

**BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES  
Governing Board of the Los Angeles Unified School District**

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
Including Closed Session Items**

333 South Beaudry Avenue, Board Room  
1208 Magnolia Avenue, Gardena, CA 90247  
9945 Laurel Canyon Blvd., Pacoima, CA 91331  
10:00 a.m., Wednesday, January 28, 2026

The Los Angeles Board of Education acting as the Governing Board of the Los Angeles Unified School District met in regular session on Wednesday, January 28, 2026, at the Administrative Offices, Board Room, 333 South Beaudry Avenue, Los Angeles, California.

Mr. Michael A. McLean, Executive Officer of the Board of Education, called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.

The following Board Members were present: Ms. Sherlett H. Newbill, Dr. Rocío Rivas, Mr. Nick Melvoin, Ms. Karla Griego, Ms. Tanya Ortiz Franklin and Board President Scott Schmerelson.

Ms. Kelly Gonez joined the meeting remotely at approximately 10:18 a.m. pursuant to the traditional teleconferencing provisions of the Brown Act.

Superintendent Alberto M. Carvalho was also present.

**CLOSED SESSION ITEMS (Purpose and Authority)**

Mr. McLean announced that the following items would be discussed in closed session:

1. Student Discipline Matters (Education Code Section 48918[c][f])
2. Personnel (Government Code Section 54957)

Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release

Public Employment

Chief of Police  
Chief Risk Officer  
Director of Budget Services & Financial Planning  
Deputy Director of Facilities Maintenance and Operations  
Inspector General

Superintendent's Evaluation

3. Conference with Legal Counsel

Pending Litigation (Government Code Section 54956.9[d][1])

Doe, Jane 1, et al. v. Los Angeles Unified School District, et al.

4. Conference with Labor Negotiators (Government Code Section 54957.6)

Negotiator: Dr. Murphy  
Employee Organizations:

Associated Administrators of Los Angeles  
California School Employees Association  
Los Angeles County Building and Construction Trades Council  
Los Angeles School Police Association  
Los Angeles School Police Management Association  
Service Employees International Union, SEIU Local 99  
Teamsters  
United Teachers Los Angeles  
District Represented Employees and Contract Management Personnel

Negotiator: Ms. Navera Reed  
Unrepresented Employees:

Chief of Police  
Chief Risk Officer  
Director of Budget Services & Financial Planning  
Deputy Director of Facilities Maintenance and Operations  
Inspector General

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

The following speakers addressed the Board on the subjects indicated:

Tab 4: Conference with Labor Negotiators

- David Tokofsky, Community member

General Public Comment

Carol Landaverde, Parent	Concerns regarding special education services at Thomas Starr King Middle School
Todd Grabarsky, Parent	Opposes EdTech at schools
Bridie Lee, Parent	Block YouTube on school devices
Maria Luisa Palma, Oleada Inc.	Declining enrollment and inequity
Kate Brody, Schools Beyond Screens	Opposes EdTech at schools
Diana Guillen, Parent	Concerns regarding special education services
María Daisy Ortiz, Community Member	Parental concerns
Sandra Martinez Roe, Schools Beyond Screens	Opposes EdTech at schools
Nicollette Santos, Parent	Opposes overuse of EdTech at schools
Isabel González, Parent	Support for school police
Elizabeth Newman, Parent	Opposes EdTech at schools
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Kristina Brown, Parent	Opposes EdTech at schools
Anya Meksin, Schools Beyond Screens	Opposes EdTech at schools
Marcela Garcia, Parent	Budget cuts, support for school police
Dr. Deanna Eichenstein, Schools Beyond Screens	Opposes EdTech at schools

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The Board recessed the public portion of the closed session meeting at 10:52 a.m. Closed session discussion began at 10:57 a.m. and ended at 2:50 p.m. The following Board Members were present: Ms. Newbill, Dr. Rivas, Mr. Melvoin, Ms. Griego, Ms. Ortiz Franklin, and Board President Schmerelson. Ms. Gonez was present via Zoom.

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The Board reconvened the public portion of the closed session meeting at 2:55 p.m.

The following Board Members were present: Mr. Melvoin, Ms. Griego, Ms. Ortiz Franklin and Board President Schmerelson.

Ms. Newbill arrived at approximately 2:57 p.m.

Dr. Rivas and Ms. Gonez were absent.

Mr. McLean announced the following reportable actions resulting from the closed session discussion:

- The Board of Education approved the expulsion of students in case numbers, 27-25/26, 28-25/26, and 30-25/26 with the recommended dispositions. The vote was 7 ayes.
- The Board of Education approved the expulsion of student in case number 29-25/26 with the recommended dispositions. The vote was 6 ayes, 1 no (Mr. Schmerelson).
- The Board of Education approved the conditional enrollment of students in case numbers, 13A-25/26 and 14A-25/26, with the recommended dispositions. The vote was 7 ayes.
- The Board of Education authorized the dismissal of 1 classified employee. The vote was 7 ayes.
- The Board of Education appointed Donald R. Graham, Jr., to the position of Chief of Police with the term beginning on February 11, 2026, and ending on June 30, 2028. Terms and conditions will be available upon the finalization of the agreement. The vote was 5 ayes and 2 noes (Ms. Griego and Dr. Rivas).
- The Board of Education appointed Beiwei Tu to the position of Chief Risk Officer with the term beginning on February 11, 2026, and ending on June 30, 2028. Terms and conditions will be available upon the finalization of the agreement. The vote was 7 ayes.
- The Board of Education appointed Woineshet Gebeyaw to the position of Director of Budget Services & Financial Planning with the term beginning on February 11, 2026, and ending on June 30, 2028. Terms and conditions will be available upon the finalization of the agreement. The vote was 7 ayes.

- The Board of Education appointed Adrian Pacheco to the position of Deputy Director of Facilities Maintenance and Operations with the term beginning on February 11, 2026, and ending on June 30, 2028. Terms and conditions will be available upon the finalization of the agreement. The vote was 7 ayes.
- The Board of Education authorized the settlement in the case of Doe, Jane 1, et al. v. Los Angeles Unified School District, et al. (LASC Case No. 22VECV02618). Terms and conditions will be available upon the finalization of the agreement. The vote was 7 ayes.

**ADJOURNMENT**

By general consent, the meeting was adjourned at 2:57 p.m.

**APPROVED BY THE BOARD:     **JUNE 12, 2026****

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SCOTT M. SCHMERELSON  
PRESIDENT

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MICHAEL MCLEAN  
EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF THE BOARD

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