

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, Blue Room
Los Angeles California
11:00 a.m., Tuesday, September 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 special session on Tuesday, September 1, 2009, at 333 South Beaudry Avenue, Blue Room, Los Angeles, California.

President Mónica García called the meeting to order at 1:07 p.m.

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

Ms. García stated the purpose of the meeting was to discuss her recommendations to the Board on restructuring the Board meetings. In response to a Board Member question, Ms. Roberta Fesler, General Counsel, indicated today's meeting was for discussion and possible direction to staff to bring back the necessary changes needed for action at a future Board meeting. Mr. Jefferson Crain, Executive Officer of the Board, also responded to questions on the process to be followed in bringing changes forward for action.

Ms. García referenced the proposals outlined in a document entitled Proposed Changes to Rules of the Board of Education for the 2009-10 School Year, copies of which were provided to the public.

The following speakers addressed the Board on the subjects indicated:

Mr. David Wyles, Community Advisory Council	Modified Chanda Smith Committee and Special Education students attending Charter Schools
Mr. Bill Ring	Board Committees, Public Engagement, Parent and Student Representatives at the Board
Ms. Judith Perez, Associated Administrators of Los Angeles	Value of Board Committees
Mr. Steven Perez	Reduction of Opportunities for Parent Input
Ms. Joyce Dillard	Brown Act, Public Input
Mr. Walter Waddles	Parent and Community Input

Board Members expressed concerns about the starting time of Board meetings, length of meetings, elimination and effectiveness of Board Committees, Board efficiencies, cost of staffing meetings, assignment of Board Members to organizations such as the Los Angeles County Board of Education and the California School Boards Association, speakers at Board meetings, accessibility to parents, having a Sunshine Committee, bringing Board meetings closer to stakeholders by having meetings in the field, ways to create time for in-depth discussion of relevant issues, and current Board Rules related to Committees

Dr. James Morris, Superintendent's Chief of Staff, discussed the Superintendent's view on strengthening the structure of the Community Advisory Councils (CAC) at Local District level. Superintendent Cortines commented on his directive to the Local Districts that the Board receive agenda and minutes of the local CAC meetings. He also shared how he has worked, during his career, with school boards of other school districts on the structure of the Board business.

Ms. Martinez moved that the meeting be adjourned. Ms. Galatzan seconded the motion, which by general consent was adopted.

The meeting adjourned at 3:13 p.m.

APPROVED BY THE BOARD:

MONICA GARCIA
President

JEFFERSON CRAIN
Executive Officer of the Board