

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

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
333 South Beaudry Avenue, Board Room
9:00 a.m., Tuesday, November 17, 2025

The Los Angeles Board of Education acting as the Governing Board of the Los Angeles Unified School District met in special session on Tuesday, November 17, 2025, at the Administrative Offices, Board Room, 333 South Beaudry Avenue, Los Angeles, California.

Michael A. McLean, Executive Officer of the Board, called the meeting to order at 9:07 a.m.

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

Superintendent Alberto M. Carvalho was present.

CONSENT ITEMS

Items for action below to be adopted by a single vote:

NEW BUSINESS FOR ACTION

- TAB 1. BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT NO. 122-25/26
Approval of the Renewal Petition for Accelerated Charter Elementary
- TAB 2. BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT NO. 125-25/26
Approval of the Renewal Petition for Citizens of the World Charter School Marvista
- TAB 3. BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT NO. 133-25/26
Approval of the Renewal Petition for ICEF Vista Middle Academy
- TAB 4. BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT NO. 132-25/26
Approval of the Renewal Petition for ICEF Vista Elementary Academy
- TAB 5. BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT NO. 124-25/26
Approval of the Renewal Petition for CATCH Prep Charter High Inc.
- TAB 6. BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT NO. 128-25/26
Approval of the Renewal Petition for Extera Public School No. 2
- TAB 7. BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT NO. 127-25/26
Approval of the Renewal Petition for Equitas Academy 5
- TAB 8. BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT NO. 129-25/26
Approval of the Renewal Petition for High Tech LA

- TAB 9. BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT NO. 130-25/26
Approval of the Renewal Petition for High Tech LA Middle
- TAB 10. BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT NO. 135-25/26
Approval of the Renewal Petition for Magnolia Science Academy 4
- TAB 11. BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT NO. 138-25/26
Approval of the Renewal Petition for Pacoima Charter Elementary
- TAB 12. BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT NO. 140-25/26
Approval of the Renewal Petition for Rise Kohyang Elementary
- TAB 13. BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT NO. 141-25/26
Approval of the Renewal Petition for Stella Middle Charter Academy
- TAB 14. BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT NO. 142-25/26
Approval of the Renewal Petition for STEM Preparatory Elementary
- TAB 15. BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT NO. 143-25/26
Approval of the Proposed Material Revision for STEM Preparatory Elementary
- TAB 16. BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT NO. 144-25/26
Approval of the Renewal Petition for Valley International Preparatory High
- TAB 17. BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT NO. 145-25/26
Approval of the Renewal Petition for Valor Academy High
- TAB 18. BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT NO. 146-25/26
Approval of the Renewal Petition for Wallis Annenberg High
- TAB 19. BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT NO. 131-25/26
Approval of the Renewal Petition for ICEF Innovation Los Angeles Charter
- TAB 20. BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT NO. 126-25/26
Approval of the Renewal Petition for City Language Immersion Charter
- TAB 21. BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT NO. 123-25/26
Approval of the Renewal Petition for Camino Nuevo High #2
- TAB 22. BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT NO. 137-25/26
Approval of the Renewal Petition for New Los Angeles Charter

Mr. McLean read the following public hearing statements for Tabs 1-14 and Tabs 16-25:

Before action is taken on the following Board Reports, a public hearing must be held.

This constitutes a public hearing on:

- Accelerated Charter Elementary
- Citizens of the World Charter School Mar Vista
- ICEF Vista Middle Academy
- ICEF Vista Elementary Academy
- CATCH Prep Charter High, Inc.
- Extera Public School No. 2
- Equitas Academy 5
- High Tech LA
- High Tech LA Middle
- Magnolia Science Academy 4
- Pacoima Charter Elementary
- Rise Kohyang
- Stella Middle Charter Academy
- STEM Preparatory Elementary
- Valley International Preparatory High
- Valor Academy High
- Wallis Annenburg High
- ICEF Innovation Los Angeles Charter
- Petition for City Language Immersion Charter
- Camino Nuevo High #2
- New Los Angeles Charter
- Ingenium Charter Middle
- Matrix for Success Academy
- PREPA TEC – Los Angeles

A maximum of 15 individuals who wish to address the Board on each of the items will be heard. Those who wish to speak should sign up online. Speakers will be called by name.

Following public speakers, the Board will be taking action on these reports. Petitions denied may be submitted directly to the Los Angeles County Office of Education or directly to the State for action.

Ms. Gonez moved to adopt the consent items. Dr. Rivas seconded the motion.

On roll call vote the consent items were adopted. The vote was 7 ayes.

Before proceeding, Mr. McLean corrected a procedural oversight. The Board took action on the consent calendar without first allowing for public comment on those items, as required. He reopened the consent calendar for the limited purpose of receiving public comment and will retake the action.

All speakers waived their time to speak on consent items except for the following:

- David Tokofsky, Community Member

Ms. Gonez moved to adopt the consent items. Mr. Melvoin seconded the motion.

On roll call vote, the consent items were adopted. The vote was 7 ayes.

NEW BUSINESS FOR ACTION

TAB 23. BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT NO. 134-25/26
Denial of the Renewal Petition for Ingenium Charter Middle School (ICMS)

Mr. Schmerelson moved to adopt the report. Ms. Gonez seconded the motion.

