Preliminary Report of Actions/Draft Minutes May 7, 2025

## Members Present

* Linda Darling-Hammond, President
* Cynthia Glover Woods, Vice President
* Francisco Escobedo
* Gabriela Orozco-Gonzalez
* 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

* Brenda Lewis

## 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 May 7, 2025

**Wednesday, May 7, 2025 – 10:00 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 10:06 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: A Review of New and Existing College/Career Indicator Measures, Options for Adoption of Growth Model Performance Categories, Analysis of the Long-Term English Learner Student Group, Options for Incorporation of the Science Indicator, Priority 1 Teacher Data Update, and Overview of Dashboard Alternative School Status Criteria.

**Type of Action:** Action, Information

**Recommendation:** The CDE recommends that the SBE provide guidance on the work on the 2025 Accountability Workplan and take additional action as deemed necessary and appropriate.

**ACTION:** No Action Taken.

### REGULAR CONSENT ITEMS (Item 05 through Item 08)

#### Item 05

**Subject:** Consideration of Requests for Determination of Funding as Required for Nonclassroom-based Charter Schools Pursuant to California Education Code sections 47612.5 and 47634.2, and Associated California Code of Regulations, Title 5.

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

**Recommendation:** The CDE recommends that the SBE approve the determination of funding requests from the 27 charter schools at their requested levels of funding and for the time periods provided in Attachment 1.

#### Item 06

**Subject:** Consideration of Determination of Funding Requests with “Reasonable Basis”/Mitigating Circumstances as Required for Nonclassroom-Based Charter Schools Pursuant to California *Education Code* Sections 47612.5 and 47634.2, and Associated *California Code of Regulations*, Title 5.

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

**Recommendation:** The CDE recommends that the SBE take the following actions, which are further detailed in Attachment 1:

1. Approve the determination of funding requests for five charter schools at a funding level higher than what they qualify to receive pursuant to regulatory criteria, for two years
2. Approve the determination of funding request for one charter school at the funding level for which it qualifies to receive pursuant to regulatory criteria, for two years.

#### Item 07

**Subject:** Assignment of Charter School Numbers to Newly Established Charter Schools, Pursuant to California *Education Code* Section 47602.

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

**Recommendation:** The CDE recommends that the SBE assign charter numbers to the charter schools identified in Attachment 1.

#### Item 08

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

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

**Recommendation:** The CDE recommends that the SBE approve each regular item on consent (Item 05 through Item 08).

**ACTION:** Member McQuillen moved to approve the CDE staff recommendations for each regular item on consent (Item 05 through Item 08).

Member Yoshimoto-Towery seconded the motion.

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

**No votes:** Member Orozco-Gonzalez

**Members Absent:** None

**Abstentions:** None

**Recusals:** None

The motion passed with 10 votes.

#### *END OF REGULAR CONSENT ITEMS*

#### *REGULAR ITEMS CONTINUED*

#### Item 03

**Subject:** The California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress and the English Language Proficiency Assessments for California: Approval of the 2024–25 Apportionment Rates; Proposed Technical Revision to the Level 1 Reporting Achievement Level Descriptor for the California Science Test and the Smarter Balanced Summative Assessments for English Language Arts/Literacy and Mathematics; Next Steps to Support Student Progress; and Updates on Program Activities.

**Type of Action:** Action, Information

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

1. Per-pupil apportionment rates for the 2024–25 school year (contingent on the availability of an appropriation for this purpose) for the CAASPP tests administered as part of the CAASPP System, as provided in Table 1 of Attachment 2.
2. Per-pupil apportionment rates for the 2024–25 school year (contingent on the availability of an appropriation for this purpose) for the ELPAC tests administered, as provided in Table 2 of Attachment 2.
3. A proposed technical revision to the Level 1 reporting ALD for the CAST and Smarter Balanced Summative Assessments for ELA and Mathematics as provided in Table 1 of this item.

**ACTION 1:** Member Orozco-Gonzalez moved to approve the CDE staff recommendation #3.

Member Glover Woods seconded the motion.

