

Minutes for Special Meeting #2575-S1
APPROVED on January 21, 2026

Santa Clara County Board of Education
1290 Ridder Park Drive
San Jose, CA 95131

Monday, December 15, 2025
Regular Board Meeting (#2575-S1)
Educator Resource Center
5:00 p.m.

1. SCCBOE CALL TO ORDER

A. Call to Order

President Berta called the meeting to order at approximately 5:01 p.m.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

President Berta led the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. Land Acknowledgement

President Berta read the Land Acknowledgement.

D. Roll Call (Including Action on Absences if Necessary)

Members present:

Jessica Speiser
Raeena Lari (*via teleconference; arrived at approximately 7:15 p.m.*)
Don Rocha
Maimona Afzal Berta
Victoria Chon
Jorge Pacheco
Tara Sreekrishnan (*via teleconference; just cause exception; arrived at approximately 5:03 p.m.*)

E. Set the Agenda

Motion #2575-S1-1 by Victoria Chon, second by Jorge Pacheco, to set the agenda as presented. Motion carried 5-0-2 with the following vote:

Yes: Jessica Speiser, Don Rocha, Maimona Afzal Berta, Victoria Chon, Jorge Pacheco
No: None
Not present at vote: Raeena Lari, Tara Sreekrishnan

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS OF PERSONS DESIRING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

There were no public comments.

3. SCCBOE Retreat

A. Facilitated Board Retreat with Dr. Paul Gothold

The Board of Education and Superintendent participated in a facilitated retreat led by Dr. Paul Gothold, providing time for discussion, reflection, and collaboration in support of effective governance and shared goals.

B. Legislative Platform Session Facilitated by Capitol Advisors

Capitol Advisors facilitated a session in which the Board of Education and Superintendent developed the Board's legislative platform.

4. CLOSED SESSION

The Board moved to Closed Session at approximately 7:35 p.m. President Berta called Closed Session to order at 7:40 p.m. and called roll. All trustees were present.

A. Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation (Gov. Code § 54956.9(b)): 1 case

B. Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation (Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to Gov. Code § 54956.9(d)(2)): 3 cases

C. Public Employee/Charges/Complaint (Gov. Code § 54957(b)(1), (b)(2))

5. OPEN SESSION (Immediately Following Closed Session)

A. Report of Actions Taken in Closed Session

The Board concluded Closed Session at 8:47 p.m. and reconvened the Open Session at approximately 8:48 p.m.

President Berta indicated that no reportable actions were taken in the Closed Session.

6. ADJOURNMENT

The next Santa Clara County Board of Education regular meeting is scheduled for December 17, 2025.

Motion #2575-S1-2 by Jorge Pacheco, second by Don Rocha, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried 7-0 with the following vote:

Yes: Jessica Speiser, Don Rocha, Raeena Lari, Maimona Afzal Berta, Victoria Chon, Jorge Pacheco, Tara Sreekrishnan
No: None

The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Dr. David M. Toston, Sr.
County Superintendent of Schools
Ex-Officio Secretary