

TULARE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

12/12/2025 [03:00 PM]

REGULAR MEETING

For the Regular Board Meeting of December 12, 2025, at 3:00 p.m., in the Redwood Conference Center at the Jim Vidak Education Center, 6200 S. Mooney Blvd., Visalia, California.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Minutes

Tim Hire called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m. and led the pledge of allegiance.

- a. Pledge of Allegiance**
- b. Welcome**

2. ANNUAL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING/ELECTION OF NEW OFFICERS

- a. Pursuant to Education Code section 1009**

1. Election of President - Tim A. Hire

Minutes

It was moved by Tom Link to appoint Tony Rodriguez as president, seconded by Judy Coble. No other nominations for president were received. Nominations for president were closed.

Vote Results

Yea: 6 Judy Coble, Tom Link, Celia Maldonado-Arroyo, Chris Reed, Tony Rodriguez, Mike Waters
Nay: 0
Abstain: 0
Not Cast: 1 Ruben Macareno
Motion: Tom Link **Second:** Judy Coble

2. Election of Vice President - (New President)

Minutes

President Rodriguez asked for nominations for vice president. It was move by Judy Coble, and seconded by Celia Maldonado-Arroyo to appoint Mike Waters for vice president. No other nominations for vice president were received. Nominations for vice president were closed.

Vote Results

Yea: 6 Judy Coble, Tom Link, Celia Maldonado-Arroyo, Chris Reed, Tony Rodriguez, Mike Waters
Nay: 0
Abstain: 0
Not Cast: 1 Ruben Macareno
Motion: Judy Coble **Second:** Celia Maldonado-Arroyo

3. Adoption of 2026 Tulare County Board of Education Regular Meeting Dates - (New President)

Minutes

President Rodriguez presented the 2026 Tulare County Board of Education Meeting Dates.

Vote Results

Yea: 6 Judy Coble, Tom Link, Celia Maldonado-Arroyo, Chris Reed, Tony Rodriguez, Mike Waters
Nay: 0
Abstain: 0
Not Cast: 1 Ruben Macareno
Motion: Tom Link **Second:** Chris Reed

3. BOARD MEMBERS AND STAFF

Minutes

Board members present: President Tony Rodriguez, Vice President Mike Waters, Judy Coble, Tom Link, Celia Maldonado-Arroyo, Chris Reed, and Ex-Officio Secretary Tim A. Hire. Board members absent: Ruben Macareno.

Staff members present: Jody Arriaga, Tammy Bradford, Jaime Burnitzki, John Davis, Jennifer Fisher, Liliana Flores, Malinda Furtado, Rob Herman, Jeff Ramsay, Freddy Reyes, and John Vining. Guests present: Robert Arroyo and Gail Zurek.

4. ADA ACCOMMODATION REQUIREMENT

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5. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Members of the public may address the board on any agenda item, or other item of interest within the subject matter jurisdiction of the board during the public comment period. Agenda items may also be addressed by the public at the time they are taken up by the board. The board is not able to discuss or take action on any item not appearing on the agenda. A five-minute time limit can be imposed on public input for individuals/issues as deemed necessary.

Minutes

No comments were received.

6. ACTION ITEMS

a. Routine Matters

1. Consent Calendar

Vote Results

Yea: 6 Judy Coble, Tom Link, Celia Maldonado-Arroyo, Chris Reed, Tony Rodriguez, Mike Waters

Nay: 0

Abstain: 0

Not Cast: 1 Ruben Macareno

Motion: Judy Coble **Second:** Mike Waters

a. Approval of Minutes for the Regular Board Meeting of November 5, 2025

b. Authorization of Countywide Registration of Credentials

c. Authorization of Temporary County Certificates

d. Authorization of Countywide Emergency Permit Applications

b. Old Business

1. Consideration and Approval, Second Reading, Administrative Regulation 5113 - Absences and Excuses - Julie Berk

Minutes

John Davis presented the second reading of Administrative Regulation 5113 - Absences and Excuses.

Vote Results

Yea: 6 Judy Coble, Tom Link, Celia Maldonado-Arroyo, Chris Reed, Tony Rodriguez, Mike Waters

Nay: 0

Abstain: 0

Not Cast: 1 Ruben Macareno

Motion: Chris Reed **Second:** Celia Maldonado-Arroyo

2. Consideration and Approval, Second Reading, Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 6152.1 - Placement in Mathematics Courses - Julie Berk

Minutes

John Davis asked for approval for Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 6152.1 - Placement in Mathematics Courses.

Vote Results

Yea: 6 Judy Coble, Tom Link, Celia Maldonado-Arroyo, Chris Reed, Tony Rodriguez, Mike Waters

Nay: 0

Abstain: 0

Not Cast: 1 Ruben Macareno

Motion: Mike Waters **Second:** Tom Link

c. New Business

1. Presentation of the 2026 CAC Calendar - Malinda Furtado

Minutes

Malinda Furtado presented the 2026 CAC Calendar. This year's theme is "Meeting Challenges: Resilience through Creativity."

2. First Reading of Board Policy 5141.53 - Referral Protocols for Addressing Pupil Behavioral Health Concerns - John Vining

Minutes

John Vining presented the first reading of Board Policy 5141.53 - Referral Protocols for Addressing Pupil Behavioral Health Concerns. This policy is designed to refer students to behavioral health professionals and support services by creating referral pathways in the schools for crisis and non-crisis situations. The policy outlines a requirement for certificated and classified employees by July 1, 2029.

