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Meeting Minutes Long - Final

Monday, January 5, 2026

11:00 AM

Annual Organizational Meeting

**4728 Edgewood Avenue, Oakland, CA 94602 and
Committee Room, KDOL TV Studio, B-237, Met West High School Entrance, 314
East 10th Street, Oakland, CA 94606-2291, Internet - Zoom & Granicus;
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NOTICE - MEDIA/MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC MAY ATTEND AND PARTICIPATE IN-PERSON OR VIRTUALLY (CONTINUED)

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- *If Sunday or thereafter up thru day before Meeting, click Calendar Tab>This Week>Board of Education>eComment*
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Or “eComment” in bold on the cover page of the Agenda.

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The purpose of these protocols is to provide a basic set of professional standards by which the Board and the Superintendent are to function as a team. There is no intention to abridge the rights and obligations of Board Members to oversee the operation of the organization, nor to interfere with the Superintendent with her role as the Superintendent of OUSD.

General

- 1. Every action by a Board Member should be directed toward improving the educational program for students.*
- 2. Every Board Member will exhibit behavior that is honorable, honest, and dedicated to the success of the students and staff of the district.*
- 3. Each Board Member is to be treated with dignity and respect.*
- 4. Board Member Commitment will include:*
 - Participate fully in the discussion of issues*
 - Listen respectfully to all views and opinions*
 - Respect each individual's opinion*
 - Accept the majority action of the Board*

Board Members

- 5. An individual Board Member will not use the media as a personal forum, unless it is clearly indicated that the opinion is personal and not representative of the Board majority position.*
- 6. Each Board Member will make every effort to attend all Board meetings in person; and to start and end on time.*
- 7. Board Members will ensure opportunities for each to comment.*

Superintendent

- 8. Staff is the responsibility of the Superintendent who will bring recommendations to the Board for action.*
- 9. Questions regarding Board agenda items are to be communicated to the Superintendent prior to the Board meeting and the Superintendent will respond in a timely manner.*
- 10. The Superintendent is to communicate all significant administrative actions to the Board.*
- 11. Legal and personnel matters will be confidential.*

MEETING RULES OF ENGAGEMENT

- * Up to Three (3) minute speaking limit for Board Members
- * No mingling with the audience
- * Address comments to other Board Members
- * Focus on agenda items
- * Don't repeat what's been said
- * Always be respectful
- * No interruptions
- * Enforce norms
- * Model desired behavior

MEETING PROCEDURES

All Board meetings shall begin on time and shall be guided by an Agenda prepared in accordance with Board bylaws and posted and distributed in accordance with the Ralph M. Brown Act (open meeting requirements) and other applicable laws.

(cf. 9322 - Agenda/Meeting Materials)

The President shall conduct Board meetings in accordance with law, Board Bylaws, and its parliamentary authority which shall enable the Board to efficiently consider issues and carry out the will of the majority.

(cf. 9121 - President)

The Board believes that late night meetings deter public participation, can affect the Board's decision-making ability, and can be a burden to staff. Regular Board meetings shall be adjourned not later than 11:00 p.m. unless the Board agrees to extend the meeting, which may only be done once by 45 minutes.

(cf. 9320 - Meetings and Notices)

A. Call To Order

President Jennifer Brouhard called the 2026 Annual Organizational Meeting to Order at 11:09 A.M.

B. Roll Call

Director Mike Hutchinson is participating remotely as Noticed pursuant to Brown Act requirements.

Present 7 - Director Rachel Latta
Director VanCedric Williams
Director Mike Hutchinson
Director Patrice Berry
Director Clifford Thompson
Vice President Valarie Bachelor
President Jennifer Brouhard

Absent 2 - Student Director Maximus Simmons
Student Director Marianna Smith

C. Public Comment on All of Today's Agenda Items and Any Non-Agenda Items Within the Subject Matter Jurisdiction of the Governing Board - 15 Minutes

The items are listed pursuant to law.

26-0001 Public Comment on All of Today's Agenda Items and Any Non-Agenda Items Within the Subject Matter Jurisdiction of the District - 15 Minutes

Public Comment on All of Today's Agenda Items and Any Non-Agenda Items Within the Subject Matter Jurisdiction of the District - January 5, 2026.

Speaker

Assata Olugbala

D. Nomination(s) for President, Governing Board - 2026 Term

Any Regular member of the Governing Board is eligible for nomination to an elected officer position. A member may self-nominate, no second required. RONR (12th ed.) 46:6.

Nominee(s) may have up to 2 Minutes to make nomination acceptance speech.

Director VanCedric Williams nominated President Jennifer Brouhard for President for the 2026 term. Director Patrice Berry nominated Director Mike Hutchinson for President for the 2026 Term. No second required. Both nominees were invited and gave brief remarks, two minutes or less, in support of their respective candidacy for President.

