



California School Boards Association

REQUIRES BOARD ACTION

Due: Mon. Mar. 16—return ballot in enclosed envelope

January 31, 2020

MEMORANDUM

To: All Board Presidents and Superintendents — CSBA Member Boards
From: Xilonin Cruz-Gonzalez, CSBA President
Re: 2020 Ballot for CSBA Delegate Assembly — **U.S. Postmark Deadline is Mon. March 16**

Enclosed is the ballot material for election to CSBA's Delegate Assembly from your region or subregion. It consists of: 1) the ballot (on red paper), the reverse side of which contains the names of ALL current members of the Delegate Assembly from your region or subregion; and 2) the required candidate biographical sketch form and, if submitted, a resume. In addition, provided is a copy of the ballot on white paper to include with your board agenda. **Only the ballot on red paper is to be completed and returned to CSBA. It must be postmarked by the U.S. Post Office on or before Monday, March 16, 2020. No exceptions.**

Your Board may vote for up to the number of vacancies in the region or subregion as indicated on the ballot. For example, if there are three vacancies, the Board may vote for up to three candidates. However, your Board may cast no more than one vote for any one candidate. (The ballot also contains a provision for write-in candidates; their name and district must be clearly printed in the space provided.)

The ballot must be signed by the Superintendent or Board Clerk and returned in the enclosed envelope; if the envelope is misplaced, you may use your district's stationery. Please write **DELEGATE ELECTION** prominently on the envelope along with the region or subregion number on the bottom left corner of the envelope (this number appears at the top of the ballot).

If there is a tie vote, a run-off election will be held. All re-elected and newly elected Delegates will serve two-year terms beginning April 1, 2020 – March 31, 2022. The next meeting of the Delegate Assembly takes place on Saturday, May 16 and Sunday, May 17 at the Hyatt Regency in Sacramento. The names of all Delegates will be available on CSBA's website no later than Wednesday, April 1. Please do not hesitate to contact CSBA's Executive Office at (800) 266-3382 should you have any questions.

Encs: Ballot on red paper and watermarked "copy" of ballot on white paper
List of all current Delegates on reverse side of ballot
Candidate(s)' required Biographical Sketch Forms and resumes, if provided
CSBA-addressed envelope to send back ballots

Delegate Assembly Biographical Sketch Form for 2020 election

DUE: Tuesday, January 7, 2020 – no late submissions accepted

Please complete, sign, and date this required biographical sketch form. An optional, ONE-page, single-sided, résumé may also be submitted. Please do not state "see résumé" and do not re-type this form. It is the candidate's responsibility to confirm that all nomination materials have been received by the CSBA Executive Office, call 800.266.3382 or email at nominations@csba.org.

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Signature: _____

Date: 5 November 2019

Name: James Aguilar

CSBA Region & subregion #: 7-B

District or COE: San Leandro Unified School District

Years on board: 1 (+1, student)

Profession: Env. Policy Coordinator Contact Number (please check ☒ Cell ☐ Home ☐ Bus.): +1 (510) 500-6973

*Primary E-mail: jaguilar@slusd.us

(*Communications from CSBA will be sent to primary email)

Are you an incumbent Delegate? ☐ Yes ☒ No | If yes, year you became Delegate: n/a

Why are you interested in becoming a Delegate? Please describe the skills and experiences you would bring to the Delegate Assembly.

When I was a Student Trustee, I made it my mission to tackle social issues, as with revision of the dress code and formalizing student voice. In the context of my current role, I have focused on addressing how we can advocate for our districts and navigate a faulty system with issues such as funding and compounding inequities. A goal of mine is to promote ways that we can tear down barriers so that the inequities of the past and present are truly undone. CSBA provides many of the best resources and a large legislative advocacy network - what better platform to introduce fresh perspectives in education than CSBA's Delegate Assembly?

Please describe your activities and involvement on your local board, community, and/or CSBA.

I have served on my Board for a year now, and a year before as a Student on the San Lorenzo School Board. Thus far, my work has been centered around addressing social issues and soaking in knowledge of law and process. In my first months, I completed MIG and Orientation for New Trustees; I have attended two full AEC conferences and actively participate in a local group, the Progressive Ed Leaders Network, to exchange experiences as a form of PD. I also participate with 'San Leandro 2050,' a zero-emissions nonprofit, as well as the East Bay Stonewall Democratic Club.

What do you see as the biggest challenge facing governing boards and how can CSBA help address it?