3. Consideration and Approval, Office of Traffic Safety Grant Award 2025-2026 (\$290,000) - Nani Dodson

Minutes

Mr. Hire asked for Board approval on the Office of Traffic Safety Grant Award 2025-2026 for \$290,000 on behalf of the California Friday Night Live Partnership.

Vote Results

Yea: 6 Judy Coble, Tom Link, Celia Maldonado-Arroyo, Chris Reed, Tony Rodriguez, Mike Waters

Nay: 0

Abstain: 0

Not Cast: 1 Ruben Macareno

Motion: Tom Link **Second:** Judy Coble

4. Public Disclosure of Collective Bargaining Agreement between Tulare County Office of Education (TCOE) and the California Schools Employees Association (CSEA) Chapter #428 for 2025-2026 school year-Dedi Somavia

Minutes

Jody Arriaga presented to the Board the Public Disclosure of Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Tulare County Office of Education (TCOE) and the California School Employees Association (CSEA) Chapter #428 for the 2025-2026 school year. This is an informational item only.

5. Public Disclosure of Collective Bargaining Agreement between Tulare County Office of Education (TCOE) and the California Schools Employees Association (CSEA) Chapter #899 for 2025-2026 school year-Dedi Somavia

Minutes

Jody Arriaga presented the Public Disclosure of Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Tulare County Office of Education (TCOE) and the California School Employees Association (CSEA) Chapter #899 for the 2025-2026 school year. This is an informational item only.

6. Public Disclosure of Collective Bargaining Agreement between Tulare County Office of Education (TCOE) and the Tulare County Office of Education Teachers' Association (CTA) for 2025-2026 school year-Dedi Somavia

Minutes

Jody Arriaga presented the Public Disclosure of Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Tulare County Office of Education (TCOE) and the Tulare County Office of Education Teachers' Association (CTA) for the 2025-2026 school year. This is an informational item only.

7. Consideration and Approval, Budget Revisions through October 31, 2025 - Jody Arriaga

Minutes

Jody Arriaga presented to the Board the Budget Revisions through October 31, 2025. The County School Service Fund has an estimated revised fund balance of \$127,985,518. After reviewing the budget revisions report, Ms. Arriaga asked the Board for approval of the Budget Revisions through October 31, 2025.

Vote Results

Yea: 6 Judy Coble, Tom Link, Celia Maldonado-Arroyo, Chris Reed, Tony Rodriguez, Mike Waters

Nay: 0

Abstain: 0

Not Cast: 1 Ruben Macareno

Motion: Mike Waters **Second:** Chris Reed

8. Consideration and Approval, First Interim Report as of October 31, 2025 - Jody Arriaga

Minutes

Jody Arriaga asked the Board for approval to accept the First Interim Report as of October 31, 2025. The report reflected a positive certification.

Vote Results

Yea: 6 Judy Coble, Tom Link, Celia Maldonado-Arroyo, Chris Reed, Tony Rodriguez, Mike Waters

Nay: 0

Abstain: 0

Not Cast: 1 Ruben Macareno

Motion: Chris Reed **Second:** Celia Maldonado-Arroyo

9. Presentation of the 2026-2027 Proposed Budget Calendar - Jody Arriaga

Minutes

Jody Arriaga presented the 2026-2027 proposed budget calendar.

10. Nomination of CSBA Delegate Assembly Region 12 - (New President)

Each year, member boards elect representatives to the CSBA's Delegate Assembly. The deadline for nomination submissions is January 7, 2026.

Minutes

Tim Hire asked for a nomination to the CSBA Delegate Assembly Region 12. Tony Rodriguez serves as the current representative. President Rodriguez was nominated by Coble and seconded by Maldonado-Arroyo. No other nominations were received.

Vote Results

Yea: 6 Judy Coble, Tom Link, Celia Maldonado-Arroyo, Chris Reed, Tony Rodriguez, Mike Waters
Nay: 0

Abstain: 0

Not Cast: 1 Ruben Macareno

Motion: Judy Coble **Second:** Celia Maldonado-Arroyo

7. Information (Non-Discussion Items)

a. Letters and Communication/Correspondence

b. Reports from Superintendent and Staff

Minutes

Mr. Hire reported that the first TCOE Esports League tournament will be tomorrow in the Redwood Conference Center. He explained how gaming bridges the social gap between students. The UPHS Winter Concert will be on Monday, December 15 at Gateway Church.

A Holiday Celestial Spectacular will be held on December 19 at the Planetarium and Science Center. District Leadership Institute is February 10. Kevin Gordon from Capitol Advisors is our guest speaker.

Superintendent Hire shared that over 100 toys were donated to Toys for Tots during the Winter Social. Yesterday, Dr. Marroquin and Business Services elves delivered bicycles, helmets, and presents to the classroom they adopted in Terra Bella.

Mr. Hire announced that the formal subcontractor bid process for our expansion has officially started. He invited the Board to give suggestions for naming the buildings in the expansion project.

President Rodriguez suggested a board policy that outlines the process and criteria for naming buildings.

c. Reports from Board, Information, and Questions

Minutes

Chris Reed shared a phone call that she received from a SCICON student, who said SCICON's food was the best she ever had.

Tony Rodriguez reported about his attendance at the CSBA Annual Education Conference. He shared their focus this year is closing the achievement gap.

Mike Waters also reported about attending the CSBA Annual Education Conference. He shared that Superintendent Hire presented at two breakout sessions on Educator Workforce Housing and School Safety.

Celia Maldonado-Arroyo reported seeing Mr. Hire represent TCOE on a Channel 30 presentation.

8. Next Scheduled Board Meeting

January 7, 2026 - 3:00 p.m.

9. Adjournment

Minutes

The meeting adjourned at 4:20 p.m.