

# California State Board of Education Final Minutes January 15, 2025

## Members Present

* Linda Darling-Hammond, President
* Cynthia Glover Woods, Vice President
* Francisco Escobedo
* Gabriela Orozco-Gonzalez
* Brenda Lewis
* Sharon Olken
* Kim Pattillo Brownson
* Haydee Rodriguez
* Alison Yoshimoto-Towery
* Julia Clauson, Student Member

## Secretary & Executive Officer

* Tony Thurmond, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Secretary and Executive Officer

## Members Participating Remotely

* James J. McQuillen

## Members Absent

* None

## Principal Staff

* Brooks Allen, Executive Director, State Board of Education (SBE)
* Lisa Constancio, Senior Deputy Director, SBE
* Kirin Gill, Chief Counsel, SBE
* Alex Traverso, Communications Director, SBE
* Rigel Massaro, Deputy Legal Counsel and Deputy Policy Director, SBE
* Laura Rodriguez, Senior Policy Director, SBE
* Debra Brown, Senior Policy Advisor, SBE
* Kate Dove, Policy Director, SBE
* Michelle Valdivia, Assistant Policy Director, SBE
* Aileen Allison-Zarea, Education Administrator I, SBE
* Ric Reyes, Education Administrator I, SBE
* Amy Bubbico, Staff Services Manager, SBE
* Lisa Hopkins, Associate Governmental Program Analyst, SBE
* Haley Gordon, Associate Governmental Program Analyst, SBE
* David Schapira, Chief Deputy Superintendent, California Department of Education (CDE)
* Mary Nicely, Chief Deputy Superintendent, CDE
* Ingrid Roberson, Chief Deputy Superintendent-appointee, CDE
* Len Garfinkel, General Counsel, CDE
* Erika Torres, Deputy Superintendent, CDE
* Alex Moos, Education Policy Administrator I, CDE

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## California State Board of Education Public Session January 15, 2025

**Wednesday, January 15, 2025 – 8:30 a.m. Pacific Time ±**California Department of Education  
1430 N Street, Room 1101  
Sacramento, California 95814

* Call to Order
* Salute to the Flag
* Ceremonial Swearing-in of Board Members (Sharon Olken and Alison Yoshimoto-Towery)
* Communications
* Announcements
* Special Presentations
  + *Public notice is hereby given that special presentations for informational purposes may take place during this session.*
* Agenda Items
* Day’s Adjournment

**President Darling-Hammond called the meeting to order at approximately 8:36 a.m.**

**President Darling-Hammond ceremonially administered the oath of office to Sharon Olken and Alison Yoshimoto-Towery).**

### AGENDA ITEMS

#### Item 01

**Subject:** STATE BOARD PROJECTS AND PRIORITIES. Including, but not limited to, future meeting plans; agenda items; and officer nominations and/or elections; State Board appointments and direction to staff; declaratory and commendatory resolutions; Bylaw review and revision; Board policy; approval of minutes; Board President and liaison reports; training of Board members; and other matters of interest.

**Type of Action:** Action,Information

**Recommendation:**

* Election of Officers
* State Superintendent of Public Instruction’s Report
* State Board of Education President’s Report

**ACTION 1:** Election of President: Member Rodriguez moved to nominate Linda Darling-Hammond to the office of president for 2025.

Member Lewis seconded the motion.

Yes votes: Members Clauson, Darling-Hammond, Escobedo, Glover Woods, Lewis, McQuillen, Olken, Orozco-Gonzalez, Pattillo Brownson, Rodriguez, and Yoshimoto-Towery.

No votes: None

Member Absent: None

Abstentions: None

Recusals: None

The motion passed with 11 votes.

**ACTION 2:** Election of Vice President: Member Lewis moved to nominate Cynthia Glover-Woods to the office of vice-president for 2025.

Member Orozco-Gonzalez seconded the motion.

Yes votes: Members Clauson, Darling-Hammond, Escobedo, Glover Woods, Lewis, McQuillen, Olken, Orozco-Gonzalez, Pattillo Brownson, Rodriguez, and Yoshimoto-Towery.

