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To Board of Education

From Jennifer Brouhard, President
Patrice Berry, OUSD Member, CSBA Delegate Assembly

April 22, 2026

Meeting Date

Subject California School Boards Association (CSBA) - Delegate Assembly Run-off Election
- Subregion 7-B (Alameda County)

ASK OF THE BOARD

Adoption by Board of Resolution No. 2526-0246 - Determining and Instructing the Secretary of the Board to Cast Ballot As Instructed for One of Two Run-off Candidates for California School Boards Association (CSBA) 2026 Delegate Assembly Subregion 7-B (Alameda County) and Timely Return Ballot to CSBA with a postmark on or before April 30, 2026.

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION

The California School Boards Association (CSBA) is a collaborative group of virtually all of the state’s more than 1000 school districts and county offices of education which advocate for and promotes the interest of K-12 Children through variety of organized means.

The Association's governance structure, in part, provides for a Delegate Assembly, appointed, in part, by a member school board and elected, in part, by member school boards divided into several regions. Regions are divided into sub-regions. The Oakland Board is a member of the Association and is geographically located in subregion 7-B (Alameda County).

In March 2026, pursuant to the Bylaws of CSBA, Delegate Assembly Member elections were held in the Regions. Sub-Region 7-B (Alameda County) cast ballots to elect four Assembly delegates. March 2026 Election results in Sub-Region 7-B ended in a tie vote among two candidates for one of the four seats, necessitating a run-off election to be completed and ballots returned to CSBA not later than April 30, 2026.

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7-B SUBREGION RUNOFF CANDIDATES

The 7-B Runoff Candidates for Assembly Delegate are:

Elise Lee (Emery USD) and Gabi Blackman (Dublin USD).

RECOMMENDATION

Either of the candidates would well represent the sub-region. We, recommend the Board adopt Resolution No. 2526-0246 directing the Secretary to cast Run-off Ballot for Gabi Blackman (Dublin USD) and timely return said ballot to CSBA.

JB/PB:ER:er

Attachments:

Resolution No. 2526-0246

CSBA 7-B Sub-Region Run-off Election (In Part) Information
Packet

**RESOLUTION OF THE
GOVERNING BOARD OF THE OAKLAND UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
Resolution No. 2526-0246**

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WHEREAS, the California School Boards Association (CSBA) is a collaborative group of virtually all of the state's more than 1000 school districts and county offices of education which advocate for and promotes the interest of K-12 Children through a variety of organizationed means; and

WHEREAS, the Association's governance structure, in part, provides for a Delegate Assembly, elected, in part, by member school boards divided into Regions and sub-regions; and

WHEREAS, the Oakland Unified School District Governing Board is a member of the Association and is geographically located in subregion 7-B (Alameda Count); and

WHERAS, the Board by Resolution No. 2526-0199, on or before March 30, 2026, supported three candidates for election to 7-B seats on the Delegate Assembly; and

WHEREAS, the election outcome on or about March 30, 2026, in Delegate Assembly Sub-Region 7-B, resulted in a tie vote between Elsie Lee (Emery USD) and Gabi Blackman (Dublin USD), necessitating a run-of election for the third seat; and

WHEREAS, the run-off ballot for Delegate Assembly Sub-Region 7-B must be returned to CSBA or postmarked not later than April 30, 2026,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby directs the Secretary of the Board, on behalf of the Board, to cast the District's 7-B Subregion Run-off Ballot for candidate Gabi Blackman (Dublin USD); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary is directed to return the Run-off Ballot to CSBA with a postmark on or before April 30, 2026.

Passed by the following vote:

PREFERENTIAL AYE:

PREFERENTIAL NOE:

PREFERENTIAL ABSTENTION:

PREFERENTIAL RECUSED:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAINED:

RECUSED:

ABSENT:

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 April 22, 2026.

