



# Fresno County Board of Education

Trustee Area 1  
Kimberly Tapscott-Munson

Trustee Area 2  
Bryan Burton

Trustee Area 3  
Itzi Robles

Trustee Area 4  
Dr. Marcy Masumoto

Trustee Area 5  
Dr. Allen Clyde

## MINUTES December 19, 2024

### A. OPENING CEREMONY

1. **Call Meeting to Order.** President Martinez called the meeting to order at 1:31 p.m.
2. **Flag Salute.** The pledge of allegiance was recited.
3. **Roll Call – Establish Quorum.** Board Members Present: President Martinez, Vice President Clyde, Member Burton, Member Masumoto, and Member Tapscott-Munson. 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; Jennifer Breitigam, Public Relations Officer, and Angela Bowlin, Administrative Assistant to the Board.

4. Inspirational Reading was given by Jennifer Brietigam
5. Jacob Cavazos, Student Representative, reported on Career Technical Education Charter High School.

### B. ADOPT AGENDA

**Adopted Agenda of December 19, 2024, Regular Board Meeting.** The motion to adopt the agenda was made by Vice President Clyde, and seconded by Member Masumoto; the motion carried by the following roll call vote:

President Martinez - Yes  
Vice President Clyde – Yes  
Member Burton – Yes  
Member Masumoto – Yes  
Member Tapscott-Munson – Yes

### C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Approved Minutes for November 21, 2024, Regular Board Meeting.** The motion to approve the minutes for November 21, 2024, Regular Board Meeting was made by Member Masumoto, and seconded by Member Burton; the motion carried by the following roll call vote:

President Martinez - Yes  
Vice President Clyde – Yes  
Member Burton – Yes  
Member Masumoto – Yes  
Member Tapscott-Munson – Yes

### D. TRANSITION OF BOARD MEMBERS AND ANNUAL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

#### D.1 RECOGNIZED OUTGOING BOARD MEMBER

Recognized outgoing board member, James Martinez, Trustee Area 3

#### D.2 ACTION ITEM

Adopted FCBE Resolution No. 2024-45 In the Matter of Unopposed Nominations for Board Election; No Election; Seating at Annual Organizational Meeting. The motion to adopt was made by Vice President Clyde, seconded by Member Masumoto, the motion carried by the following roll call vote:

President Martinez - Yes  
Vice President Clyde – Yes  
Member Burton – Yes  
Member Masumoto – Yes  
Member Tapscott-Munson – Yes

#### D.3 ADMINISTRATION OF OATH OF OFFICE

Superintendent Copher administered Oath of Office to the following Board Members:

- Bryan Burton, Board Member, Trustee Area 2
- Itzi Robles, Board Member, Trustee Area 3
- Dr. Allen Clyde, Board Member, Trustee Area 5

#### D.4 ANNUAL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

##### 1. Election of Board President

Superintendent Copher called for nominations for Board President. Member Tapscott-Munson nominated Member Clyde to be elected Board President. There being no further nominations, Member Burton moved to elect Member Clyde as Board President; seconded by Member Tapscott-Munson; the motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Member Burton – Yes  
Member Clyde – Yes  
Member Masumoto – Yes  
Member Robles - Yes  
Member Tapscott-Munson – Yes

Member Clyde was elected Board President

Superintendent Copher turned the meeting over to President Clyde, who then called for nominations for Vice President.

##### 2. Election of Board Vice President

President Clyde called for nominations for Board Vice President. Member Burton nominated Member Masumoto to be elected Board Vice President. There being no further nominations, President Clyde closed the nominations and asked for a motion to elect Member Masumoto as Board Vice President. Member Burton moved to elect Member Masumoto Board Vice President, seconded by Member Tapscott-Munson; motion carried by the following roll call vote:

President Clyde - Yes  
Member Burton – Yes  
Member Masumoto – Yes  
Member Robles – Yes  
Member Tapscott-Munson - Yes

Member Masumoto was elected Board Vice President.