No votes: None

Member Absent: None

Abstentions: None

Recusals: None

The motion passed with 11 votes.

Following the Election of Officers, the SBE listened to the following:

* State Superintendent of Public Instruction’s Report
* State Board of Education President’s Report

#### Item 02

**Subject:** Appointments of David Schapira and Dr. Ingrid Roberson to Chief Deputy Superintendents of Public Instruction in accordance with Article IX, Section 2.1, of the Constitution of the State of California.

**Type of Action:** Action, Information

**Recommendation:** The CDE recommends that the SBE appoint the new Chief Deputy Superintendents of Public Instruction in accordance with Article IX, Section 2.1, of the Constitution of the State of California.

**ACTION:** Member Rodriguez moved to approve the CDE staff recommendations for appointment to the Chief Deputy Superintendents of Public Instruction.

Member Escobedo seconded the motion.

**Yes votes:** Members Clauson, Darling-Hammond, Escobedo, Glover Woods, Lewis, McQuillen, Olken, Orozco-Gonzalez, Pattillo Brownson, Rodriguez, and Yoshimoto-Towery.

**No votes:** None

**Members Absent:** None

**Abstentions:** None

**Recusals:** None

The motion passed with 11 votes.

#### Item 03

**Subject:** Update on the Implementation of the Integrated Local, State, and Federal Accountability and Continuous Improvement System: Review of the 2024 California School Dashboard and 2023–24 Data Release, and Approval of the 2025 Accountability Workplan.

**Type of Action:** Action, Information

**Recommendation:** The CDE recommends that the SBE provide guidance and approve the proposed 2025 Accountability Workplan.

**ACTION:** Member Escobedo moved to approve the CDE staff recommendation.

Member Orozco-Gonzalez seconded the motion.

**Yes votes:** Members Clauson, Darling-Hammond, Escobedo, Glover Woods, Lewis, Olken, Orozco-Gonzalez, Pattillo Brownson, Rodriguez, and Yoshimoto-Towery.

**No votes:** None

**Members Absent:** MemberMcQuillen

**Abstentions:** None

**Recusals:** None

The motion passed with 10 votes.

#### Item 05

**Subject:** 2025 United States Senate Youth Program: Recognition of California’s Selected Student Delegates and Alternates.

**Type of Action:** Information

**Recommendation:** The CDE recommends that the SBE President and the SSPI present the 2025 USSYP and recognize the 2025 delegates Sarah Gao and Bode Gower, and alternates James Miller and Sriya Srinivasan.

**ACTION:** No Action Taken.

#### Item 04

**Subject:** 2026Personal Finance Curriculum Guide: Approval of Development Timeline and Curriculum Guide Foundational Principles.

**Type of Action:** Action, Information

**Recommendation:** The CDE recommends that the SBE approve the Development Timeline and Foundational Principles for the 2026 Personal Finance Curriculum Guide.

**ACTION:** Member Olken moved to approve the CDE staff recommendation.

Member Lewis seconded the motion.

**Yes votes:** Members Clauson, Darling-Hammond, Escobedo, Glover Woods, Lewis, McQuillen, Olken, Orozco-Gonzalez, Pattillo Brownson, Rodriguez, and Yoshimoto-Towery.

**No votes:** None

**Members Absent:** None

**Abstentions:** None

**Recusals:** None

The motion passed with 11 votes.

### REGULAR CONSENT ITEMS (Item 06 through Item 12)

#### Item 06

**Subject:** California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress and English Language Proficiency Assessments for California: Request for Approval of the Proposed Technical Amendments to the Student Score Reports.

**Type of Action:** Action, Information, Consent

**Recommendation:** The CDE recommends that the State Board of Education (SBE) approve the proposed technical amendments to the SSRs for the Smarter Balanced Summative Assessments for ELA and Mathematics, CAST, and Initial ELPAC, as provided in Attachment 1. The CDE also recommends that the SBE delegate authority to CDE staff, subject to the approval of the SBE Executive Director, to make any additional necessary clarifying technical edits to the SSRs.