Legislative File	
File ID Number:	26-1007
Introduction Date:	4/22/2026
Enactment Number:	
Enactment Date:	
By:	

OAKLAND UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Jennifer Brouhard
President, Board of Education

Denise G. Saddler, EdD, Interim
Superintendent and Secretary, Board of
Education

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**TIME SENSITIVE - REQUIRES BOARD ACTION
DEADLINE: THURSDAY, APRIL 30**

March 28, 2026

MEMORANDUM

To: All Board Presidents and Superintendents
CSBA Member Boards of Education in Region 7B

From: Dr. Debra Schade, CSBA President

Re: 2026 CSBA Delegate Assembly Run-off Elections
U.S. Postmark Deadline – Thursday, April 30, 2026

The members of the Delegate Assembly Election Committee met on March 25, 2026, to count and certify the ballots for membership on the CSBA Delegate Assembly. A tie vote resulted in a run-off election in your Region.

Enclosed is the run-off ballot material for election of a representative to CSBA Delegate Assembly from your Region. Please note due to the candidates being write-ins a biographical sketch was not submitted. The material consists of the ballot (on turquoise paper) and a list of all current members of the Delegate Assembly from Region 7B effective April 1, 2026. In addition, a “copy” of the run-off ballot on white paper is provided so that it may be included in your board agenda packet. **Only the run-off ballot on turquoise paper is to be completed and returned to CSBA if your district or county board chooses to submit a paper ballot.** Electronic copies are being emailed to your Board President, Superintendent, and the primary contact on file with CSBA for your board.

The board may cast its vote either electronically using the unique link sent to the primary contact for your board or by paper using the turquoise ballot. The paper ballot must be filled out completely, signed by the Superintendent or the Board Clerk, and returned in the enclosed envelope. If the envelope is misplaced, you may use your district’s stationery, please write **DELEGATE ELECTION – RUN-OFF BALLOT** and your Region number on the envelope. **Run-off ballots must be submitted electronically or postmarked by the U.S. Post Office on or before Thursday, April 30, 2026.**

The run-off ballots will be counted by May 10 and candidates will be notified of the results immediately. Should a second tie occur, the Regional Director will cast the tie-breaking vote. All newly elected Delegates will serve terms that will expire on March 31, 2028. The next meeting of the Delegate Assembly is on Saturday, May 16 – Sunday, May 17 and will take place at the Safe Credit Union Convention Center in downtown Sacramento. Please do not hesitate to contact nominations@csba.org should you have any questions. Thank you.

REGION 7 – 16 Delegates (13 elected/3 appointed0)

Director: Rachel Hurd (San Ramon Valley USD)

Below is a list of all the current Delegates.

Subregion 7-A (Contra Costa)

Thuy DaoJensen (Brentwood Union SD), 2027
Katy Foreman (Lafayette SD), 2027
Yolanda Peña Mendrek (Liberty Union HSD), 2028
Marina Ramos (John Swett USD), 2028
Mary Helen Rocha (Antioch USD),2028

Subregion 7-B (Alameda)

Dolly Adams (Castro Valley USD), 2027
Dianne Jones (Fremont USD), 2027
Charlie Jones (Pleasanton USD), 2028
Christiaan VandenHeuvel (Livermore Valley Joint USD), 2028
Sara Prada (Hayward USD), 2027
Vivek Prasad (Fremont USD)*, 2027
Kyla Sinegal (San Lorenzo USD), 2028
Rachel Latta (Oakland USD)*, 2027
Patrice Berry (Oakland USD)*, 2028
RUN-OFF (TBD), 2028

Region 7 County

Sarah Butler (Contra Costa COE), 2027

Counties

Contra Costa (Subregion A)
Alameda (Subregion B)

REQUIRES BOARD ACTION

This complete, **ORIGINAL RUN-OFF** Ballot must be **SIGNED** by the Superintendent or Board Clerk and returned in the enclosed envelope postmarked by the post office no later than **THURSDAY, APRIL 30, 2026**. Only ONE Ballot per Board. Be sure to mark your vote “**X**” in the box. *A PARTIAL, UNSIGNED, PHOTOCOPIED, OR LATE BALLOT WILL NOT BE VALID.*

OFFICIAL 2026 DELEGATE ASSEMBLY RUN-OFF BALLOT
SUBREGION 7-B
(Alameda County)

Number of seats: 1 (Vote for no more than 1 candidate)

Delegates will serve two-year terms beginning April 1, 2026 - March 31, 2028

**denotes incumbent*

Elsie Lee (Emery USD)

Gabi Blackman (Dublin USD)

VOID

Signature of Superintendent or Board Clerk

Title

School District Name

Date of Board Action

See reverse side for list of all current Delegates in your Region.