

Minutes for Regular Meeting #2688
APPROVED on August 5, 2026

Santa Clara County Board of Education

1290 Ridder Park Drive
San Jose, CA 95131

Wednesday, July 15, 2026
Regular Board Agenda (#2688)
San Jose Room
5:00 p.m.

1. SCCBOE CALL TO ORDER

A. Call to Order

President Chon called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT ON CLOSED SESSION

There were no public comments.

3. CLOSED SESSION

The Board moved to Closed Session at approximately 5:02 p.m. President Chon called Closed Session to order at 5:03 p.m. and called roll. All trustees were present, except for Trustee Pacheco.

A. Interdistrict Attendance Appeal Filed on Behalf of Student, Resident District: Berryessa Union School District, Desired District: San Jose Unified School District

B. Interdistrict Attendance Appeal Filed on Behalf of Student, Resident District: Sequoia Union High School District, Desired District: Mountain View-Los Altos High School District

C. Interdistrict Attendance Appeal Filed on Behalf of Student, Resident District: San Jose Unified School District, Desired District: Mountain View Whisman School District

D. Interdistrict Attendance Appeal Filed on Behalf of Student, Resident District: Fremont Unified School District, Desired District: Milpitas Unified School District

E. Interdistrict Attendance Appeal Filed on Behalf of Student, Resident District: Hollister School District, Desired District: San Jose Unified School District

F. Interdistrict Attendance Appeal Filed on Behalf of Student, Resident District: Alum Rock Union Elementary School District, Desired District: Berryessa Union School District

G. Interdistrict Attendance Appeal Filed on Behalf of Student, Resident District: Cupertino Union School District, Desired District: Los Altos School District

H. Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation (Gov. Code § 54956.9(d)(2)): 3 cases

Item 3D was not heard and has been rescheduled to the August 5, 2026 meeting.

4. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

The Board concluded the Closed Session at approximately 7:48 p.m. and reconvened the Open Session at 7:49 p.m.

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

Trustees Present:

Raeena Lari (*via teleconference*)
Maimona Afzal Berta
Don Rocha
Victoria Chon
Jessica Speiser
Tara Sreekrishnan

Trustees Absent:

Jorge Pacheco

Motion #2688-1 by Jessica Speiser, seconded by Tara Sreekrishnan, to excuse Trustee Pacheco's absence.
Motion carried 5-0-1-1 with the following vote:

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

B. Pledge of Allegiance

President Chon led the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. Land Acknowledgement

President Chon read the Land Acknowledgement.

D. Set the Agenda

Motion #2688-2 by Jessica Speiser, seconded by Maimona Afzal Berta, to approve the agenda as presented.
Motion carried 6-0-1 with the following vote:

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

E. Report of Actions Taken in Closed Session

President Chon indicated that in the matter of 3A, the Board voted to approve the interdistrict transfer appeal.

Motion #2688-3 by Tara Sreekrishnan, seconded by Raeena Lari, to approve the appeal based on factor 12 through 8th grade. Motion carried 6-0-1 with the following vote:

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

President Chon indicated that in the matter of 3B, the Board voted to approve the interdistrict transfer appeal.

Motion #2688-4 by Victoria Chon, seconded by Tara Sreekrishnan, to approve the appeal based on factors 1, 3, and 12 through 12th grade. Motion carried 6-0-1 with the following vote:

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

President Chon indicated that in the matter of 3C, the Board voted to approve the interdistrict transfer appeal.

Motion #2688-5 by Tara Sreekrishnan, seconded by Raeena Lari, to approve the appeal based on factor 4 through 8th grade. Motion carried 6-0-1 with the following vote:

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

President Chon indicated that in the matter of 3E, the Board voted to approve the interdistrict transfer appeal.

Motion #2688-6 by Tara Sreekrishnan, seconded by Maimona Afzal Berta, to approve the appeal based on factor 4 through 8th grade. Motion carried 6-0-1 with the following vote:

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

President Chon indicated that in the matter of 3F, the Board voted to approve the interdistrict transfer appeal.

Motion #2688-7 by Tara Sreekrishnan, seconded by Raeena Lari, to approve the appeal based on factor 12 through 8th grade. Motion carried 4-2-1 with the following vote:

Yes: Raeena Lari, Victoria Chon, Jessica Speiser, Tara Sreekrishnan
No: Maimona Afzal Berta, Don Rocha
Absent: Jorge Pacheco

President Chon indicated that in the matter of 3G, the Board voted to approve the interdistrict transfer appeal.

Motion #2688-8 by Tara Sreekrishnan, seconded by Raeena Lari, to approve the appeal based on factors 1 and 5 through 8th grade. Motion carried 4-2-1 with the following vote:

Yes: Raeena Lari, Maimona Afzal Berta, Victoria Chon, Tara Sreekrishnan
No: Don Rocha, Jessica Speiser
Absent: Jorge Pacheco

President Chon indicated that in the matter of 3H, no action was taken.

5. SPECIAL RECOGNITION

A. Recognition of the California Charter Authorizing Professionals (CCAP) Awardee from SCCOE

President Chon recognized Dr. Michelle Johnson, Director of Charter Schools, for receiving the California Charter Authorizing Professionals (CCAP) Authorizing Community Award for her leadership, dedication, and contributions to the charter school authorizing community. Board members congratulated Dr. Johnson on the achievement.

