

TULARE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

03/04/2026 [01:00 PM]

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

For the Special Board Meeting of March 4, 2026, at 1:00 p.m., in the Redwood Conference Center at the Jim Vidak Education Center, 6200 S. Mooney Blvd., Visalia, California.

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Roll Call

Present: Judy Coble, Tim Hire, Tom Link, Ruben Macareno, Chris Reed, Tony Rodriguez, Mike Waters

Write-ins: Staff members present: Julie Berk, Jaime Burnitzki, Jennifer Fisher, Lilliana Flores, Rob Herman, Dr. Fernie Marroquin, Anthony Paz, and Freddie Reyes. Guests present: John Alvarez and Taylor Todd.

Absent:
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1. Call to Order

Minutes

Tony Rodriguez called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. Ruben Macareno led the pledge of allegiance.

- a. Pledge of Allegiance
- b. Welcome

2. ADA Accommodation Requirement

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Minutes

President Rodriguez announced that ADA accommodation had been met.

3. 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 public comments were received.

4. Interview of Applicants to Fill Board Vacancy for Trustee Area 1, Tulare County Board of Education

Minutes

President Rodriguez welcomed John Alvarez. The Board asked nine interview questions. Tony Rodriguez and the Board agreed that John Alvarez was extremely qualified. The Board asked for legal clarification as to a possible conflict of interest regarding Mr. Alvarez's LLC that provides LCAP consulting services with local districts.

5. Action Items

a. Provisional Appointment of Board Member for Trustee Area 1 - Tony Rodriguez

Minutes

Ruben Macareno made a motion, which was seconded by Mike Waters to table the appointment, until the Board received legal guidance regarding the possible conflict of interest.

Vote Results

Yea: 6 Judy Coble, Tom Link, Ruben Macareno, Chris Reed, Tony Rodriguez, Mike Waters

Nay: 0

Abstain: 0

Not Cast: 0

Motion: Ruben Macareno **Second:** Mike Waters

6. Next Scheduled Board Meeting

March 4, 2026 - 3:00p.m.

7. Adjournment

Minutes

The meeting adjourned at 2:07 p.m.