1. Funding: Not enough. Period. CSBA can continue to lead the F&FF effort.
2. Student Voice: All too often the student voice, our largest stakeholder, is disregarded. CSBA can offer Student Board Members access to more resources, and include them at the table.
3. Climate Crisis: As education leaders, we have an obligation to advocate against climate change. CSBA can follow the Colorado SBA by authoring a resolution, and increase advocacy efforts in this realm and set out frameworks for environmental policy in education - imagine increased green literacy, zero waste initiatives and bus emission mitigation. We can do it all, together.

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JAMES AGUILAR – BRIEF RESUME

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Education

- San Francisco State University, *Fall 2018-Present*
 - BA, Political Science, *In Progress*
 - Advanced coursework related to experience: LABR 251, Work Rights; WGS 160, Gender, Politics & Citizenship; PLSI 275, Political Theory
 - Minor, Secondary Education, *In Progress*

Service Experience

- Governing Board Member, Trustee Area 6, San Leandro USD, *2018-Present*
 - *Committees:* Policy/Curriculum, Communications/Advocacy
- Student Board Trustee, San Lorenzo Unified School District, *2017-2018*

Work Experience

- Environmental Justice & Policy Coordinator, Associated Students of San Francisco State University, *2019-Present*
- Admin. Intern, California State Assembly: Office of Asm. Rob Bonta, *Summer 2019*
- Legislative Intern, California State Senate: Office of Senator Nancy Skinner, *Spring 2019*
- Gen. Consultant, Jeromey Shafer for Mayor of San Leandro, FPPC ID #1408800, *2018*
- Student Leadership Consultant, Norm Hull & Associates, *Summer 2018*
- Staff Member, Youth for National Change (now dissolved), *2016-2017*

Professional Development

- California School Boards Association (CSBA)
 - Masters in Governance, *2019*
 - Annual Education Conference, *2017, 2018*
 - Orientation for New Trustees, *2018*
- Progressive Education Leaders Network (PELN), *2019-Present*
- Equality California: LGBTQ+ Leadership Summit, *2018*
- Better Together: California Teachers Summit, *2017*
- California Association of Student Leaders (CADA/CASL), *2016-2018*

Recognitions

- “Emerging Leader” – East Bay Stonewall Democrats. *Correlated:* Oakland Council President Rebecca Kaplan, City of Oakland, California State Legislature, Congresswoman Barbara Lee, *2019*
 - “Star Service” – for student Board service, San Lorenzo USD, *2018*
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Signature: Mialisa Bonta Date: 1/6/20

Name: Mialisa Bonta CSBA Region & subregion #: 7B
District or COE: Alameda Unified School District Years on board: 1.1
Profession: CEO, Oakland Promise Contact Number (please check ☒ Cell ☐ Home ☐ Bus.): 415-728-1796
*Primary E-mail: mbonta@alamedaunified.org
(*Communications from CSBA will be sent to primary email)
Are you an incumbent Delegate? ☐ Yes ☒ No | If yes, year you became Delegate: _____

Why are you interested in becoming a Delegate? Please describe the skills and experiences you would bring to the Delegate Assembly.

I have served on the AUSD Board of Education for 1.1 years, recently getting elected by my colleagues for a second term as President of the AUSD Board of Education. I bring 20+ years working to support children and families, in particular through conducting strategic planning and policy development for school districts throughout California and the country. I am a non-profit executive, working in close partnership with school systems and community-based organizations to develop public-private partnerships. I also served as Delegate for the 18th AD for the CA Dem. Party

Please describe your activities and involvement on your local board, community, and/or CSBA.

While on the AUSD school board, I have focused my efforts on focusing the district in the adoption of a strategic plan after 10 years, full and fair funding, and addressing equity issues in our district. I have supported better alignment of the LCAP process with the district's long term planning. I am a parent of three students, participating PTA member. As CEO of Oakland Promise, I run one of the largest school-aligned, place-based initiatives to support cradle-to-career programs to support post-secondary attainment and alignment with the Pre-K-12 system.

What do you see as the biggest challenge facing governing boards and how can CSBA help address it?

The biggest challenge facing governing boards is ensuring that elected community members have the skills, resources, training, and background information to make critical, data-based and research informed decisions related to their school system. In addition, governing boards today must struggle with the impact of long-term reduction in funding for each child and school system in the state. CSBA can address these issues by joining together to develop a thoughtful legislative platform that will address the variety of needs requiring advocacy by the CSBA.

Mialisa T. Bonta

Alameda Unified School District BOE

ALAMEDA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION

School Board President

2018-Present

Elected November 2018, first Afro-Latina Board President in Alameda Unified School District.

