



Minutes

Thursday, September 17, 2026

A. OPENING CEREMONY

1. Call Meeting to Order at 4:30 p.m.
2. Flag Salute
3. Roll Call – Establish Quorum

Board Members Present: President Masumoto, Vice President Tapscott-Munson, Member Burton, Member Clyde, and Member Robles. A quorum was established.

County Superintendent and Staff Present: Dr. Michele Cantwell-Copher, Fresno County Superintendent of Schools, and Ex-Officio Secretary and Executive Officer of the Board; Kevin Otto, Deputy Superintendent Business Services; Dr. Diane Lira, Deputy Superintendent Instructional Division; Jason Parkin, General Counsel; and Angela Bowlin, Administrative Assistant to the Board.

4. Inspirational Reading was given by Jenny Brietigam.
5. Career Technical High School Report was given by Khalee Landeros.

B. ADOPT AGENDA

1. Adopted Agenda for September 17, 2026, Board Meeting

The motion to adopt was

Moved by: Itzi Robles; seconded by: Dr. Allen Clyde

Yes: Bryan Burton, Dr. Allen Clyde, Dr. Marcy Masumoto, Kimberly Tapscott-Munson, and Itzi Robles

The motion carried. 5-0

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approved Minutes for Regular Board Meeting - August 20, 2026.

The motion to approve was

Moved by: Kimberly Tapscott-Munson; seconded by: Dr. Allen Clyde

Yes: Bryan Burton, Dr. Allen Clyde, Dr. Marcy Masumoto, Kimberly Tapscott-Munson, and Itzi Robles

The motion carried. 5-0

D. EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

1. Tiffany Manha, Speech Language Pathologist, Special Education/Speech, was recognized as the Employee of the Month for September 2026.

E. RECOGNITION

1. Layla Huerta, Washington Colony Elementary School District was recognized as the Superintendent's Superstar for September 2026.
2. Recognized 2026 Board Recipients as follows:
 - Connect the Valley | \$5,000.00
Project Title: Del Rey Elementary Pee Wee Ivy League
 - Freedom School Fresno | \$5000.00
Project Title: Fresno Freedom School's Summer Program & Community Library Revitalization Initiative

F. RECESS

A recess was called at 5:43 p.m. for reception celebrating the honorees. President Masumoto reconvened the meeting at 5:55 p.m.

G. COMMUNITY INPUT

Received comments from Chris Hudson, California Teachers Association, regarding endorsement of Prop 3.

H. CLOSED SESSION

No closed session was held.

I. PUBLIC HEARING

1. Held Public Hearing for the Renewal Petition of Edison-Bethune Charter Academy (Dated July 1, 2027-June 30, 2032). The public hearing was called to order at 6:00 p.m. Received comments from the following: Rodolfo Garcia - EBCA, Susan Bennett - EBCA, Jere Runciman - EBCA, Marty Solis - EBCA, Isaiah Munoz - EBCA, James Williams, III - Community Member, Whitney McPherson - EBCA, Jorge Franco - EBCA, and Tania Sanchez - EBCA. The public hearing was closed at 6:26 p.m.
2. Held Public Hearing in the matter regarding Sufficiency or Insufficiency of Instructional Materials of the Fresno County Superintendent of Schools (County Superintendent)/Fresno County Board of Education (County Board) Court and Community Schools and County Superintendent Special Education Programs. The public hearing was called to order at 6:27 p.m. There were no comments from the public. The public hearing was closed at 6:29 p.m.

J. REPORTS/INFORMATION/DISCUSSION

1. Discussed the Fresno County Board of Education Monthly Compensation.

K. ACTION ITEMS

1. Adopted FCBE Resolution No. 2026-29 - Regarding the Sufficiency or Insufficiency of Instructional Materials of the Fresno County Superintendent of Schools (County Superintendent) /Fresno County Board of Education (County Board) Court and Community Schools and County Superintendent Special Education Programs.

The motion to adopt was

Moved by: Dr. Allen Clyde; seconded by: Bryan Burton

Yes: Bryan Burton, Dr. Allen Clyde, Dr. Marcy Masumoto, Kimberly Tapscott-Munson, and Itzi Robles

The motion carried. 5-0

2. Adopted FCBE Resolution No. 2026-26 - Regarding Certification of School District Supervisors of Attendance.

The motion to adopt was

Moved by: Dr. Allen Clyde; seconded by: Kimberly Tapscott-Munson

Yes: Bryan Burton, Dr. Allen Clyde, Dr. Marcy Masumoto, Kimberly Tapscott-Munson, and Itzi Robles

The motion carried. 5-0

3. Appointed Kimberly Tapscott-Munson to serve as the Association of California County Boards of Education (ACCBE) - Fresno County Board of Education representative.

