

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

ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

2:00 p.m., Tuesday, July 1, 2009

The Board of Education of the City of Los Angeles, acting as the Governing Board of the Los Angeles Unified School District, met in annual session on July 1, 2009, in the Board Room, Administrative Offices, 333 South Beaudry Avenue, Los Angeles.

Superintendent Cortines called the meeting to order at 2:18 p.m.

Superintendent Cortines welcomed the Hon. Antonio Villaraigosa, Mayor of the City of Los Angeles, who provided brief remarks stressing the importance of change and reform.

Superintendent Cortines announced that the agenda included the swearing in of two new and one re-elected Board Members.

ADMINISTRATION OF OATH OF OFFICE TO NEW AND
RE-ELECTED BOARD MEMBERS

Reference is made to the Primary Nominating Election of March 3, 2009, wherein the following persons were elected as Members of the Board of Education:

<u>Name</u>	<u>District Office Number</u>
Mónica García	2
Steven Zimmer	4
Nury Martinez	6

The Oath of Office was administered to Ms. Mónica García by California Supreme Court Justice Carlos Moreno. Ms. Jennifer Maldonado, a student from Wilson High School, introduced Ms. García and recited a poem she wrote entitled "Walking Home."

The Oath of Office was administered to Mr. Steven Zimmer by California Supreme Court Justice Carlos Moreno. Ms. Wendy Kornbeck, Venice High School, introduced the Venice High School Choir who performed Brian Tate's "Hold Me, Rock Me." Ms. Julieta Martinez, a Los Angeles City College student, introduced Mr. Zimmer.

The Oath of Office was administered to Ms. Nury Martinez by Mr. Quentin Panek, King City School District. Mr. Ace Guzman, Assistant Principal, introduced the Gridley Elementary School Drum Line who performed a selection.

ELECTION OF NEW PRESIDENT

Superintendent Cortines stated:

In accordance with Board Rule 1, nominations are in order to elect a President of the Board of Education for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2009.

Dr. Vladovic placed in nomination the name of Ms. Mónica García. Ms. Flores Aguilar seconded the nomination.

Ms. Marguerite LaMotte placed her name in nomination and stated she was not requesting a second.

Mr. Zimmer moved to close the nomination. Ms. Martinez seconded the motion, which by general consent was adopted.

On roll call Ms. García was elected President of the Board, 6 ayes, 1 no, Ms. LaMotte.

Remarks were heard from both President García and Ms. LaMotte.

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President García modified the Order of Business.

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STUDENT PRESENTATIONS

The following student speakers addressed the Board on their experiences as students in the District:

Ms. Jaycevelli Tavena, Polytechnic High School
Mr. Jose Richard Aviles, Foshay Learning Center

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President García resumed the Order of Business.

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ADOPTION OF BOARD MEETINGS SCHEDULE

APPOINTMENT OF VICE PRESIDENT, COMMITTEE OF THE
WHOLE CHAIRPERSON, AND MEMBERS TO BOARD
STANDING COMMITTEES, AND ADOPTION OF STANDING
COMMITTEES DESCRIPTIONS AND SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

APPOINTMENT OF BOARD REPRESENTATIVE TO THE
COUNCIL OF GREAT CITY SCHOOLS

APPOINTMENT OF BOARD REPRESENTATIVE TO THE
NATIONAL SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION

ELECTION OF BOARD MEMBER REPRESENTATIVE TO VOTE IN
ELECTING MEMBERS TO THE COUNTY COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL
DISTRICT ORGANIZATION (EDUCATION CODE 35023)

ELECTION OF BOARD MEMBER REPRESENTATIVE TO THE
LOS ANGELES COUNTY SCHOOL TRUSTEES ASSOCIATION

These items were postponed to the Regular Board Meeting of July 14, 2009.

Mr. Zimmer moved:

That a Regular Board Meeting be held on Tuesday, July 14, 2009.

Ms. Flores Aguilar seconded the motion, which by general consent was adopted.

BOARD MEMBER RESOLUTION INITIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

Ms. Flores Aguilar, Dr. Vladovic – Public School Choice: A New Way at LAUSD

Whereas, The Board of Education is responsible for ensuring that the Los Angeles Unified School District provides all students a high quality education, which enables them to graduate College prepared and career-ready;

Whereas, The Board must do everything it can to enhance the educational opportunities provided to students attending District schools;

Whereas, School transformation efforts are needed to address the longstanding opportunity gap in academic performance in schools across the District;

Whereas, Given the chronic academic underperformance of a majority of public schools in the District, parents and communities have expressed a strong interest in playing a more active role in ensuring that students have more choice and access to high quality instructional programs;

Whereas, There has been a recent movement of parents and communities demanding better schools, with groups such as Alliance for a Better Community, East LA Education Collaborative, Inner City Struggle, the Parent Revolution, and the Southeast Cities Schools Coalition, expressing a desire to play a more active role in shaping and expanding the educational options provided in their communities;

Whereas, The District is committed to engaging parents and the community in the quest to create diverse options for high quality educational environments, with excellent teaching and learning, for children's academic success;