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS OF PERSONS DESIRING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

There were two public comments.

7. BARGAINING UNITS' REPORTS

The President or designee of each bargaining unit was invited to present comments. Sarah Gianocar, Service Employees International Union (SEIU) Chapter President, and Christina Moore, representing the Association of County Educators (ACE), provided remarks.

8. CONSENT ACTION ITEMS

- A. Request Approval of Consent Action Items as listed in Item #8 Consent Action Items**
- B. Request Approval of the Minutes from the Regular Board Meeting (#2686) on June 10, 2026**
- C. Request Adoption of Certification of Signatures for 2026**
- E. Request Adoption of Resolution Recognizing American Muslim Appreciation and Awareness Month**
- F. Request Adoption of Resolution Recognizing National Immunization Awareness Month**
- G. Request Approval of the 2026-27 Consolidated Application for Funding**
- H. Second Reading and Adoption of Revised and New Board Policies**
- I. Accept Donations to the Santa Clara County Office of Education**

Motion #2688-9 by Tara Sreekrishnan, seconded by Maimona Afzal Berta, to approve Consent Action Items as listed in Item #8 Consent Action Items and pull 8D for discussion. Motion carried 6-0-1 with the following vote:

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

D. Request Adoption of Resolution Recognizing Air Pollution

There were three public comments.

Motion #2688-10 by Tara Sreekrishnan, seconded by Maimona Afzal Berta, to approve Item 8D with the revised title, "Resolution Recognizing the Threat of Air Pollution." Motion carried 6-0-1 with the following vote:

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

9. CONSENT INFORMATION ITEMS

- A. Disposition of Surplus Items: April 2026 – June 2026**
- B. Head Start/Early Head Start Monthly Board Report – May 2026**

C. Monthly Enrollment Update – Educational Services Programs
D. Williams Settlement Quarterly Report (Q4)

10. INFORMATION ITEMS

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

Dr. Kanika White, Associate Superintendent of Human Resources, presented an informational item regarding a salary increase exceeding \$10,000 due to an employee's promotion from a bargaining unit position to a leadership role following a competitive selection process. The item was presented for transparency purposes and required no Board action.

B. Charter Schools Update

Michelle Johnson, Director of Charter Schools, provided updates on the annual Charter School Data Book, the submission and review of 2026-27 Local Control and Accountability Plans (LCAPs), and upcoming charter school renewals. She reported that all SCCBOE-authorized charter schools have submitted their LCAPs and that reviews are underway. She also noted that nine charter school renewal petitions are expected during the coming year, with the first petition scheduled for submission on July 28, 2026.

C. Future Agenda Items

There was one public comment.

Trustee Sreekrishnan requested a future agenda item on California Schools Healthy Air, Plumbing, and Efficiency Program (CalSHAPE) and suggested including related topics such as Proposition 4 funding opportunities, support for Walden West, school greening initiatives, climate literacy efforts, and relevant environmental education legislation.

11. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION

A. Head Start/Early Head Start Office of Head Start Monitoring Update

Dr. Toston reported on the results of a routine federal Office of Head Start monitoring review, which identified one administrative compliance finding related to background check documentation at a partner agency. He noted that no employees began work before receiving required clearances and that the finding did not involve child safety, classroom practices, or service quality. SCCOE has implemented a corrective action plan to strengthen compliance and oversight processes.

12. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Committee members may provide or report on recent committee activities.

Trustee Berta reported that the Joint Legislative Advisory Committee (JLAC) met before the Board meeting to discuss the status of previously adopted legislative positions and State budget updates. She noted that the committee changed its position on AB 1763 to support the bill and encouraged trustees to review additional information available in BoardDocs.

13. COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBER REPORTS

Trustee Sreekrishnan highlighted the Silicon Valley Youth Climate Action Summer Leadership Academy. She encouraged trustees to attend academy activities and noted that the program was progressing well, providing valuable opportunities for student engagement and leadership development.

Vice President Speiser reported participating in a governance interview conducted by SCCOE's auditor, attending Student Board Member Andino's State Seal of Civic Engagement project presentation and graduation, testifying in Sacramento in support of CSBA-sponsored legislation related to tracking progress on closing achievement gaps, meeting with a representative of the California Charter Schools Association, and participating in planning activities for the Santa Clara County School Boards Association.

President Chon reported attending Student Board Member Andino's State Seal of Civic Engagement project presentation, student graduations, and the County's first Lavender Graduation ceremony. She highlighted Andino's project, which focused on challenges faced by justice-involved youth in juvenile detention and his advocacy efforts to improve outcomes for students in similar circumstances.

14. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

A. The superintendent may give a report on any activities related to his duties.

Dr. Toston reported attending Student Board Member Andino's State Seal of Civic Engagement presentation and student graduations, recognized the work of Osborne School staff and alternative education programs, acknowledged a longtime employee's retirement, and shared updates regarding leadership staffing and upcoming student and community engagement activities.

15. ADJOURNMENT

The next Santa Clara County Board of Education regular meeting is scheduled for August 5, 2026.

Motion #2688-11 by Maimona Afzal Berta, seconded by Don Rocha, 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, Tara Sreekrishnan

No: None

Absent: Jorge Pacheco

The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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