The motion to approve was

Moved by: Bryan Burton; seconded by: Dr. Allen Clyde

Yes: Bryan Burton, Dr. Allen Clyde, Dr. Marcy Masumoto, Kimberly Tapscott-Munson, and Itzi Robles

The motion carried. 5-0

4. Approved the 2026-2027 FCSS Consolidated Application for funding.

The motion to approve was

Moved by: Marcy Masumoto; seconded by: Dr. Allen Clyde

Yes: Bryan Burton, Dr. Allen Clyde, Dr. Marcy Masumoto, Kimberly Tapscott-Munson, and Itzi Robles

The motion carried. 5-0

5. Adopted FCBE Resolution No. 2026-30 - Recognizing Monday, October 12, 2026, as Indigenous Peoples' Day.

The motion to adopt was

Moved by: Dr. Allen Clyde; seconded by: Itzi Robles

Yes: Bryan Burton, Dr. Allen Clyde, Dr. Marcy Masumoto, Kimberly Tapscott-Munson, and Itzi Robles

The motion carried. 5-0

6. Adopted FCBE Resolution No. 2026-31 - Recognizing October 2026 as Character Education Month.

The motion to adopt was

Moved by: Dr. Allen Clyde; seconded by: Bryan Burton

Yes: Bryan Burton, Dr. Allen Clyde, Dr. Marcy Masumoto, Kimberly Tapscott-Munson, and Itzi Robles

The motion carried. 5-0

7. Adopted FCBE Resolution No. 2026-32 - Recognizing October 2026, as School Bus Safety Awareness Month.

The motion to adopt was

Moved by: Itzi Robles; seconded by: Dr. Allen Clyde

Yes: Bryan Burton, Dr. Allen Clyde, Dr. Marcy Masumoto, Kimberly Tapscott-Munson, and Itzi Robles

The motion carried. 5-0

L. CLOSED SESSION

Conference with Legal Counsel - Anticipated Litigation/Significant Exposure to Litigation/Liability Claim: 1 Potential Case (Government Code § 54956.9(d)(2), Claimant – Kenia Lizette Ruiz Suarez, Agency Claimed Against - Fresno County Board of Education.

In closed session, by unanimous vote, the board took action to reject the government claim that was presented against the Fresno County Board of Education by Kenia Lizette Ruiz Suarez.

The motion to reject the claim was

Moved by: Bryan Burton; seconded by: Itzi Robles

Yes: Bryan Burton, Dr. Allen Clyde, Dr. Marcy Masumoto, Kimberly Tapscott-Munson, and Itzi Robles

The motion carried. 5-0

M. TRUSTEE ACTIVITIES

1. Travel Requests - There were no travel requests.
2. Travel Expenses and Reimbursements – There were no travel expenses or reimbursements.
3. Receipt of Correspondence:
Kimberly Tapscott-Munson:
 - Invitation: Valley ROP Career Tech Expo, 10/21/26, Kings River WineryBryan Burton:
 - Letter from community member
4. Comments by Board Members:
Bryan Burton:
 - Fresno ROP Advisory Board Update
 - ACCBE Update

Dr. Marcy Masumoto:

- 9-11 Art Show
- CSBA Update
- CSBA Golden Bell validation visit, Parlier
- Fresno County has 4 CSBA Golden Bell finalists
- FCSTA General Dinner Meeting, 10/20/26, Washington Unified S.D.

N. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- Four CSBA Golden Bell Award Visitation in Fresno County
- Remarkable student achievements - CTEC Graduates
- Thank you note from Superintendent Superstar

O. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Action - FCBE Monthly Compensation

P. NEXT MEETING

The next regular Board meeting will be held on October 15, 2026, at 1:30 p.m., Fresno County Office of Education, 1111 Van Ness Avenue, Fresno, CA 93721.

Q. ADJOURNMENT

The motion to adjourn was

Moved by: Dr. Allen Clyde; seconded by: Kimberly Tapscott-Munson

Yes: Bryan Burton, Dr. Allen Clyde, Dr. Marcy Masumoto, Kimberly Tapscott-Munson, and Itzi Robles

The motion carried at 7:40 p.m. 5-0



Superintendent of Schools