

**NOTICE AND AGENDA OF PUBLIC MEETING
ANNUAL ORGANIZATION MEETING
TULARE COUNTY COMMITTEE ON
SCHOOL DISTRICT ORGANIZATION**

Wyndham Visalia (formerly Visalia Holiday Inn) – 9000 West Airport Drive – Plaza Room, Visalia, California

NOVEMBER 14, 2018

The County Committee meeting shall commence at 8:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as possible after the conclusion of the Dinner Meeting of the Tulare County School Boards Association in the Plaza Room

ADA Accommodation Requirement: Persons who are in need of a disability-related modification or accommodation in order to participate in the committee meeting must make a request in writing to the Office of the County Superintendent of Schools, 6200 S. Mooney Blvd., Visalia CA; P.O. Box 5091, Visalia CA 93278-5091, Phone: 559-733-6301. A request for accommodation should specify the nature of the modification or accommodation requested, including any necessary auxiliary aids or services required and the name and telephone number of the person making the request. The written request should be made as soon as possible and no later than 2 days before the meeting. The agenda, agenda packet and any written documents distributed to the county committee during a public meeting will be made available in appropriate alternative formats upon request by a person with a disability as required by the Americans with Disability Act.

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1. Call to order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Public comment: At this time, members of the public may address the committee on any agenda item, or other items of interest within the subject matter jurisdiction of the committee. Agenda items may also be addressed by the public at the time they are taken up by the committee. The committee is not able to discuss or take action on any item not appearing on the agenda. A reasonable time limit can be imposed on public input for individuals/issues as deemed necessary.
4. Ratification of election results for County Committee Members
5. Selection of Chairperson for Calendar Year 2019
6. Selection of Vice-Chairperson for Calendar Year 2019
7. Approval of Minutes of July 31, 2018 (Palo Verde Union School District Meeting) – Attachment A
8. Set date, time and place of next meeting, if necessary
9. Adjournment

**TULARE COUNTY COMMITTEE ON
SCHOOL DISTRICT ORGANIZATION
MINUTES**

The Tulare County Committee on School District Organization met and held a special meeting and public hearing on July 31, 2018 at Palo Verde Union School District – Cafeteria, 9637 Avenue 196, Tulare, California.

The County Committee meeting was called to order by Chairman Joe Hallmeyer at 6:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT Robert Aguilar, John Beck, Carl Carlson, Rick Chappell, Mary Helen Espino, Joe Hallmeyer, Mickey Hirni, Melissa Janes, Bob Line, and Helen Renteria

MEMBERS ABSENT Bob Pugh

COUNTY STAFF Jim Vidak, Tulare County Superintendent of Schools
Craig Wheaton, Ed.D., Deputy Superintendent, Administrative Services
Shelly DiCenzo, Administrative Legal Assistant

OTHER GUESTS Phil Anderson, Superintendent, Palo Verde Union School District
Rose Machado, Assistant Principal, Palo Verde Union School District
Gloria Hauff, Board President, Palo Verde Union School District
Roberta Rowe, Partner, Lozano Smith Attorneys at Law
Leila Alamri-Kassim, Associate, Lozano Smith Attorneys at Law
Dr. Justin Levitt, National Demographics

PUBLIC COMMENT Liz Gomez addressed the County Committee. She stated that she objects to the action of the school district and County Committee because parents were not involved.

MINUTES A motion was made by Rick Chappell, seconded by Melissa Janes and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of November 14, 2017 as written.

Vote: Aye – Aguilar, Beck, Carlson, Chappell, Espino, Hallmeyer, Hirni, Janes, Line, and Renteria; No – None; Absent – Pugh

REVIEW OF PROPOSAL PRESENTED BY PALO VERDE UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT TO ESTABLISH SPECIFIC TRUSTEE AREA BOUNDARIES AND TRANSITION FROM AT-LARGE TO TRUSTEE AREA ELECTIONS Leila Alamri-Kassim gave a PowerPoint presentation with relevant background and historical information regarding Palo Verde Union School District’s proposal to establish specific trustee-area boundaries within the district and transition from at-large to “trustee-area” elections in which each trustee must reside within the designated trustee area boundary and elected only by the voters in that trustee area.

Dr. Levitt also provided information regarding the legal requirements for drawing the boundaries and reviewed the three (3) plans that were considered by the district.

PUBLIC HEARING

At 6:23 p.m. the Public Hearing was opened to take public comment.

Members of the public and County Committee members asked questions regarding the process and steps the district has taken.

The Public Hearing was closed at 6:41 p.m.

APPROVAL OF PALO VERDE UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT'S PROPOSAL TO ESTABLISH SPECIFIC TRUSTEE AREA BOUNDARIES AND TRANSITION FROM AT-LARGE TO TRUSTEE AREA ELECTIONS

A motion was made by Mickey Hirni, seconded by John Beck and unanimously carried to approve the proposal from the Palo Verde Union School District to establish specific trustee area boundaries within the district and transition from at-large to "trustee area" elections in which each trustee must reside within the designated trustee area boundary and elected only by the voters in that trustee area (County Committee Resolution 2018/19-01)

Vote: Aye – Aguilar, Beck, Carlson, Chappell, Espino, Hallmeyer, Hirni, Janes, Line, and Renteria; No – None; Absent – Pugh

ADJOURN

As there was no further business, Chairman Hallmeyer adjourned the meeting at 6:42 p.m.