

**SANTA CLARA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION**

9300 Wren Avenue  
Gilroy, California 95020

APPROVED on August 7, 2024  
July 16, 2024  
Governance Team Retreat #2443-716  
Conference Room  
9:00 a.m.

**1. SCCBOE CALL TO ORDER**

**A. Call to Order**

President Berta called the meeting to order at approximately 9:06 a.m.

**B. Pledge of Allegiance**

**C. Roll Call (Including Action on Absences if Necessary)**

Trustee(s) Present:

Grace Mah, Area 1  
Tara Sreekrishnan, Area 2  
Don Rocha, Area 3 (Vice President)  
Joseph Di Salvo, Area 4  
Maimona Afzal Berta, Area 6 (President)  
Raeena Lari, Area 7

Victoria Chon, Area 5 (*arrived at 9:15 a.m.*)

Trustee(s) Absent:

none

**D. Set the Agenda**

**MOTION #2443-716-1 by Trustee Di Salvo and seconded by Trustee Lari to set the agenda. Motion carried 6-0-0-0-1.**

Motion carried with the following vote:

Yes: President Berta, Vice President Rocha, Trustees Di Salvo, Lari, Mah, and Sreekrishnan

No: none

Abstain: none

Absent: none  
Not Present at Vote: Trustee Chon

## **2. PUBLIC COMMENTS OF PERSONS DESIRING TO ADDRESS THE SANTA CLARA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION**

There were no public comments.

## **3. Governance Team Retreat**

### **A. Spotlight Presentation: South County Annex Makerspace**

Sandya Lopez, Director of the Inclusion Collaborative, gave a spotlight presentation on the South County Annex Makerspace

### **B. Warm Welcome to Get Started**

Dr. Dewan gave a brief presentation on the My Name, My Identity project which was designed to help educators foster inclusion and belonging in the classroom. Dr. Dewan led the governance team members in sharing their name stories, an activity included in the My Name, My Identity Toolkit.

Mike Walsh, a facilitator from the California School Boards Association, introduced himself and engaged the governance team in a warm-up activity.

### **C. Setting the Stage for Academic Year 2024-2025**

Dr. Dewan, Associate Superintendent Jessica Bonduris, and Assistant Superintendent Debbie Gorgulho presented about upcoming events and initiatives for the 2024-2025 academic year and their alignment to the Board's Priorities, the Joint Legislative Action Committee Focus Areas, and the SCCOE's Strategic Plan.

### **D. Strengthening the Governance Team**

Mike Walsh led the governance team in discussion related to communication and governance team roles.

The governance team took a break for lunch and a tour of the South County Annex site at approximately 12:05pm. They returned at approximately 1:30pm.

## CHANGE IN AGENDA

President Berta indicated that item 4A (Closed Session - County Superintendent Evaluation) would not be heard

Mike Walsh continued the discussion on communication and governance team roles.

### **E. Activity: Governance Calendar**

Dr. Dewan shared that there had been a Trustee request via the governance team retreat planning survey to modify the SCCBOE Governance Calendar to something more like the Placer County BOE Governance Calendar. She led the Trustees in an activity to provide feedback on a draft of the modified calendar.

## **6. ADJOURNMENT**

The next Santa Clara County Board of Education regular meeting is scheduled for July 17, 2024.

**MOTION #2443-716-2 by Trustee Sreekrishnan and seconded by Trustee Chon to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried 7-0-0. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 3:31 p.m.**

Motion carried with the following vote:

Yes: President Berta, Vice President Rocha, Trustees Chon, Di Salvo, Lari, Mah and Sreekrishnan

No: none

Abstain: none

Absent: none

Not Present at Vote: none

Respectfully submitted,



Mary Ann Dewan, Ph.D.  
County Superintendent of Schools  
Ex-Officio Secretary

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