OAKLAND PROMISE, Oakland, CA

Inaugural CEO

2019-Present

Currently leading a large-scale non-profit organization facilitating a cradle-to-career strategy to ensure every child in need in Oakland attains post-secondary success through supports and administration of college savings and administration of scholarships for 1,400 students annually.

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA COLLEGE PROMISE COALITION

Steering Committee Member; Chair Policy Committee

2019-Present

Lead development of policy agenda for a coalition of regional Promise and college-access programs to aggregate collective expertise in support of 20k+ students in the region.

LITERACY LAB, Oakland, CA

Founder & CEO

2014-2019

Launched non-profit organization with a mission is to create connected and interactive early learning environments by deploying books, digital content, and blended learning solutions for under-resourced children, their caregivers, and educators.

BRING ME A BOOK, Mountain View, CA

Executive Director

2012-2014

Led a 15 year old early literacy and book access organization while successfully raising \$1.2M operating budget, and distributing close to 1M books to children throughout California.

BREAKTHROUGH COLLABORATIVE, San Francisco, CA

Executive Director

2008-2010

Led a 25 year old non-profit organization focused on supporting middle-school-to college pipeline programs with oversight over 29 affiliates in the U.S. and Hong Kong.

STUPSKI FOUNDATION, Mill Valley, CA

Associate Director, Strategic Initiatives & Legacy Development

2002-2008

Designed foundation's policy impact strategy intended to engage K-12 districts, local and state policy leaders, and state education agencies in California, Texas, Ohio and Connecticut.

EDUCATION

YALE LAW SCHOOL, J.D., 1999 Yale Law and Policy Review; Latino Law Students'

HARVARD GRADUATE SCHOOL OF EDUCATION, Ed.M. program, 1995-1996

YALE UNIVERSITY, B.A., Psychology, 1993 Concentration: Developmental Psychology

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Signature: *Anne E. White* Date: December 19, 2019

Name: Anne E. White CSBA Region & subregion #: 7B
District or COE: Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District Years on board: 29
Profession: medical research Contact Number (please check ☐ Cell ☒ Home ☐ Bus.): 925-443-3106 - home
*Primary E-mail: white-ae@comcast.net
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Are you an incumbent Delegate? ☒ Yes ☐ No | If yes, year you became Delegate: 2000

Why are you interested in becoming a Delegate? Please describe the skills and experiences you would bring to the Delegate Assembly.

The Delegate Assembly is the bottom line decision making body of CSBA. The DA elects officers, approves CSBA positions on ballot initiatives and provides grassroots feedback to staff about the likely actual effects of proposed legislation - and unintended consequences.

My many years as an active trustee, as a delegate and as a director will add experience, knowledge and wisdom to the deliberations of the Delegate Assembly.

Please describe your activities and involvement on your local board, community, and/or CSBA.

CSBA: Director 2014-18, Charter School Task Force, Committees: ELA Adequacy, Bylaws, Audit, Legislation and Nominating, Nominating Chairman, Golden Bell Validator, 2011, 2007, 2000.
Livermore: Policy, Dual Immersion Task Force, Tri-Valley Education Collaborative (CTE in the Tri-Valley), Alameda County School Boards Association, member, officer 2003-2013.
Other: Individual Member Livermore Valley Chamber of Commerce, Sandia National Lab Bio-Safety Committee, LAM Research Scholarship Committee, Student Education Loan Fund, president and board member.

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Ever since the pilgrims stepped off the Mayflower, responsibility for public schools has been in the hands of locally selected citizens. If this scheme is to survive, local boards must not only make good decisions, but also must clearly be seen to be making those good decisions. Statewide ACSA and our local superintendents are key partners in keeping school boards relevant. Our superintendents are our "agents" who make us aware of "smile and wave" opportunities, but also of chances to speak and share our pride in our districts, demonstrating our competence. Our superintendents also can play a significant role in integrating trustees into the leadership of our communities. CSBA can foster this partnership statewide and with individual superintendents. When education becomes more

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Anne White

4614 Almond Circle
Livermore, California 94550

CSBA -2019

(925) 443-3106

white-ae@comcast.net

Experience

- Board of Trustees, Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District, 1990 - present
- CSBA Delegate Assembly, Region 7B Alameda County, 2000-2013; Director Region 7, 2014 - 2018
- Alameda County School Boards Association: officer 2003-07; 2010-13 Livermore representative
- Staff Research Associate, ten years, U.C.S.F., medical research, bibliography available