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

**No votes:** Members Yoshimoto-Towery, Olken, McQuillen, and Escobedo

**Members Absent:** None

**Abstentions:** None

**Recusals:** None

The motion passed with 7 votes.

**ACTION 2:** Member Orozco-Gonzalez move to approve the CDE staff recommendations #1 and #2.

Member Pattillo Brownson seconded the motion.

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

**No votes:** None

**Members Absent:** None

**Abstentions:** None

**Recusals:** None

Motion passed with 11 votes.

#### Item 04

**Subject:** Comprehensive Literacy State Development Grant: State Literacy Plan 2025 Approval

**Type of Action:** Action, Information

**Recommendation:** The CDE recommends that the SBE approve the revised SLP, pending SBE Executive Director approval of final revisions requested by the SBE and correction of any typographical errors.

**ACTION:** Member Glover Woods moved to approve the CDE staff recommendation.

Member Rodriguez seconded the motion.

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

**No votes:** None

**Members Absent:** None

**Abstentions:** None

**Recusals:** None

The motion passed with 11 votes.

#### Item 09

**Subject:** California Community Schools Partnership Program: Approval of Cohort 4 Implementation Grantees.

**Type of Action:** Action, Information

**Recommendation:** The CDE recommends that the SBE approve the CCSPP Cohort 4 Implementation Grant Awards (Attachment 1).

**ACTION:** Member Rodriguez moved to approve the CDE staff recommendation.

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:** Member Escobedo

The motion passed with 10 votes.

#### Item 10

**Subject:** Update on the California Educators Together platform and the impact of the High Quality Online Instructional Materials investment.

**Type of Action:** Information

**Recommendation:** Information only. No specific action is recommended.

**ACTION:** No Action Taken.

***Items 11 and 12 were withdrawn on May 1, 2025. Staff from the CDE will be in contact with Academia Avance Charter regarding the scheduling of any further meetings on this item.***

#### ~~Item 11~~

**~~Subject:~~**~~Academia Avance Charter: Consider Evidence Regarding a Notice of Violation Issued by the California State Board of Education, pursuant to California Education Code Section 47607(g), and Consider Issuing a Notice of Intent to Revoke with Notice of Facts, pursuant to California Education Code Section 47607(h).~~

**~~Type of Action:~~**~~Action, Information~~

[Note: the preceding information about Item 11 contains strikethroughs which indicate the item has been withdrawn.]

### WAIVERS/ACTION AND CONSENT ITEMS

*(W-01, W-02 and W-04 through W-08)*

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.

Community Day Schools (CDS) (Minimum School Day)

#### Item W-01 General

**Subject:** Request by the **Cascade Union Elementary** **School District** to retroactively waive portions of California *Education Code* Section 48663(a), relating to community day school minimum instructional minutes.

Waiver Number: 16-1-2025

(Recommended for APPROVAL WITH CONDITIONS)

School Construction Bonds (Bond Indebtedness Limit)

#### Item W-02 General

**Subject:** Request by **five local educational agencies** to waive California *Education Code* sections 15102, 15268, 15106, and 15270(a) to allow the districts to exceed their bonded indebtedness limits. Total bonded indebtedness may not exceed 1.25 percent of the taxable assessed valuation of property for elementary or high school districts and 2.50 percent of the taxable assessed valuation of property for unified 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 and $60 per $100,000 of assessed value for unified school districts may also apply.

Waiver Number:

* Central Unified School District 12-1-2025
* Heber Elementary School District 17-1-2025
* Perris Elementary School District 14-1-2025
* Pittsburg Unified School District 8-1-2025
* Soledad Unified School District 13-1-2025

(Recommended for APPROVAL WITH CONDITIONS)

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

#### Item W-04 Specific

**Subject:** Request by **Templeton 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: 1-1-2025

(Recommended for APPROVAL WITH CONDITIONS)

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

#### Item W-05 General

**Subject:** Request by **Shasta Union High 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: 9-5-2024

(Recommended for APPROVAL)