E. Election, President, Governing Board - 2026 Term

Parliamentarian Edgar Rakestraw, Jr., given there are two candidates for President, asked voting members, upon Roll Call, to please state the name of the candidate for whom he/she is voting; that statement of the name would be deemed an "Aye" vote for the candidate.

The Roll Call results for each candidate is as stated below in Legislative File 26-0002 and 26-0002A:

26-0002

Election of the President, Governing Board - 2026 Term

Shall Jennifer Brouhard* be elected President, Governing Board of the Oakland Unified School District for the 2026 Term?

—
* If there is more than one nominee for the Office, upon Roll Call, please state the name of the member for whom you are voting. Stating of the name of a member, under this circumstance, is an "Aye" vote. Four "Ayes" required to elect to the Office.

President Jennifer Brouhard having received four "Aye" votes is elected President of the Board for the 2026 Term.

Upon the Roll Call, President Brouhard, having received four "Ayes", is elected President, Board for the 2026 Term.

Ayes: 4 - Rachel Latta
VanCedric Williams
Valarie Bachelor
Jennifer Brouhard

Absent: 2 - Maximus Simmons
Marianna Smith

Non-voting: 3 - Mike Hutchinson
Patrice Berry
Clifford Thompson

Enactment No: 26-0001

26-0002A**Election of the President, Governing Board - 2026 Term**

Shall Mike Hutchinson be elected President, Governing Board of the Oakland Unified School District for the 2026 Term?

—
* If there is more than one nominee for the Office, upon Roll Call, please state the name of the member for whom you are voting. Stating of the name of a member, under this circumstance, is an "Aye" vote. Four "Ayes" required to elect to the Office.

Director Mike Hutchinson having received three "Aye" votes is not elected President of the Board for the 2026 Term.

Upon the Roll Call, Director Hutchinson, having received three "Ayes", is not elected President, Board for the 2026 Term.

Ayes: 3 - Mike Hutchinson

Patrice Berry

Clifford Thompson

Absent: 2 - Maximus Simmons

Marianna Smith

Non-voting: 4 - Rachel Latta

VanCedric Williams

Valarie Bachelor

Jennifer Brouhard

Enactment No: N/A

F. Nomination(s) for Vice President, Governing Board - 2026 Term

Any Regular member of the Governing Board is eligible for nomination to an elected officer position. A member may self-nominate, no second required. RONR (12th ed.) 46:6.

Nominee(s) may have up to 2 Minutes to make nomination acceptance speech.

President Jennifer Brouhard nominated Vice President Valarie Bachelor for Vice President, Board for the 2026 term. No second required. No other nominations made. The Nominee was invited and gave brief remarks, two minutes or less, in support of her candidacy for Vice President.

G. Election, Vice President, Governing Board - 2026 Term

Parliamentarian Rakestraw, given there is one candidate for Vice President, asked voting members, upon Roll Call, to please state "Aye" or "Yes" or "Nay" or "No" [or other] for the candidate. The Roll Call results for the candidate is as stated below:

26-0003

Election of the Vice President, Governing Board - 2026 Term

Shall (Nominee)* be elected Vice President, Governing Board of the Oakland Unified School District for the 2026 Term?

—
* If there is more than one nominee for the Office, upon Roll Call, please state the name of the member for whom you are voting. Stating of the name of a member, under this circumstance, is an "Aye" vote. Four "Ayes" required to elect to the Office.

Vice President Valarie Bachelor having received five "Aye" votes is elected Vice President of the Board for the 2026 Term.

Upon the Roll Call, Vice President Valarie Bachelor, having received five "Ayes", is elected Vice President, Board for the 2026 Term.

Ayes: 5 -
Rachel Latta
VanCedric Williams
Patrice Berry
Valarie Bachelor
Jennifer Brouhard
Nays: 2 -
Mike Hutchinson
Clifford Thompson
Absent: 2 -
Maximus Simmons
Marianna Smith

Enactment No: 26-0002

H. President's Address - 5 Minutes

President Brouhard's Address:

Good morning, Board Directors, Student Board Directors, Superintendent, staff, families, and community members.

I am really honored to accept the position of President of the Oakland Unified School District Board of Education.

Thank you to my fellow board directors for placing your trust in me during this pivotal moment for our district. We carry an immense responsibility: the decisions we make now will shape OUSD for many years to come. At the center of every decision must be our students and our shared commitment to ensuring that every child in Oakland receives a high-quality education.

This commitment means prioritizing student achievement, fostering working conditions that allow our talented staff to thrive, and ensuring safe and welcoming school as the foundation for learning. It means providing schools with the resources they need and centering equity, quality, and opportunity in all of our work. It also means focusing intentionally on students with the greatest needs—disabilities, newcomers and English learners, unhoused and foster youth, and African American students.

