

Minutes for Regular Meeting #2684
APPROVED on June 10, 2026

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

Wednesday, May 20, 2026
Regular Board Agenda (#2684)
San Jose Room
5:00 p.m.

1. SCCBOE CALL TO ORDER

A. Call to Order

President Chon called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

Student Board Member Andino led the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. Land Acknowledgement

Student Board Member Andino read the Land Acknowledgement.

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

Trustees present:

Raeena Lari (*via teleconference*)
Maimona Afzal Berta
Don Rocha (*arrived at 5:05 p.m.*)
Victoria Chon
Jessica Speiser
Jorge Pacheco

Trustees Absent:

Tara Sreekrishnan

Motion #2684-1 by Jorge Pacheco, seconded by Maimona Afzal Berta, to excuse Trustee Sreekrishnan's absence. Motion carried 6-0-1 with the following vote:

Yes: Raeena Lari, Maimona Afzal Berta, Don Rocha, Victoria Chon, Jessica Speiser, Jorge Pacheco

No: None

Absent: Tara Sreekrishnan

E. Set the Agenda

President Chon noted that Closed Session Item 14C would be removed from the agenda as the investigation had concluded with no adverse findings.

Motion #2684-2 by Jessica Speiser, seconded by Jorge Pacheco, to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried 5-0-1 with the following vote:

Yes: Raeena Lari, Don Rocha, Victoria Chon, Jessica Speiser, Jorge Pacheco

No: None

Abstain: Maimona Afzal Berta

2. SPECIAL RECOGNITION

A. Recognition of the SCCOE Student of the Year

President Chon presented the Migrant Education Student of the Year award to Kimberly Naomi Gallegos, a graduating senior at KIPP San Jose Collegiate. Ms. Gallegos was recognized for academic excellence, leadership, resilience, community involvement, and perseverance while participating in the Migrant Education Program since early childhood.

3. STUDENT BOARD MEMBER REPORT

Student Board Member Andino provided updates on student activities and programs, including workforce training initiatives, career technical education opportunities, and engagement in school governance. The Student Board Member also reported on a recent meeting with the County Superintendent regarding student leadership and program support.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS OF PERSONS DESIRING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Approximately 32 public comments were received regarding special education programs, staffing, labor negotiations, student safety, and program accessibility.

5. BARGAINING UNITS' REPORTS

Representatives from the Service Employees International Union (SEIU) and the Association of County Educators (ACE) provided reports regarding labor negotiations, staffing, healthcare costs, and program impacts.

6. CONSENT ACTION ITEMS

- A. Request Approval of Consent Action Items as listed in Item #6 Consent Action Items**
- B. Request Approval of the Minutes from the Regular Board Meeting (#2683) on May 6, 2026**
- C. Request Adoption of Resolution Recognizing Caribbean American Heritage Month**
- D. Request Adoption of Resolution Recognizing Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Questioning (LGBTQ+) Pride Month and Harvey Milk Day**
- E. Request Adoption of Resolution Recognizing Lyme Disease Awareness Month**
- F. Request Adoption of Resolution Recognizing National Immigrant Heritage Month**
- G. Request Adoption of Resolution Recognizing National Safety Month**
- H. Accept Donations to the Santa Clara County Office of Education**

Motion #2684-3 by Jessica Speiser, seconded by Jorge Pacheco, to approve Consent Action Items as listed in Item #6 Consent Action Items. Motion carried 6-0-1 with the following vote:

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

7. CONSENT INFORMATION ITEMS

Consent Information Items were presented for review. Two public comments were received.

- A. Contracts \$250K and Over**
- B. Monthly Enrollment Update – Educational Services Programs**
- C. Head Start/Early Head Start Monthly Board Report – March 2026**
- D. Spring 2026 Early Learning Services Parent Opinion Survey**

8. ACTION ITEMS

A. Approval of the Budget Revisions for the Month of April 2026

Staff presented an overview of April 2026 budget revisions, including restricted revenue adjustments and fund balance impacts.

Motion #2684-4 by Jessica Speiser, seconded by Don Rocha, to approve the budget revisions for the month of April 2026. Motion carried 4-1-1 with the following vote:

Yes: Raeena Lari, Don Rocha, Victoria Chon, Jessica Speiser
No: Maimona Afzal Berta
Not Present at Vote: Jorge Pacheco

9. PUBLIC HEARING

A. Public Hearing on the Escuela Popular Center for Training and Careers Charter School Renewal Appeal Petition

The Board conducted a public hearing on the Escuela Popular Center for Training and Careers Charter School renewal appeal petition. Staff provided an overview of the appeal process and timeline. Representatives from the charter school and East Side Union High School District presented information. Sixteen public comments were received. No action was taken. The Board indicated it would consider the appeal at its July 15, 2026 meeting.

Trustee Lari left the meeting at approximately 7:18 p.m. and re-joined at approximately 8:37 p.m.

10. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. Informational Presentation and Study Session – County School Services Fund

Staff and fiscal consultants presented a study session on the County School Services Fund, including statewide and local fiscal conditions, the Governor's May Revision, enrollment trends, funding sources, facilities financing, reserve requirements, and future liabilities.

There was one public comment.

B. Findings of the 2025 Santa Clara Kindergarten Readiness Assessment

Staff and external evaluators presented findings from the 2025 Santa Clara County Kindergarten Readiness Assessment, including trends in kindergarten readiness and factors associated with student success. The presentation emphasized the importance of early learning access, family engagement, and cross-sector collaboration to improve outcomes.

C. Employee Compensation Increase Exceeds the EC 1302 (a) Limit

Dr. Toston presented an informational report regarding an employee compensation increase exceeding the Education Code 1302(a) limit. Staff responded to Board questions.

D. Future Agenda Items

There was one public comment.

11. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

Motion #2684-5 by Trustee Pacheco, seconded by President Chon to table items 11 through 13. The motion carried unanimously.

Yes: Raeena Lari, Maimona Afzal Berta, Victoria Chon, Jessica Speiser, Jorge Pacheco

No: None

Absent: Tara Sreekrishnan

The Board recessed to Closed Session at approximately 9:58 p.m. Closed Session was called to order by President Chon at 10:06 p.m.

14. CLOSED SESSION

A. Interdistrict Attendance Appeal Filed on Behalf of Student, Resident District: Milpitas Unified School District, Desired District: East Side Union High School District

B. Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation (Gov. Code § 54956.9(d)(2)): 1 case

The Board concluded the Closed Session at approximately 10:54 p.m. and reconvened the Open Session at 10:55 p.m.

15. OPEN SESSION

A. Report of Actions Taken in Closed Session

President Chon reported that the Board approved the interdistrict transfer appeal identified in Item 14A.

Motion #2684-6 by Jorge Pacheco, seconded by Raeena Lari, to approve the interdistrict transfer appeal. Motion carried.

President Chon indicated that in the matter of 14B, no action was taken.

16. ADJOURNMENT

Motion #2684-7 by Vice President Speiser, seconded by Trustee Pacheco, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried 6-0-1 with the following vote:

Yes: Raeena Lari, Maimona Afzal Berta, Don Rocha, Victoria Chon, Jessica Speiser, Jorge Pacheco

No: None

Absent: Tara Sreekrishnan

The meeting adjourned at 10:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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