The following speakers addressed the Board:

- Bill Toomey, Superintendent
- Alyson Bobadilla, Student
- Dr. Julie Troletti, Principal
- Irlanda Gonzalez, Director, Recruitment and Development
- Leroy Collins, Teacher
- Sarai Aguerta, Student
- Jovanna Ledesma, Director, Educational Programs & Accountability
- David Aspacha, Teacher
- Nicole Downes, Vice Chair President, ICMS Board of Directors
- Maria Rosa, Parent
- Edith Murillo, Parent
- Erica Hansen, Member, ICMS Board of Directors
- Geneva Perry, Counselor
- Jessica Ray, Chair, ICMS Board of Directors
- Arleta Albarran, Chief of Schools

Marla Wilmont, Director, Charter Schools Division, and Jose Cole Gutierrez, Senior Executive Director of Strategy, Office of the Chief of Staff, and Ingenium Charter Middle School staff responded to questions from Board Members.

Remarks were heard from Mr. Melvoin and Dr. Rivas.

Following discussion and on roll call vote the report was adopted. The vote was 5 ayes, 1 noe, Mr. Melvoin, and 1 absent, Ms. Ortiz Franklin.

Later in the meeting Ms. Ortiz Franklin recorded a no vote.

The final vote was 5 ayes, 2 noes, Mr. Melvoin and Ms. Ortiz Franklin.

TAB 24. BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT NO. 136-25/26
Denial of the Renewal Petition for Matrix for Success Academy

Ms. Gonez moved to adopt the report. Dr. Rivas seconded the motion.

The following speakers addressed the Board:

- Cesar Lopez, Founder and Executive Director
- Margaret Woelke, Executive Director
- Mark Ellsworth, Teacher
- Rachel Livingston, Chief Program Officer for the Fulfillment Fund
- Mariyah Williams, Student
- John Garret, Teacher
- Brenda Esparza, Coordinator for Student Services
- Yesenia Requesnes, Parent
- Adrian Gonzalez, Teacher
- Jerry Ann Rosa, Counselor
- Anissa Guillen, Student
- Lauren Slack, Teacher
- Christian Jarrillo, Student
- John Johnson, Teacher
- Dr. Rochelle Brooks, Principal

Marla Wilmont, Director, Charter Schools Division, and Jose Cole Gutierrez, Senior Executive Director of Strategy, Office of the Chief of Staff, and Matrix for Success Academy staff responded to questions from Board Members.

Remarks were heard from Ms. Ortiz Franklin and Dr. Rivas.

Following discussion and on roll call vote the report was adopted. The vote was 4 ayes, 2 noes, Mr. Melvoin and Ms. Ortiz Franklin, and 1 abstention, Ms. Gonez.

TAB 25. BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT NO. 139-25/26
Denial of the Renewal Petition for PREPA TEC - Los Angeles

Ms. Gonez moved to adopt the report. Mr. Schmerelson seconded the motion.

The following speakers addressed the Board:

- Rachel Villalobos, Superintendent of Instruction
- Christina Johnson, Reading Intervention
- Cassandra Brunette, Literacy Coach
- Taylor Evans, Principal
- Esther Cuevas, Parent
- Marissa Rascon, Director of Expanded Learning
- Mark Newall, Community Member
- Carla Sanchez, Community Member

Marla Wilmont, Director, Charter Schools Division, and Jose Cole Gutierrez, Senior Executive Director of Strategy, Office of the Chief of Staff, provided the Board with an overview of charter recommendations for denial.

Ms. Wilmont responded to a question from Mr. Schmerelson.

On roll call vote the report was adopted. The vote was 7 ayes.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

TAB 26 CHARTER PETITIONS FOR PUBLIC HEARING (013-25/26)

Mr. McLean read the following public hearing statement:

Before action is taken on the following, a public hearing must be held.

This constitutes a public hearing on:

- N.E.W. Academy of Science and Arts
- New Horizons Charter Academy
- N.E.W. Academy Canoga Park
- Goethe International Charter
- Aspire Titan Academy
- New Millennium Secondary
- Port of Los Angeles High

A maximum of 20 individuals who wish to address the Board on the item will be heard. Those who wish to speak should sign up online. Speakers will be called by name.

Following speakers the Board will be taking action on the charter petitions at a subsequent meeting.

The following Speakers addressed the Board:

- Keith Dell'Aquila, California Charter Schools Association
- Mary Jane Liverpool, Principal, Port of Los Angeles High School
- Maria Jesus Ruiz, Aspire Public Schools
- Richard Thomas, Executive Director, Principal, New Horizons Charter Academy
- Tim Dikdan, Principal, Port Los Angeles High School
- Marisela Barreno, Parent Representative, New Academy of Science and Arts
- Yesenia Martinez, Parent
- Carmen Pastor, Parent, New Academy of Science and Arts
- Patricia Reida, Parent New Academy Canoga Park
- Dr. Darrick Rice, Executive Director, Principal, New Millenium Secondary School
- Sujata Alagh, Teacher, New Horizon Charter Academy
- Yohannes Loulsegued, Goethe International Charter School
- Martinelle Allen, Teacher, Goethe International Charter School

ADJOURNMENT

By general consent, the meeting adjourned at 1:31 p.m.

APPROVED BY THE BOARD:

SCOTT M. SCHMERELSON
PRESIDENT

MICHAEL A. MCLEAN
EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF THE BOARD

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