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

#### Item W-06 General

**Subject:** Request by **four 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:

* Tuolumne County Superintendent of Schools 2-1-2025
* Greenfield Union School District 5-12-2024
* Red Bluff Union Elementary School District 7-1-2025
* El Monte City School District 11-1-2025

(Recommended for APPROVAL WITH CONDITIONS)

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

#### Item W-07 Specific

**Subject:** Request by the **Modesto City High School District** to retroactively 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: 7-11-2024

(Recommended for APPROVAL WITH CONDITIONS)

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

#### Item W-08 Specific

**Subject:** Request by the **Redondo Beach 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 Sunrise Residential Treatment Center, an uncertified nonpublic school (NPS) for students with disabilities with a residential treatment center (RTC), in Washington, Utah.

Waiver Number: 2-11-2024

(Recommended for APPROVAL WITH CONDITIONS)

**ACTION:** Member Olken moved to approve the CDE staff recommendations for each waiver item on consent (W-01, W-02 and W-04 through W-08).

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.

#### *END OF WAIVER CONSENT ITEMS*

#### *REGULAR WAIVER ITEMS*

#### Item W-03 Specific

**Subject:** Request by the **Los Angeles Unified School District** under the authority of the California *Education Code* sections 46206(a) and 47612.6 to waive *Education Code* sections 46207(b), 46208, and 47612.5 the audit penalties for offering insufficient instructional minutes and days during the 2022–23 school year at Los Angeles Unified School District’s non-charter schools and four of its charter schools.

Waiver Number:

* Los Angeles Unified School District 5-1-2025
* Los Angeles Unified School District 6-1-2025

(Recommended for APPROVAL WITH CONDITIONS)

**ACTION:** Member Escobedo moved to approve the CDE staff recommendation for Wavier Item W-03.

Member Orozco-Gonzalez seconded the motion.

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

**No votes:** None

**Members Absent:** Member Glover Woods

**Abstentions:** None

**Recusals:** None

The motion passed with 10 votes.

Special Education Program (Educational Interpreter for Deaf and Hard of Hearing)

#### Item W-09 General

**Subject:** Request by **Hanford Joint Union High School District** to waive *California Code of Regulations*, Title 5, Section 3051.16(c), the requirement that educational interpreters for Deaf and Hard of Hearing pupils meet minimum qualifications as of July 1, 2009, to allow Gabriela Lara to continue to provide services to students until July 30, 2025, under a remediation plan to complete those minimum requirements.

Waiver Number: 5-9-2024

(Recommended for APPROVAL WITH CONDITIONS)

**ACTION:** Member Yoshimoto-Towery moved to approve the CDE staff recommendation for Waiver Item W-09.

Member Orozco-Gonzalez seconded the motion.

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

**No votes:** None

**Members Absent:** Members Glover Woods and Pattillo Brownson.

**Abstentions:** None

**Recusals:** None

The motion passed with 9 votes.

***Items 11 and 12 were withdrawn on May 1, 2025. Staff from the CDE will be in contact with Academia Avance Charter regarding the scheduling of any further meetings on this item.***

#### ~~Item 12~~

**~~Subject:~~**~~Academia Avance Charter: Hold a Public Hearing and Consider Revocation of the Charter, pursuant to California Education Code Section 47607(h).~~

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

[Note: the preceding information about Item 12 contains strikethroughs which indicate the item has been withdrawn.]

#### Re-Open Item 01

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

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**Type of Action:** Action, Information

**Recommendation:**

* Approve the Draft Preliminary Report of Actions/Draft Meeting Minutes for the March 5, 2025, meeting.
* Board Member Liaison Reports

**ACTION 1:** Member Escobedo moved to approve the Preliminary Report of Actions/Draft Meeting Minutes for the March 5, 2025, meeting.

Member Olken seconded the motion.

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

**No votes:** None

**Members Absent:** Member Glover Woods and Pattillo Brownson

**Abstentions:** None

**Recusals:** None

The motion passed with 9 votes.

#### Item 13

**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

**Recommendation:** This item is for information only.

**ACTION:** No Action Taken.

### ADJOURNMENT OF THE MEETING

**President Darling-Hammond adjourned the meeting at approximately 5:04 p.m.**