3. Adoption of Schedule for Regular Meetings

Member Burton moved to adopt the following schedule for regular County Board meetings for 2025, seconded by Vice President Masumoto:

2025 Regular Board Meeting Dates

January 16, 1:30 p.m.  
February 18, 1:30 p.m.  
March 20, 1:30 p.m.  
April 17, 1:30 p.m.  
May 15, 1:30 p.m.  
June 17, 1:30 p.m.  
July 17, 1:30 p.m.  
August 21, 1:30 p.m.  
September 18, 4:30 p.m., 5:00 p.m. public hearing regarding textbook sufficiency  
October 16, 1:30 p.m.  
November 20, 1:30 p.m.  
December 18, 1:30 p.m., annual organizational meeting

The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

President Clyde - Yes  
Vice President Masumoto – Yes  
Member Burton – Yes  
Member Robles – Yes  
Member Tapscott-Munson – Yes

E. EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

The employee of the month presentation was postponed.

F. RECOGNITION

Kimberly Romero Gonzalez, Tranquility High School, was recognized as the December Superintendent Superstar.

G. RECESS

A recess was called at 2:40 p.m. for the reception celebrating the honorees. President Clyde reconvened the meeting at 2:54 p.m.

H. COMMUNITY INPUT

1. Received comments from Hector Romero, CSEA Chapter 573, regarding board meetings being recorded and archived.
2. Received comments from Luann Ramirez, CSEA Chapter 573, regarding Action Item K-5.

I. PUBLIC HEARING

There was no public hearing.

J. REPORTS

1. Presentation – FCSS Staff and Programs
2. African American Student Leadership Conference Update

K. ACTION ITEMS

1. **Approved the Award Construction Services Agreement to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder for the Student Behavioral Health Incentive Program (SBHIP) Wellness Centers Project No. C2024-09 Group D.** The motion to approve was made by Member Burton, seconded by Member Robles; the motion carried by the following roll call vote:  
President Clyde - Yes  
Vice President Masumoto – Yes  
Member Burton – Yes  
Member Robles – Yes  
Member Tapscott-Munson – Yes

2. **Adopted FCBE Resolution No. 2024-46 Recognizing School Boards Appreciation Month as January 2025.** The motion to adopt was made by Member Robles, seconded by Member Tapscott-Munson; the motion carried by the following roll call vote:
- President Clyde - Yes
  - Vice President Masumoto – Yes
  - Member Burton – Yes
  - Member Robles – Yes
  - Member Tapscott-Munson – Yes

A motion was made by Member Burton to modify the agenda to call Closed Session Item L out of order, seconded by Vice President Masumoto; the motion carried by the following roll call vote:

- President Clyde - Yes
- Vice President Masumoto – Yes
- Member Burton – Yes
- Member Robles – Yes
- Member Tapscott-Munson – Yes

L. CLOSED SESSION

**Expulsion Appeal No. 2024-03, Fresno Unified School District (Education Code § 48920).** Based on the hearing transcript and records presented to the Respondent district's administrative hearing panel, the County Board made the following findings:

1. The district governing board did not proceed without or in excess of its jurisdiction in expelling the pupil.
2. The pupil was afforded a fair hearing before the district governing board.
3. There was not a prejudicial abuse of discretion by the district governing board.
4. There is not now relevant evidence which, in the exercise of reasonable diligence, could not have been produced or which was improperly excluded at the hearing before the governing board.

A motion to adopt the above findings of fact was made by Member Burton, seconded by Vice President Masumoto; motion carried by the following roll call vote:

- President Clyde - Yes
- Vice President Masumoto – Yes
- Member Burton – Yes
- Member Robles – Yes
- Member Tapscott-Munson – Yes

Based on the hearing transcript and records presented to the Respondent district's administrative hearing panel, the County Board ordered to affirm the district governing board's decision. A motion to adopt this order was made by Member Burton, seconded by Vice President Masumoto; motion carried by the following roll call vote:

- President Clyde - Yes
- Vice President Masumoto – Yes
- Member Burton – Yes
- Member Robles – Yes
- Member Tapscott-Munson – Yes

K. ACTION ITEMS  
continued

3. **Adopted FCBE Resolution No. 2024-47 Recognizing Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day as January 20, 2025.** The motion to adopt was made by Member Tapscott-Munson, seconded by Member Robles; the motion carried by the following roll call vote:
- President Clyde - Yes
  - Vice President Masumoto – Yes
  - Member Burton – Yes
  - Member Robles – Yes
  - Member Tapscott-Munson – Yes