California School Boards Association (CSBA) Activities

- ELA Adequacy Committee, 2015-6, Charter School Task Force 2016-7
- Annual Education Conference presenter - 2015, 2011, 2005, 1999; NSBA 2000; Unity Conference 2013
- Committees: Audit 2014-15; Education Legal Alliance 2011-14; Bylaws 2016-7; Legislative 2006-07; Nominating 2004, Chairman 2005
- Golden Bell Validator, 2000, 2007, 2011
- Proposed School Finance Exploration Project, 2004

Livermore School District Achievements and Activities

- Organized the Livermore Hispanic Study Group/Achievement Gap Task Force, 2006
- District and Superintendent Committees, 1986-2019:
 - Measure L (bond campaign) - GATE Advisory Board - LAVTA (area transportation) - Tri-Valley Education Collaborative (Career Tech) - Communication - Technology - Fiscal Policy Advisory Committee - Strategic Plan - Health and Wellness - Policy - Intergovernmental (Schools, City, Parks) - High School Graduation Requirements - Measures E and D Committees (parcel taxes) - Employee Recognition - Facilities - Diversity
 - Marylin Avenue School Roadrunner Project (PI Committee) - Dual Immersion Task Force
- Tri-Valley Business Council Education Committee, "Tri-Valley Vision 2010"
- Mayor's School Facilities Committee - Developers, Council and Trustees
- Speaker: Soroptimists, Rotaries, Real Estate Board, Chamber of Commerce

Professional Development

- Master of Boardmanship, Masters in Governance, Interest Based Bargaining, three times
- Numerous workshops and webinars: CSBA/School Services and CSBA/CDE/ACSA/CCSESA: Curriculum, Finance, Governance, Legal, Back to School, Forecast, Collective Bargaining Summits, Achievement Gap Summit, Rebuilding California

Presentations

- "Repair California" – County Supervisor Town Hall meeting
- "Schools and Mayors: New Partnership for Better Performance" - Brown Club of Southern California

Panels -

- Institutional Biosafety Committee, Sandia National Laboratory, 2013 - present
- Alumni Advisory Council, Biological Sciences, Purdue University, 2007-12
- Tri-Valley Adolescent Health Initiative Steering Committee, 2005-08
- CDE: Instructional Materials Advisory Panels, 1998-2003; Legal-Social Compliance Review Leader 2005

Honors

- California State PTA Continuing Service Award, Croce Elementary School, 2010
- "Juanita Haugen – Women Making a Difference Award, Leadership and Education" East Bay CEWAER, (now California Women Lead), 2007

Other

- M.S., Purdue University, West Lafayette, Indiana, Biological Sciences
- A.B., Brown University, Providence, Rhode Island, Biology
- Family - husband, Ron, retired physicist, Lawrence Livermore National Lab; 2 adult sons

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OFFICIAL 2020 DELEGATE ASSEMBLY BALLOT
SUBREGION 7-B
(Alameda County)

(Vote for no more than 3 candidates)

Delegates will serve two-year terms beginning April 1, 2020 – March 31, 2022

**denotes incumbent*

☐ James Aguilar (San Lorenzo USD)

☐ Mialisa Bonta (Alameda USD)

☐ Anne White (Livermore Valley Joint USD)*

Provision for Write-in Candidate Name

School District

Signature of Superintendent or Board Clerk

Title

School District

Date of Board Action

See reverse side for a current list of all Delegates in your Region.

REGION 7 – 20 Delegates (15 elected/5 appointed◆)

Director: Yolanda Peña Mendrek (Liberty Union HSD)

Below is a list of all the current Delegates.

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Laura Canciamilla (Pittsburg USD), term expires 2020
Valerie Cuevas (West Contra Costa USD)◆, appointed term expires 2020
Linda K. Mayo (Mt. Diablo USD)◆, appointed term expires 2021
Meredith Meade (Lafayette SD), term expires 2021
Marina Ramos (John Swett USD), term expires 2021
Richard Severy (Moraga ESD), term expires 2021
Raymond Valverde (Liberty Union HSD), term expires 2020

Subregion 7-B (Alameda)

Valerie Arkin (Pleasanton USD), term expires 2020
Ann Crosbie (Fremont USD)◆, appointed term expires 2021
Jody London (Oakland USD)◆, appointed term expires 2021
Amy Miller (Dublin USD), term expires 2020
Diana J. Prola (San Leandro USD), term expires 2021
Annette Walker (Hayward USD), term expires 2020
Jeff Wang (New Haven USD), term expires 2021
Anne White (Livermore Valley Joint USD), term expires 2020
Gary Yee (Oakland USD)◆, appointed term expires 2020
Jamie Yee (Pleasanton USD), term expires 2021
Vacant, term expires 2021

County Delegate:

Amber Childress (Alameda COE), term expires 2021

Counties

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Alameda (Subregion B)

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