Whereas, The District has many outstanding schools that are setting a gold standard for excellence (traditional schools, pilot schools, iDesign schools, charter schools, small schools, magnet schools and others); schools whose high quality academic, collaborative, inclusive, and innovative practices should be replicated at other schools to improve educational outcomes and allow more students and families to benefit;

Whereas, Developing an open process for school communities and stakeholders to submit plans to operate new schools, as well as a transparent and consistent process for selecting the plan that best meets the needs of students and families, supports the replication of successful schools and District transformation;

Whereas, New schools provide a unique opportunity to establish a school's culture and lay the groundwork for students' academic success; and

Whereas, More than fifty new schools will open in LAUSD in the next three years, with twenty scheduled to open in the 2010-11 school year; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That through the Innovation and Charter Schools Division, the Los Angeles Unified School District will invite operational and instructional plans from school planning teams, local communities, and external stakeholders who are interested in operating the District's new schools, in an effort to create more schools of choice and educational options for the District's students and families;

Resolved further, That the Superintendent secure foundation funding to hire a resource to assist with the implementation of this project, so that there be no use of General Fund resources;

Resolved further, That the Superintendent convene a team of appropriate District staff (such as Instructional Services, Local Districts, iDesign, Charter Office, General Counsel, etc.), collective bargaining partners, teachers, administrators, and community and parent representatives to work collaboratively over the next 90 days to:

- Review and analyze research on new school instructional plans, and identify best practices
- Develop a template and process for submitting plans to operate new schools
- Develop criteria and metrics for evaluating the plans submitted
- Collect community feedback on the template, process, and evaluation criteria for plans to operate new schools
- Develop a process for school communities and stakeholders to evaluate the plans submitted and provide a recommendation to the Board on their preference

Resolved further, That if sufficient progress is not made by the team in a timely manner, and/or if the team's work stalls due to an unwillingness to collaborate or move the work forward, the Superintendent is directed to assume the responsibilities of the team to ensure the work is completed;

Resolved further, That the Superintendent report to the Board by September 30, 2009, with a transparent process for plans to be submitted, reviewed, and evaluated by internal staff and external stakeholders;

Resolved further, That by December 30, 2009, the Superintendent will submit to the Board internal staff and external stakeholder recommendations for plans that should be approved by the Board for each new school opening during the Fall of 2010; and be it finally

Resolved, That the Superintendent report to the Board on a monthly basis to share progress made in accomplishing the specifics of this resolution.

PUBLIC COMMENT

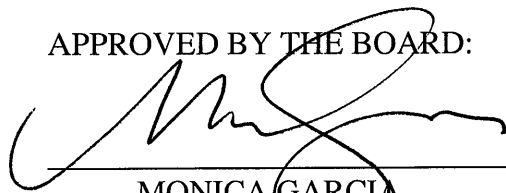
The following speakers addressed the Board:

Ms. Shirley Ford
Mr. Ben Austin, Los Angeles Parents' Union
Ms. Mary Najera, Los Angeles Parents' Union
Ms. Anna Torres
Ms. Elizabeth Vazquez
Ms. Barbara Einsein, Los Angeles Parents' Union
Mr. Marco Petruzzi
Mr. James Hernandez, Los Angeles Parents' Union
Ms. Elisa Taub, The Lemonade Initiative
Mr. Gabe Rose, Parent Revolution
Ms. Thalía Rojas, Los Angeles Parents' Union
Ms. Noemi Ramirez, Los Angeles Parents' Union
Mr. Bill Ring


ADJOURNMENT

On motion by Ms. Martinez, seconded by Ms. Galatzan, the meeting adjourned by general consent at 4:34 p.m.

APPROVED BY THE BOARD:



MONICA GARCIA
PRESIDENT



JEFFERSON CRAIN
EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF THE BOARD

REGULAR BOARD MEETINGS 2009-10
July 1, 2009

Wednesday	July 1, 2009	Annual	10 am
Tuesday	July 14, 2009	Regular	1 pm
	SUMMER RECESS		
Tuesday	August 25, 2009	Regular	1 pm
Tuesday	September 8, 2009	Regular	1 pm
Tuesday	September 22, 2009	Regular	1 pm
Tuesday	October 13, 2009	Regular	1 pm
Tuesday	October 27, 2009	Regular	1 pm
Tuesday	November 10, 2009	Regular	1 pm
Tuesday	November 24, 2009	Regular	1 pm
Tuesday	December 8, 2009	Regular	1 pm
	WINTER RECESS		
Tuesday	January 12, 2010	Regular	1 pm
Tuesday	January 26, 2010	Regular	1 pm
Tuesday	February 9, 2010	Regular	1 pm
Tuesday	February 23, 2010	Regular	1 pm
Tuesday	March 9, 2010	Regular	1 pm
Tuesday	March 23, 2010	Regular	1 pm
Tuesday	April 13, 2010	Regular	1 pm
Tuesday	April 27, 2010	Regular	1 pm
Tuesday	May 11, 2010	Regular	1 pm
Tuesday	May 25, 2010	Regular	1 pm
Tuesday	June 8, 2010	Regular	1 pm
Tuesday	June 22, 2010	Regular	1 pm