4. **Approved Appointment of Committee Representatives and Designation of Duties to Board Members as follows:**

**Matters and Projects with Fresno County Superintendent of Schools are as follows:**

- **ROP Advisory Board of Management:**

*Representative: Bryan Burton*

*Alternate: Kimberly Tapscott-Munson*

- **Facilities:**

*Representative: Dr. Allen Clyde*

*Alternate: Bryan Burton*

- **Charter Review:**

*Representative: Dr. Allen Clyde*

*Alternate: Itzi Robles*

**Designation of Duties to Board Members are as follows:**

- **Board Projects:**

*Representative: Kimberly Tapscott-Munson*

*Alternate: Bryan Burton*

- **Board Seminar:**

*Representative: Board President*

*Alternate: Vice President*

- **City of Fresno School Liaison Committee:**

*Representative: Board President*

*Alternate: Vice President*

Motion to approve appointments was made by was made by Member Burton, seconded by Member Robles; motion carried by the following roll call vote:

President Clyde - Yes

Vice President Masumoto – Yes

Member Burton – Yes

Member Robles – Yes

Member Tapscott-Munson – Yes

5. The County Board took action to set the salary/compensation of the Fresno County Superintendent of Schools as follows:
- A 2% salary increase for the 1/1/2025 – 12/31/2025 year with all other compensation to remain the same. The County Board will re-evaluate the County Superintendent's salary/compensation by December 2025.
- A motion to approve this action was made by Member Burton, seconded by President Clyde; the motion carried by the following roll call vote:

President Clyde - Yes  
Vice President Masumoto – Yes  
Member Burton – Yes  
Member Itzi – No  
Member Tapscott-Munson – No

L. TRUSTEE ACTIVITIES 1. **Travel Requests.** A motion to approve travel request for Itzi Robles to attend the CISC Symposium 2025, 2/18/25 -2/21/25, Anaheim, CA was made by Vice President Masumoto; seconded by President Clyde; the motion carried by the following roll call vote:

President Clyde - Yes  
Vice President Masumoto – Yes  
Member Burton – Yes  
Member Robles – Yes  
Member Tapscott-Munson – Yes

2. **Travel Expenses & Reimbursements.** A motion to approve the total reimbursement amount of \$1,870.62 consisting of \$611.65 for Member Burton, \$536.32 for Vice President Masumoto, and \$722.65 for Member Tapscott-Munson was made by Vice President Masumoto; seconded by Member Burton; the motion carried by the following roll call vote:

President Clyde - Yes  
Vice President Masumoto – Yes  
Member Burton – Yes  
Member Robles – Yes  
Member Tapscott-Munson – Yes

3. **Receipt of Correspondence.**

**Member Burton:**

- Received an email regarding State Center CCD – Forwarded to Superintendent

4. **Comments by Board Members.**

**Member Tapscott-Munson:**

- CSBA AEC Update

**Member Robles:**

- Board Agenda with all attachments accessible by the public
- Board Meetings recorded and archived

**Member Masumoto:**

- CSBA Delegate Assembly Update
- ACCBE (Association CA County Board of Education) Membership
- FCSTA – Dinner Meeting 1/21/25, Farber Education Complex
- New Board Member Training, 1/29/25, FCSS

M. SUPERINTENDENT'S  
REPORT

Superintendent Copher reported on the following:

- Congrats to Itzi Robles
- Congrats to Dr. Allen Clyde, FCBE President
- Congrats to Bryan Burton
- Unity MLK, Jr. Garlanding Ceremony
- FCSTA Dinner Meeting, 1/21/25, Farber Educational Complex
- 1/1/25 Ethics Training (online)
- Happy Holidays

N. FUTURE AGENDA  
ITEMS

- ACCBE Membership

O. NEXT MEETING

The next regular Board meeting will be held on January 16, 2025, at 1:30 p.m., in conference room 301, Fresno County Office of Education.

P. ADJOURNMENT

The motion to adjourn was made by Member Burton, and seconded by Vice President Masumoto, the motion carried by the following roll call vote:

President Clyde - Yes

Vice President Masumoto – Yes

Member Burton – Yes

Member Robles – Yes

Member Tapscott-Munson – Yes

The meeting was adjourned at 5:47 p.m.

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