#### Item 07

**Subject:** The 2025 Mathematics Instructional Materials Adoption: Requests for Reduction of the Publisher Participation Fee.

**Type of Action:** Action, Information, Consent

**Recommendation:** The CDE recommends that the SBE approve the fee reductions for each publisher and content developer as listed in the 2025 Mathematics Instructional Materials Adoption Publisher Fee Reduction Requests (Attachment 1).

#### Item 08

**Subject:** The 2025 Mathematics Instructional Materials Adoption: Appointment of Reviewers and Approval of California Department of Education Facilitators.

**Type of Action:** Action, Information, Consent

**Recommendation:** The IQC recommends that the SBE take the following action: appoint IMRs and CREs for the 2025 Mathematics Instructional Materials Adoption as recommended by the IQC and identified in Attachment 1.

The CDE recommends that the SBE take the following action: approve CDE staff and former Commissioners of the IQC, identified in Attachment 2, to serve as potential facilitators during the 2025 Mathematics Instructional Materials Adoption deliberations.

#### Item 09

**Subject:** Assignment of Charter School Numbers to Newly Established Charter Schools, Pursuant to California *Education Code* Section 47602.

**Type of Action:** Action, Information, Consent

**Recommendation:** The CDE recommends that the SBE assign charter numbers to the charter schools identified in Attachment 1.

#### Item 10

**Subject:** State Educational Agency Approval of the 2024–25 Local Educational Agency Comprehensive Support and Improvement Plans Authorized Under the Every Student Succeeds Act Section 1111(d).

**Type of Action:** Action, Information, Consent

**Recommendation:** The CDE recommends that the SBE take action to approve the CSI plans for the 2024–25 school year (SY) for the LEAs listed in Attachment 1.

#### Item 11

**Subject:** Approval of the fiscal year 2024–2025 Career Technical Education Incentive Grant Allocations, Including the Allocation Formula; Specific Funding Amounts and Number of Grant Awards; Purposes for Grant Fund Use; and Allowable and Non-Allowable Expenditures.

**Type of Action:** Action, Information, Consent

**Recommendation:** The CDE recommends that the SBE review and approve the following:

* CTEIG Allocation Formula (Attachment 1)
* Specific Proposed Funding Amounts and Number of Grant Awards (Attachment 2)
* Purposes for which grant funds may be used/minimum eligibility standards
* Allowable and non-allowable expenditures

#### Item 12

**Subject:** Approval of 2024–25 Consolidated Applications.

**Type of Action:** Action, Information, Consent

**Recommendation:** The CDE recommends that the SBE approve the 2024–25 ConApps submitted by LEAs in Attachment 1.

**ACTION:** Member Rodriguez moved to approve the CDE staff recommendations for each regular item on consent (Item 06 through Item 12).

Member Orozco-Gonzalez seconded the motion.

**Yes votes:** Members Clauson, Darling-Hammond, Glover Woods, Lewis, McQuillen, Olken, Orozco-Gonzalez, Pattillo Brownson, and Rodriguez.

**No votes:** None

**Members Absent:** None

**Abstentions:** None

**Recusals:** Members Escobedo and Yoshimoto-Towery

The motion passed with 9 votes.

#### *END OF REGULAR CONSENT ITEMS*

#### *REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS CONTINUED*

#### Item 13

**Subject:** Follow-up to the July 2024 State Board of Education Study Session on The California Way: Proposed Development Process on The State Board of Education’s Portrait of a Graduate/Learner.

**Type of Action:** Action, Information

**Recommendation:** No specific action is recommended at this time.

**ACTION:** No Action Taken.

#### Item 14

**Subject:** State Annual Performance Report for Part B of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) of 2004 covering program year 2023–24.

**Type of Action: Action,** Information

**Recommendation:** The CDE recommends the SBE review and approve the Executive Summary of the FFY 2023 APR for Part B of the IDEA covering program year 2023–24 as prepared by the Special Education Division (SED).

