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Meeting Minutes Long - Final

Tuesday, January 20, 2026

6:00 PM

Special Meeting

1881 Washington Ave. San Leandro, CA 94577
Great Room, LaEscuelita Education Center, 1050 2nd Avenue, Oakland, CA
((entrance at or near 286 East 10th St.); Internet Streamed - Zoom & Granicus;
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Sign In to Speak, on an eligible Agenda Item, as a matter of equity, is first registered, first called, in order of Registration whether participation is in person or virtually, e.g. Zoom, or by audio, e.g., telephone.

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Early pre-meeting Sign In To Speak (Registration) is urged for all - whether you plan to attend meeting in person or view meeting via teleconference or listen to the meeting by telephone. Names will be called in Sign In To Speak order received.

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Members of the Public and/or the Media may attend and participate in the Board meeting in-person in The Great Room, La Escuelita Education Center, 1050 2nd Avenue, Oakland, CA 94606-2291 (entrance located at or near 286 East 10th St.) or other noticed location or virtually as described herein.

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- *Phone: To listen by phone (via Zoom), please do the following at or after the Noticed meeting time: call (669) 900-9128, then enter Webinar ID 849 772 97818, then press "#". If asked for a participant id or code, press #. Instructions on how to join a meeting by phone are available at: <https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us/articles/201362663-Joining-a-meeting-by-phone>.*
- *To view the Board meeting from the District's Home Page - Upcoming Events & Live Meeting Video, please select the meeting name and click on the "In Progress" link under Video or go to the Legislative Information Center (under Board of Education on Home Page)>Calendar Tab>Calendar>Today>Board of Education>"In Progress" link under Video.*

Public comment in-person is permitted within the times allotted for public comment on the Agenda. Virtual comment will also be permitted within the times allotted for public comment on the Agenda in the following two ways:

NOTICE - MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC/MEDIA MAY ATTEND AND PARTICIPATE IN-PERSON OR VIRTUALLY (CONTINUED)

- *To comment virtually by Zoom, if you have made a pre-meeting Request to Speak, when your name is called, click the "Raise Your Hand" button. You will be unmuted and allowed to make public comment. After the allotted time, you will then be re-muted. Instructions on how to "Raise Your Hand" is available at: <https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us/articles/205566129-RaiseHand-In-Webinar>.*
- *To comment by phone (via Zoom), if you have made a pre-meeting Request to Speak, when your name is called, press “*9” to “Raise Your Hand.” You will be unmuted and allowed to make public comment. You will then be remuted. Instructions of how to raise your hand by phone are available at: <https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us/articles/201362663-Joining-a-meeting-by-phone>.*

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- *If Sunday or thereafter up thru day before Meeting, click Calendar Tab>This Week>Board of Education>eComment*
- *If day of Meeting, click Calendar Tab>Today>Board of Education>eComment*

Or “eComment” in bold on the cover page of the Agenda.

Written comments made on an eligible Agenda item, upon clicking of the Submit Button, are immediately sent via email to all members of the legislative body and key staff supporting the legislative body. Each eComment is a Public Record.

BOARD OF EDUCATION PROTOCOLS

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 Special Meeting to order at 6:06 P.M.

B. Roll Call

Present 5 - Director Rachel Latta
Director VanCedric Williams
Director Patrice Berry
Vice President Valarie Bachelor
President Jennifer Brouhard

Absent 4 - Student Director Maximus Simmons
Student Director Marianna Smith
Director Mike Hutchinson
Director Clifford Thompson

Roll Call (Secretary's Observation)

Director Clifford Thompson present at 6:19 P.M.

Present 6 - Director Rachel Latta
Director VanCedric Williams
Director Patrice Berry
Director Clifford Thompson
Vice President Valarie Bachelor
President Jennifer Brouhard
Absent 3 - Student Director Maximus Simmons
Student Director Marianna Smith
Director Mike Hutchinson

Roll Call (Secretary's Observation)

*Director Mike Hutchinson present at 6:33 P.M., via teleconference from
Noticed address.*

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. Unfinished Business

26-0106**Scenario 3 Implementation Update (1/20/2026) - OUSD Structural Deficit - Fiscal Years 2025-2026; 2026-2027****Presentation (Scenario 3 Implementation Update - 1/20/2026)**

by the Superintendent of Schools, or designee, and discussion with the Board of Education, and possible further adoption of direction (votes or otherwise) by Board, scenarios, without restriction, that will result in the District's Budgets for Fiscal Years 2025-2026, 2026-2027 being balanced, as required by Resolution No.2526-0177A, As Amended.

Attachments:

[26-0106 Presentation - Action Plan - Board Memorandum - \(Scenario 3 Implementation Update - 1/20/2026\) - OUSD Structural Deficit - Fiscal Years 2025-2026; 2026-2027](#)
[26-0106 Board Memorandum - \(Scenario 3 Implementation Update - 1/20/2026\) - OUSD Structural Deficit - Fiscal Years 2025-2026; 2026-2027](#)
[26-0106 Biographies - Fiscal Team - \(Scenario 3 Implementation Update - 1/20/2026\) - OUSD Structural Deficit - Fiscal Years 2025-2026; 2026-2027](#)

President Brouhard and Interim Superintendent Denise Saddler gave Opening Remarks regarding tonight's meeting on the pending District's Fiscal Issues. Interim Superintendent Saddler announced pending on going analysis of the status of the District's finances, the 2026-27 structural deficit is expected to be approximately \$50 million rather the \$100 plus million. She said the deficit reduction, in part, is being accomplished by first properly, legally charging expenses to restricted funds, a practice the District should consistently implement. She also announced that current work has allowed the District to restore the state mandated 2% Reserve for Economic Uncertainty and staff is working to restore the Reserve to the Board's mandated 3% Reserve. Dr. Saddler also announced that the Fiscal Stability Plan being developed does not involve the closure or consolidation of schools in the next school year.

Interim Superintendent Saddler introduced her Senior Leadership Team (Superintendent's Cabinet) including Ryanhon (Ryan) Nguyen, Chief Financial Officer, who will head the Finance Department (in lieu of a Chief Business Officer).

Interim Superintendent Saddler, then introduced Ruben Frutos, Ph.D., of Hazard Young & Attea's (HYA), the Fiscal Consultant Team, who gave HYAs Strategy and Action Plan for the District to achieve fiscal stabilization and to maintain solvency (i.e., Scenario 3+), incorporated herein by reference (Attachment 1). Dr. Frutos discussed the Plan and responded to comments and questions from Board Members. Dr. Saddler stated a more specific Plan or Details to achieve fiscal stability currently and in Year 2026-2027 will be presented at the Board's Regular Meeting on January 28, 2026.

Public Speakers:

Carol Delton

*Kim Ayers
Sheila Haynes
Johnathan Mates Muchin
Matt Glasser
Oliver Brenan
Carmelita Reyes
Cary Kaufman*

Discussed

D. Adjournment

President Brouhard adjourned the Special Meeting at 9:10 P.M.

Prepared By: _____

Approved By: _____