This past year has been one of deep and necessary change. Deep change is hard, and it is often messy. Mistakes were made, lessons learned, and we have begun to make changes that we have needed to make for a long time. I stand firmly behind Superintendent Saddler and her leadership team. While there may be differences along the way, what has defined this work is open and direct communication, along with a shared willingness—between the superintendent, the board, and district leadership—to listen, learn, and consider new and creative solutions. We cannot be afraid of change, and we cannot be afraid of making mistakes. What matters is that we acknowledge them, learn from them, and communicate openly and honestly with our staff, families, students, and community.

The years ahead will be both challenging and exciting as we continue to restructure and strengthen OUSD. Last year, we achieved something that took more than 20 years to achieve: we exited state receivership and regained local control of our budget. For many staff, students, and families, receivership was all they ever knew. To those who lived through it—and to those who are new to OUSD—I am committed to working with the board, superintendent, labor partners, students, and community to ensure that no one ever again knows what education in Oakland looks like under state receivership.

In the coming months, we will face difficult budget decisions to ensure long-time financial stability while protecting the staff who work most closely with our students and families. At parent engagements across the district, I consistently heard how critical site staff are—from nutrition services workers and custodians, to office staff, librarians, teachers, counselors, and school leaders. We also know how essential our buildings and grounds teams are to

maintaining safe and functional schools. I want to recognize the buildings and grounds staff who worked overnight to repair the bathroom following the tragic shooting at Skyline.

We also face labor challenges in the year ahead. While we reached a historic agreement with our teachers, we know that historic moments are temporary. As surrounding districts increase wages, OUSD must continue working—with our financial constraints—to remain competitive. We also have sunshine reopeners with UAOS and Building Trades. These conversations will not be easy, but through collaboration and open communication, we can work toward agreements that support our staff and, ultimately, our students. Our students deserve the best educators and school staff possible.

The current board, including our student board directors, brings deep experience and strong relationships with school sites, labor partners, and the community. That collective leadership will be essential as we take on major decisions ahead, including asset management and facilities planning. Through the Facilities Committee, we will explore opportunities for career training, housing for transitional-age youth, workforce housing, and responsible revenue-generating uses of district property. Early this year, the board will vote on an ambitious facilities management plan, and this summer we will begin demolition of the long-vacant 1025 Second Avenue building—removing a longstanding safety hazard and clearing the way for future development.

Through the Teaching and Learning Committee, the board will continue working with educators and district leaders to ensure all students are reading at grade level by third grade. We will also focus on middle and high school outcomes so that students graduate reading proficiently, prepared for college, careers, and full participation in their communities.

This work cannot be done in isolation. We must move forward collectively—as a board—and in close collaboration with district leadership, labor partners, site staff, students, and families. Transparency will be essential as we make budget decisions and engage in the redesign and re-envisioning of our district. We must collaborate with families and community partners.

I am humbled to accept the presidency and energized by the opportunities ahead. With unity, honesty, and an unwavering commitment to our students and staff, we will meet these challenges head-on and build a strong and stable future for Oakland's schools and community.

Thank you.

I. Vice President's Address - 2 Minutes

Vice President Bachelor's Address:

Colleagues and community. I am deeply honored by your trust and grateful for the opportunity to serve as vice president of the Oakland Unified School Board.

I believe we are all here because we care deeply about public education, our students, our staff and our community. That shared commitment matters—especially in moments when the work feels difficult or when we do not agree on the path forward.

As vice president, I will work to foster collaboration, transparency, and trust—both among us as board members and with the communities we serve. I will do my best to create space for honest dialogue, thoughtful disagreement, and shared problem-solving, always grounded in what is best for students.

Thank you.

J. New Business

[26-0004](#)**2026 Annual Organizational Meeting - Governing Board -
Compliance With Legal Requirements and Other Items of Business
Necessity Including Governing Board Member Compensation**

Adoption by the Governing Board of Resolution No. 2526-0190 - Adopting, Consolidating, Complying With Annual Organizational Meeting Requirements and Other Items of Business Necessity, Including Governing Board Member Compensation, Pursuant to Chaptered Assembly Bill 1390 (Effective January 1, 2026).

Attachments: [26-0004 2026 Annual Organizational Meeting - Governing Board - Compliance With Legal Requirements and Other Items of Business Necessity Including Governing Board Member Compensation](#)

*Public Speaker
Assata Olugbala*

Prior to the Vote on the Resolution - Attachment C - President's Appointments for 2026 Term, President Brouhard nominated Director Williams to Chair, Teaching and Learning Committee and Director Mike Hutchinson to Chair, Charter Matters Committee with membership nominees remaining the same. The Board ratified the President's Appointments for 2026 Term.

A motion was made by Vice President Bachelor, seconded by Director Thompson, that Resolution No. 2526-0190 be Adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 7 - Rachel Latta
VanCedric Williams
Mike Hutchinson
Patrice Berry
Clifford Thompson
Valarie Bachelor
Jennifer Brouhard

Absent: 2 - Maximus Simmons
Marianna Smith

Enactment No: 26-0003

K. Adjournment

President Brouhard adjourned the Annual Organizational Meeting at 11:43 A.M.

Prepared By: _____

Approved By: _____