

**RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD  
OAKLAND UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
No. 2425-0202**

**Giving Thanks To Director Benjamin “Sam” Davis For His Service To The Students And Staff Of Oakland Unified School District**

**WHEREAS**, Benjamin Davis was elected to the Board of Education in 2020, and served as Board Vice President twice and once as Board President; and,

**WHEREAS**, Director Davis was elected to the School Board by the voters of Oakland’s District 1 in 2020 while Director Davis’s son attended Oakland Technical High School, graduating in 2024; and,

**WHEREAS**, prior to joining the Board, Director Davis was active in the campaigns for Measures N, J, G1, and Y, and then, on the Board, led the effort in concert with labor partners, community groups, and youth activists, to renew the College and Career for All initiative until 2036 by passing Measure H on the 2022 ballot; and,

**WHEREAS**, Director Davis previously served District students for eight years as an adult education teacher. And while it was a very painful decision to close Parker Elementary, Director Davis helped transform it into an adult education and community health center; and,

**WHEREAS**, Director Davis served for three years on the Facilities Committee, where he played an instrumental role in the planning of the use of the bond funds that voters provided the District through Measure Y. He helped ensure that the majority of the Measure Y funds are going to long-overdue renovations of four schools in the flatlands where they are most needed, Garfield Elementary, Roosevelt Middle, Coliseum College Preparatory Academy, and McClymonds High School; and,

**WHEREAS**, Director Davis worked as President to strengthen the Board’s committee system, so that the annual Board work plan grows out of the committee work, and any new Board resolutions are automatically referred to committees for discussion and recommendation; and,


**WHEREAS**, Director Davis led the Board through the charter renewal process for nine schools, which was the first time since 2020 that the Board reviewed charter renewals, also a challenge since AB 1505 significantly changed the process in 2019; and,


**WHEREAS**, Director Davis worked with the Student Board Directors, and enthusiastically supported their leadership in co-sponsoring the 2022 Youth Vote resolution with former Director Aimee Eng, co-authored by Student Directors Samantha Pal and Natalie Gallegos-Chavez, whereby the Board stood with our youth to insist that Alameda County implement Oakland Youth Vote. Years of effort finally paid off, allowing hundreds of 16- and 17-year-olds to vote in the November 2024 election for School Board Directors; and,

**WHEREAS**, while Director Davis is leaving the Board, he plans to continue advocating for equity, quality public schools, and a sustainable school district that provides the outstanding education that all of Oakland’s children deserve,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that we recognize and celebrate Director Benjamin Davis’s tireless and steadfast service and impactful results on behalf of all students, staff, and families of Oakland Unified School District. We wish him the very best on his exit from the Board of Education as he continues to be a champion for the Oakland community.

Given under our hand and the District’s seal, as **PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Governing Board, this 8th day of January, 2025, in Oakland, California.

  
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1/9/2025  
Jennifer Brouhard, President  
Governing Board  
Oakland Unified School District  
Passed by the following vote:

  
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1/9/2025  
Kyla Johnson Trammell, Superintendent &  
Secretary, Governing Board  
Oakland Unified School District

PREFERENTIAL AYE: Maximus Simmons - Student Director, Michele Vasquez - Student Director

PREFERENTIAL NOE: None

PREFERENTIAL ABSTENTION: None

PREFERENTIAL RECUSED: None

AYES: Rachel Latta, VanCedric Williams, Mike Hutchinson, Patrice Berry, Vice President Valarie Bachelor, President Jennifer Brouhard

NOES: None

ABSTAINED: None

RECUSED: None

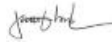
ABSENT: None

**CERTIFICATION**

We hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of a Resolution passed at a Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the Oakland Unified School District held on January 8, 2025.

Legislative File	
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Introduction Date:	01/08/2025
Enactment Number:	24-2389
Enactment Date:	1/8/2025 CJH
By:	

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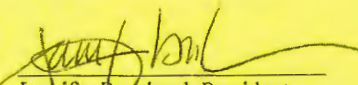
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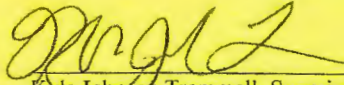
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