**ACTION:** Member Yoshimoto-Towery moved to approve the CDE staff recommendation.

Member Lewis seconded the motion.

**Yes votes:** Members Clauson, Darling-Hammond, Escobedo, Glover Woods, Lewis, McQuillen, Olken, Orozco-Gonzalez, Pattillo Brownson, Rodriguez, and Yoshimoto-Towery.

**No votes:** None

**Members Absent:** None

**Abstentions:** None

**Recusals:** None

The motion passed with 11 votes.

### WAIVERS/ACTION AND CONSENT ITEMS

*(W-01 through W-04)*

The following agenda items include waivers that are proposed for consent and those waivers scheduled for separate action because CDE staff may have recommended denial or determined that they may present new or unusual issues. Waivers proposed for consent are so indicated on each waiver’s agenda item; however, any board member may remove a waiver from proposed consent and the item may be heard individually. Action different from that recommended by CDE staff may be taken.

Special Education Program (Extended School Year (Summer School))

#### Item W-01 General

**Subject:** Request by **three local educational agencies** to waive *California Code of Regulations,* Title 5, Section 3043(d), which requires a minimum of 20 school days for an extended school year (summer school) for students with disabilities.

Waiver Number:

* Tuolumne County Superintendent of Schools 8-4-2024
* Lake County Office of Education 11-4-2024
* Mariposa County Office of Education 4-5-2024

(Recommended for APPROVAL)

Special Education Program (Algebra I Requirement for Graduation)

#### Item W-02 Specific

**Subject:** Request by the **El Dorado Union High School District** to waive California *Education Code* Section 51224.5(b), the requirement that all students graduating in the 2024–25 school year be required to complete a course in Algebra I (or equivalent) to be given a diploma of graduation. The waiver applies to two students with disabilities based on *Education Code* Section 56101, the special education waiver authority.

Waiver Number:

* El Dorado Union High School District 5-10-2024
* El Dorado Union High School District 6-10-2024

(Recommended for APPROVAL WITH CONDITIONS)

Federal Program Waiver (Carl D. Perkins Voc and Tech Ed Act)

#### Item W-03 Federal

**Subject:** Request by **Trinity Alps Unified School District** or a waiver of Section 131(c)(1) of the Strengthening Career and Technical Education for the 21st Century Act (Public Law 115-224).

Waiver Number: Fed-6-2024

(Recommended for APPROVAL)

Sale or Lease of Surplus Property (Sale of Surplus Property)

#### Item W-04 General

**Subject:** Request by **Rim of the World Unified School District** to waive California *Education Code* sections specific to statutory provisions for the sale or lease of surplus property.

Waiver Number: 7-9-2024

(Recommended for APPROVAL WITH CONDITIONS)

**ACTION:** Member Glover Woods moved to approve the CDE staff recommendations for each waiver item on consent (W-01 though W-04).

Members Orozco-Gonzalez seconded the motion.

**Yes votes:** Members Clauson, Darling-Hammond, Escobedo, Glover Woods, Lewis, McQuillen, Olken, Orozco-Gonzalez, Rodriguez, and Yoshimoto-Towery.

**No votes:** None

**Member Absent:** Member Pattillo Brownson

**Abstentions:** None

**Recusals:** None

The motion passed with 10 votes.

#### *END OF WAIVER CONSENT ITEMS*

#### *PUBLIC HEARING*

The following Public Hearing will commence no earlier than 8:30 a.m. on Wednesday, January 15, 2025. The Public Hearing listed below will be held as close to 8:30 a.m. as the business of the State Board permits.

#### Item 15

**Subject:** Petition for the Renewal of a Charter School Authorized by the California State Board of Education: Consideration of High Tech High Statewide Benefit Charter.

**Type of Action:** Action, Information, Public Hearing

**Recommendation:** The CDE recommends that the SBE approve the Charter School’s renewal petition for a term of five years, beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2030.

