

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 Schlaefel
Pete Filippi

At Large
Julie Gragnani

Minutes

November 7, 2024

5:30 p.m.

Room 301
Fresno County Office of Education
1111 Van Ness Avenue
Fresno, California 93721

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, Phillip Cervantes, Myra Coble, Pete Filippi, Julie Gragnani, Warren Jennings, Louis Mata, Connie Schlaefel, Barbara Thomas and Dr. Lawrence Wilder. A quorum was established.

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

B. ADOPT AGENDA

Adopt Agenda for November 7, 2024, Meeting. Motion by Member Babshoff, seconded by Member Cervantes; motion carried by the following vote:

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

C. APPROVE MINUTES

Approve Minutes from September 5, 2024, Meeting. Motion by Member Babshoff, seconded by Member Bengel-Budd; motion carried by the following vote:

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

Approve Minutes from September 17, 2024, Meeting. Motion by Member Jennings, seconded by Member Mata; motion carried by the following vote:

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

D. PUBLIC COMMENTS

The public may address the County Committee on any item of interest to the public that is within the County Committee's jurisdiction. No action shall be taken pursuant to California Government Code, section 54954.3.

Superintendent Lori Grace spoke to thank the County Committee and County Superintendent staff for their work.

Connie Schlaefer spoke and recused herself from the votes regarding the proposed territory transfer, as a current board member of Sierra Unified School District.

E. ACTION ITEMS

1. Consider and conduct votes regarding proposal to transfer school district territory out of Sierra Unified School District and into Clovis Unified School District.

Condition No. 1

Motion by Member Jennings to find Condition No. 1 is not substantially met, seconded by Member Babshoff; motion carried by the following vote:

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

Condition No. 2

Motion by Member Babshoff to find Condition No. 2 is not substantially met, seconded by Member Cervantes; motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: Members Babshoff, Cervantes, Coble, Filippi, Gragnani, Jennings, Mata, Thomas and Wilder
No: Member Bengel-Budd
Absent: Member Schlaefer

Condition No. 3

Motion by Member Coble to find Condition No. 3 is substantially met, seconded by Member Bengel-Budd; motion carried by the following vote:

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

Condition No. 4

Motion by Member Babshoff to find Condition No. 4 is substantially met, seconded by Member Bengel-Budd; motion carried by the following vote:

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

Condition No. 5

Motion by Member Cervantes to find Condition No. 5 is not substantially met, seconded by Member Thomas; motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: Members Babshoff, Bengel-Budd, Cervantes, Coble, Filippi, Gragnani, Jennings, Mata, Thomas and Wilder
No: None
Absent: Member Schleafer

Condition No. 6

Motion by Member Bengel-Budd to find Condition No. 6 is not substantially met, seconded by Member Gragnani; motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: Members Babshoff, Bengel-Budd, Cervantes, Coble, Filippi, Gragnani, Jennings, Mata, Thomas and Wilder
No: None
Absent: Member Schleafer

Condition No. 7

Motion by Member Mata to find Condition No. 7 is not substantially met, seconded by Member Cervantes; motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: Members Babshoff, Bengel-Budd, Cervantes, Coble, Filippi, Gragnani, Jennings, Mata, Thomas and Wilder
No: None
Absent: Member Schleafer

Condition No. 8

Motion by Member Thomas to find Condition No. 8 is not substantially met, seconded by Member Babshoff; motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: Members Babshoff, Bengel-Budd, Cervantes, Coble, Filippi, Gragnani, Jennings, Mata, Thomas and Wilder
No: None
Absent: Member Schleafer

Condition No. 9

Motion by Member Bengel-Budd to find Condition No. 9 is not substantially met, seconded by Member Mata; motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: Members Babshoff, Bengel-Budd, Cervantes, Coble, Filippi, Gragnani, Jennings, Mata, Thomas and Wilder
No: None
Absent: Member Schleafer

Motion by Member Babshoff to disapprove proposal to transfer school district territory out of Sierra Unified School District into Clovis Unified School District, seconded by Member Thomas; motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: Members Babshoff, Bengel-Budd, Cervantes, Coble, Filippi, Gragnani, Jennings, Mata, Thomas and Wilder
No: None
Absent: Member Schleafer

2. **Consider adoption of a public statement regarding proposal to transfer school district territory out of Sierra Unified School District and into Clovis Unified School District.** Motion by Member Jennings, seconded by Member Thomas; motion carried by the following vote:

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

No: None

Absent: Member Schlaefer

3. **Election of Chairperson for 2025.** Motion by Member Jennings to elect Larry Wilder as Chairperson, seconded by Member Filippi; motion carried by the following vote:

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

No: None

Absent: None

Newly Elected Chairperson

4. **Election of Vice Chairperson for 2025.** Motion by Member Jennings to elect Daniel Babshoff as Vice Chairperson, seconded by Member Bengel-Budd; motion carried by the following vote:

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

No: None

Absent: None

5. **Consider setting date for first meeting in 2025 following County Committee election for November 6, 2025, at 5:30 p.m.** Motion by Member Jennings, seconded by Member Bengel-Budd; motion carried by the following vote:

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

No: None

Absent: None

F. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

G. NEXT MEETING

H. ADJOURNMENT

5:55 p.m.

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