

**Minutes for Special Meeting #2689-S1**  
**APPROVED on September 2, 2026**

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

Saturday, August 22, 2026  
Special Board Meeting (#2689-S1)  
Educator Resource Center  
9:00 a.m.

**1. SCCBOE CALL TO ORDER**

**A. Call to Order**

President Chon called the meeting to order at approximately 9:15 a.m.

**B. Pledge of Allegiance**

President Chon led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**C. Land Acknowledgement**

President Chon read the Land Acknowledgement.

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

**Trustees Present:**

Raeena Lari (*via teleconference*)  
Maimona Afzal Berta (*left the meeting at approximately 11:00 a.m.*)  
Don Rocha  
Jessica Speiser  
Victoria Chon  
Jorge Pacheco

**Trustees Absent:**

Tara Sreekrishnan

Motion #2689-S1-1 by Jessica Speiser, seconded by Raeena Lari, to excuse Trustee Sreekrishnan's absence.  
Motion carried 6-0-1 with the following vote:

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

**E. Set the Agenda**

The Board proceeded with the agenda as posted.

**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.

**4. ADJOURNMENT**

The next Santa Clara County Board of Education regular meeting is scheduled for September 2, 2026.

The meeting concluded at approximately 12:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'David M. Toston, Sr.', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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