

## FRESNO COUNTY COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL DISTRICT ORGANIZATION

District 1  
Daniel Babshoff  
Phillip Cervantes

District 2  
Sandy Bengel-Budd  
Warren Jennings

District 3  
Myra Coble  
Barbara Thomas

District 4  
Louis Mata  
Dr. Lawrence Wilder

District 5  
Connie Schlaefer  
Pete Filippi

At Large  
Julie Gragnani

### Minutes September 17, 2024 5:30 p.m.

Clovis Unified School District  
Professional Development Building, Boardroom  
1680 David E. Cook Way  
Clovis, California 93611

#### A. OPENING CEREMONY

1. **Call Meeting to Order.** Dr. Lawrence Wilder called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.
2. **Roll Call – Establish Quorum.** Members present: Daniel Babshoff, Sandy Bengel-Budd, Maria Cantu, Phillip Cervantes, Pete Filippi, Warren Jennings, Louis Mata, Connie Schlaefer, and Dr. Lawrence Wilder. A quorum was established.

Member Thomas arrived at 5:34 p.m. and Member Coble arrived at 5:37 p.m.

County Superintendent Staff Present: Benjamin C. Rosenbaum, Legal Counsel, Legal Services; and Angelica Perea-Gutierrez, Recording Secretary.

#### B. ADOPT AGENDA

**Adopt Agenda for September 17, 2024, Meeting.** Motion by Member Babshoff, seconded by Member Bengel-Budd; motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: Members Babshoff, Bengel-Budd, Cantu, Cervantes, Filippi, Jennings, Mata, Schlaefer, and Wilder  
No: None  
Absent: Coble and Thomas

#### C. PUBLIC HEARING

1. Public hearing regarding proposal to transfer school district territory out of Sierra Unified School District and into Clovis Unified School District.

#### Public Hearing opened at 5:31 p.m.

Member Schlaefer identified herself as having a conflict of interest because she is a current member of the Sierra Unified School District board, recused herself, and did not participate in the meeting as a County Committee Member any further.

- a. Brief Discussion of Proposal and Process by County Committee Legal Counsel, Benjamin C. Rosenbaum
- b. Presentation by Sierra Unified School District's Representative(s) David Soldoni, Legal Counsel; Cortney

Burke, Board President; Shin Green, Principal at Eastshore Consulting, LLC; Lori Grace, Superintendent

- c. Presentation by Clovis Unified School District's Representative(s) Shawn Vanwagenen, General Counsel; and Norm Anderson, Deputy Superintendent
- d. Presentation by Petitioners' Representative(s) Marc Thurston, via video recording
- e. Public Comments in Opposition to Proposal (not to exceed 3 minutes each or a total of 45 minutes)
  - 1. Jimmie Eggers
  - 2. Jon Hendrix
  - 3. Aaron Wiest
  - 4. Danielle Amundsen
  - 5. Matthew Toews
  - 6. Letty Peters
  - 7. Mattie Hill
  - 8. Justice Jones
  - 9. Wade Kimbler
  - 10. Steve Pickens
  - 11. Peter McManus

10-minute break (6:57 p.m. – 7:07 p.m.)

- 12. Sophia McManus
- 13. Elizabeth Beatty
- 14. Hayley Ferguson
- 15. Kathleen Bisko
- 16. Carli Walker
- 17. Rick Adams
- 18. Quentin Cedar
- 19. Susan Leeper
- 20. Ben Kimbler
- 21. Laura Cory Milton

- f. Public Comments in Support of Proposal (not to exceed 3 minutes each or a total of 45 minutes)
  - 1. Priscilla Presto
  - 2. Brenda Cosio
  - 3. Darius Assemi
  - 4. Brett Mitchell
  - 5. Luke Mitchell
  - 6. Tyson Mitchell
  - 7. Joshua Mitchell
  - 8. Christine Lynn
- g. Rebuttal and Closing Statement by Sierra Unified School District's Representative(s) David Soldani, Legal Counsel; and Lori Grace, Superintendent
- h. Rebuttal and Closing Statement by Clovis Unified School District's Representative(s) was declined

- i. Rebuttal and Closing Statement by Petitioners' Representative(s) was declined

**Public Hearing closed at 7:57 p.m.**

D. ACTION ITEMS

None.

E. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

F. NEXT MEETING

G. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:58 p.m. **Motion to adjourn.** Motion by Member Babshoff, seconded by Member Cantu; motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: Members Babshoff, Bengel-Budd, Cantu, Cervantes, Coble, Filippi, Jennings, Mata, Thomas and Wilder

No: None

Absent: Member Schlaefer

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