

Santa Ana Unified School District  
1601 East Chestnut Avenue  
Santa Ana, CA 92701

## MINUTES

Special Board Meeting - Annual Planning Retreat  
Santa Ana Board of Education

Tuesday, April 16, 2024

### 1. CALL TO ORDER

Board President Torres called the meeting to order at 5:40 p.m.

Other Board members in attendance were Dr. Alvarez, Mr. Bustos, Ms. Brazer Aceves, and Dr. Rodriguez

Cabinet members in attendance were Superintendent Almendarez, Dr. Perez, Ms. Flores, Mr. Hacker, and Ms. Barquin with Dr. Olamendi and Mr. Walstrom were absent.

### 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Superintendent Almendarez led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### 3. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Ms. Torres read the following land acknowledgement: I want to recognize that our District and school campuses are located in the Village of Pasbenga. I want to acknowledge that this land we refer to as Orange County, is the unceded and traditional lands of the Gabrieleno Tongva Nation, and the Juaneño Band of Mission Indians Acjachemen Nation. These lands were taken through a process of colonization, physical, and cultural genocide. I want to pay my respect to elders, both past and present, as well as the Tongva and Acjachemen youth who have attended and are currently attending our schools in neighboring districts.

### 4. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

Ms. Torres asked if there was anyone wishing to address the Board related to the special Board meeting agenda. There was no one wishing to address the Board.

### 5. PRESENTATION

#### 5.1 Progress Update, Discussion, and Development of Goals and Plans for 2024-25 School Year

Superintendent Almendarez provided background on the development of the five Board Priorities: Student Achievement, Family and Community Engagement, Social Emotional Wellness, Public Health & Safety, and Organizational Efficiency & Effectiveness. Since then, two of these Board Priorities were merged into one, Social Emotional Wellness and Public Health & Safety, to ensure wellness as a whole. Mr. Almendarez also included background on the Board Priority Metrics which measure the success of the Board Priorities and added that the purpose of tonight's meeting was to have a conversation around the Board Priorities and Metrics, answer questions, and to seek direction moving forward. Board members asked questions which were addressed by staff, provided individual input, and requested additional information to support the continued focus on the defined four Board Priorities and underscored the importance of strategic oversight, appreciation for staff, and the need for continued improvement in both governance and educational outcomes.

### 6. ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business to come before the Board, Ms. Torres adjourned the meeting at 7:41 p.m.

### 7. FUTURE MEETING

The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Education is Tuesday, April 23, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.

ATTEST:

  
Superintendent