

BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES  
Governing Board of the Los Angeles Unified School District

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES  
333 South Beaudry Avenue, Board Room  
3:00 p.m., Tuesday, January 25, 2011

The Board of Education of the City of Los Angeles, acting as the Governing Board of the Los Angeles Unified School District, met in special session on Tuesday, January 25, 2011, at the Administrative Offices, Board Room, 333 South Beaudry Avenue, Los Angeles, California.

President Mónica García called the meeting to order at 3:06 p.m.

The following Members were present: Ms. Yolie Flores, Ms. Marguerite P. LaMotte, Ms. Nury Martinez, Dr. Richard Vladovic, Mr. Steve Zimmer and President Mónica García. Ms. Tamar Galatzan arrived at 3:11 p.m.

Superintendent Cortines was present.

Dr. Vladovic led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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President García modified the Order of Business  
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CONSENT ITEMS

Items for action below assigned by the Board at the meeting to be adopted by a single vote.

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President García held the Consent vote  
and resumed the Order of Business  
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SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORTS

**BUILDING AND TRADES COUNCIL APPRENTICE PROGRAM**

Mr. James Sohn, Chief Facilities Executive, announced that the Building and Construction Trades Council and the District have entered into an agreement to provide apprentice services programs. He introduced Mr. Robbie Hunter, Los Angeles Orange Counties Building and Construction Trades Council, who stated that the apprentice programs enable community members to learn and grow with the District. Mr. Hunter thanked the Board Members for their support to the Building and Construction Trades Council.

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### NEW BUSINESS FOR ACTION:

#### BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT NO. 159-10/11 Naming of Estrella Elementary School

### BOARD RESOLUTION FOR ACTION:

Waiver of Board Rule 72 regarding African American History Month Resolution

Ms. LaMotte, Ms. Martinez, Dr. Vladovic - African American History Month Resolution

Whereas, African Americans have made numerous contributions to the development of the United States and other countries;

Whereas, Those contributions are reflected in the fields of medicine, civil rights, law, the arts, entertainment, sports and more;

Whereas, Many African Americans have risked their careers and lives to improve the lives of others;

Whereas, People of all countries, ethnicities and faiths have benefited from the cultural contributions, mechanical inventions and scientific discoveries of African Americans;

Whereas, The achievements of African Americans have been celebrated in the month of February since 1926, at the suggestion of historian, Dr. Carter G. Woodson; and

Whereas, Education is needed to increase awareness of the contributions of African Americans to communities, the nation and the world; now therefore, be it

Resolved, That the month of February be commemorated as African American History Month within the Los Angeles Unified School District; and be it finally

Resolved, That the Governing Board of the Los Angeles Unified School District encourages educators to develop lesson plans and activities to create a greater awareness of the accomplishments of African Americans.

### MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

Receipt of 2009-2010 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report

Ms. Martinez moved that the consent items be adopted. Mr. Zimmer seconded the motion, which was adopted by general consent.

NEW BUSINESS FOR ACTION

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT NO. 169-10/11  
Amendment to the Existing Facilities Strategic Execution Plan  
to Add Board Member Priority Projects at Various Schools

Ms. LaMotte moved that the report be adopted as amended, to reflect the Bond Oversight Committee recommendations.

Ms. Martinez seconded the motion, which by general consent was adopted as amended.

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT NO. 170 – 10/11  
Facilities Services Division 2011 Funding Strategy

Ms. Martinez moved that the report be adopted as amended, to reflect the Bond Oversight Committee recommendations. Ms. LaMotte seconded the motion.

Mr. Sohn and Superintendent Cortines responded to concerns regarding the allocation of \$32 million to Central Los Angeles High School No. 12 and the selection of priority projects.

The following speakers addressed the Board on this report:

Ms. Sandy Escobedo, California Committee Foundation  
Ms. Kim Pattillo, The Advancement Project  
Mr. Ernesto Saldaña, Preschool California  
Ms. Pam Schmidt, Public Counsel Law Center  
Mr. Tom Rubin, Bond Oversight Committee  
Mr. David Serrano, Community Member

After discussion, and on roll call, the report was adopted as amended, 5 ayes, 2 noes, Ms. Flores and Ms. LaMotte.

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT NO. 171 – 10/11  
2011-2012 Proposition 39 Requests for LAUSD Facilities

Mr. David Holmquist, General Counsel, stated that Proposition 39 provides for an annual allocation of District school facilities to charter schools. It specifically provides that public school facilities be shared fairly among all public school pupils, including those in charter schools; and requires that the facilities be reasonably equivalent to those in which the students would be accommodated if they were attending District schools. He stated the District must make a preliminary offer and final offer of space to each and every charter school that has no less than 80 in-District students and that has submitted an otherwise legally sufficient facilities request.

Mr. Holmquist stated that preliminary offers must be made no later than February 1, and final offers no later than April 1. Prior to making any offer, Proposition 39 regulations require that, for each and every charter school that cannot be accommodated on a single site, the Board first make specific, detailed findings as to why that charter cannot be on a single site. The Board is then required to adopt a written statement of reasons explaining those findings. He concluded by stating that if the Board has concerns about any particular offers, the Board may consider delegating those offers to the Superintendent in order to meeting the statutory deadline.

Mr. Zimmer moved that the report be adopted as amended, to (1) replace Tab 9A and Tab 15 under Attachment B of the Report, (2) update Attachment A-2 and Attachment B Tabs 12A, 12B, 21A, and 21B, and (3) to change the Report's Action Proposed No. 2 from Chief Facilities Executive and or Executive Director of Innovation & Charter Schools Division to Superintendent. Dr. Vladovic seconded the motion.

The following speakers addressed the Board on this report:

Mr. Jim Arnone, Latham & Watkins LLP  
Mr. David Tokofsky, AALA

After discussion and by general consent, the report was adopted as amended.

ADJOURNMENT

President García moved that the meeting be adjourned in honor of her niece Maya García's birth, and in memory of Cesar Calderon, Executive Director of Soledad Enrichment, a leader, humanitarian, and educator. Dr. Vladovic seconded the motion, which by general consent was adopted.

The meeting adjourned at 4:46 p.m.

APPROVED BY BOARD: **June 14, 2011**

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MONICA GARCIA  
PRESIDENT

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JEFFERSON CRAIN  
EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF THE BOARD

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