The CDE’s recommendation for renewal is based on a review of the Charter School’s performance on the California School Dashboard (Dashboard), measurable increases in academic achievement equivalent to one year’s progress for each year in school, and strong postsecondary outcomes.

The CDE recommends the following technical amendments as a condition of approving the Charter School renewal petition:

1) The Charter School revises its charter to change its name from “High Tech High Statewide Benefit Charter” to “High Tech High Countywide Charter School;” and

2) The Charter School revises its charter to state that a Home Language Survey will be completed upon a student’s initial enrollment at a California public school.

The CDE also recommends the SBE designate San Diego County as the Charter School’s chartering authority, effective July 1, 2025.

**President Darling-Hammond opened the Public Hearing at approximately 3:17 p.m.**

**President Darling-Hammond closed the Public Hearing at approximately 3:38 p.m.**

**ACTION 1:** Member Glover Woods moved to approve the CDE staff recommendation that the SBE approve the Charter School’s renewal petition for a term of five years, beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2030, with the following technical amendments as a condition of approving the Charter School renewal petition:

1. The Charter School revises its charter to change its name from “High Tech High Statewide Benefit Charter” to “High Tech High Countywide Charter School;” and
2. The Charter School revises its charter to state that a Home Language Survey will be completed upon a student’s initial enrollment at a California public school.

Member Rodriguez seconded the motion.

**Yes votes:** Members Clauson, Darling-Hammond, Escobedo, Glover Woods, Lewis, McQuillen, Olken, Orozco-Gonzalez, Pattillo Brownson, Rodriguez, and Yoshimoto-Towery.

**No votes:** None

**Members Absent:** None

**Abstentions:** None

**Recusals:** None

The motion passed with 11 votes.

**ACTION 2:** Member Escobedo moved to approve the CDE staff recommendation that SBE designate San Diego County as the Charter School’s chartering authority, effective July 1, 2025 with the amendment to ensure that CDE work with the county and the charter school to ensure that the data by each school is shared as has been done previously.

Member Olken seconded the motion.

**Yes votes:** Members Clauson, Darling-Hammond, Escobedo, Glover Woods, Lewis, McQuillen, Olken, Pattillo Brownson, and Yoshimoto-Towery.

**No votes:** Members Orozco-Gonzalez and Rodriguez

**Members Absent:** None

**Abstentions:** None

**Recusals:** None

The motion passed with 9 votes.

#### *END OF PUBLIC HEARING*

#### *REGULAR ITEMS CONTINUED*

#### Re-Open Item 01

**Subject:** STATE BOARD PROJECTS AND PRIORITIES.

Including, but not limited to, future meeting plans; agenda items; and officer nominations and/or elections; State Board appointments and direction to staff; declaratory and commendatory resolutions; Bylaw review and revision; Board policy; approval of minutes; Board President and liaison reports; training of Board members; and other matters of interest.

**Type of Action:** Action, Information

**Recommendation:**

* Approve the Draft Preliminary Report of Actions/Minutes for the November 13, 2024, meeting.
* Board Member Liaison Reports

**ACTION 1:** Member Glover Woods moved to approve the Preliminary Report of Actions/Draft Meeting Minutes for the November 13, 2024, meeting.

Member Pattillo Brownson seconded the motion.

**Yes votes:** Members Clauson, Darling-Hammond, Escobedo, Glover Woods, Lewis, McQuillen, Olken, Orozco-Gonzalez, Pattillo Brownson, Rodriguez, and Yoshimoto-Towery.

**No votes:** None

**Members Absent:** None

**Abstentions:** None

**Recusals:** None

The motion passed with 11 votes.

#### Item 16

**Subject:** GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT.

Public Comment is invited on any matter **not** included on the printed agenda. Depending on the number of individuals wishing to address the State Board, the presiding officer may establish specific time limits on presentations.

**Type of Action:** Information

**ACTION:** No Action Taken.

### ADJOURNMENT OF THE MEETING

**President Darling-Hammond adjourned the meeting at approximately 4:30 p.m.**