

BOARD OF EDUCATION AGENDA

SPECIAL MEETING
November 18, 2021 - 9:00 AM

Board Member Governance Workshop - Meeting location 2200 Central Avenue, 2nd Floor Conference Room

If you are unable to join the meeting and would like to submit a public comment on the items listed on the agenda, please send public comment to: publiccomments@alamedaunified.org. Comments received by 12:00 PM on Wednesday, November 17, 2021 will be distributed to Board trustees prior to the Board meeting.

Adjournment will be no later than 10:30 PM for all regular and special meetings, unless extended by a majority vote of the Board. Writings relating to a board meeting agenda item that are distributed to at least a majority of the Board members less than 72 hours before the noticed meeting, and that are public records not otherwise exempt from disclosure, will be available for inspection at the District administrative offices, 2060 Challenger Drive, Alameda, CA. Such writings may also be available on the District's website. (Govt Code 54957.5b).

Individuals who require special accommodations (American Sign Language interpreter, accessible seating, documentation in accessible format, etc.) should contact Kerri Lonergan, Assistant to the Superintendent, at 337-7101 as soon as possible preceding the meeting.

IF YOU WISH TO ADDRESS THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Please submit a "Request to Address the Board" slip to Kerri Lonergan, Assistant to the Superintendent, prior to the introduction of the item. For meeting facilitation, please submit the slip at your earliest possible convenience. Upon recognition by the President of the Board, please come to the podium and identify yourself prior to speaking. The Board of Education reserves the right to limit speaking time to three (3) minutes or fewer per individual. Speakers are permitted to yield their time to one other speaker, however no one speaker shall have more than four (4) minutes. The public may comment on each item listed as the item is taken up. The Board reserves the right to limit public comment on agenda items to ten (10) minutes per item. The Board may, with the consent of persons representing both sides of an issue, allocate a block of time to each side to present their issue.

A. CALL TO ORDER

1. Call to Order - 9:00 AM - Board of Education President Jennifer Williams will call the Special Board of Education Meeting to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance - Board of Education President Jennifer Williams will lead the Pledge of Allegiance
3. Introduction of Board Members and Staff

B. MODIFICATION(S) OF THE AGENDA - The Board may change the order of business including, but not limited to, an announcement that an agenda item will be considered out of order, withdrawn, postponed, or rescheduled.

C. ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Resolution No. 2021-2022.23 Proclaiming a Local Emergency Ratifying the Proclamation of a State of Emergency by Governor Newsom Dated March 4, 2020 and Authorizing Remote Teleconference Meetings for the Period November 19, 2021 Through December 14, 2021

D. BUSINESS – Informational reports and action items are presented under this section.

1. California School Boards Association "Good Beginnings" Governance Workshop (6 Hours/Action)

E. ADJOURNMENT

ALAMEDA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
SPECIAL AGENDA ITEM

Item Title: Resolution No. 2021-2022.23 Proclaiming a Local Emergency Ratifying the Proclamation of a State of Emergency by Governor Newsom Dated March 4, 2020 and Authorizing Remote Teleconference Meetings for the Period November 19, 2021 Through December 14, 2021

Item Type: Action

Background: On September 20, 2021 Governor Gavin Newsom signed an executive order waiving the application of [AB 361](#) until October 1, 2021, when the provisions of a prior executive order that established certain requirements for public agencies to meet remotely during the COVID-19 emergency will expire.

AB 361 extends the flexibilities provided in the Governor's prior executive order to local and state bodies to hold public meetings electronically beyond the executive order's September 30, 2021 expiration date. The order specifies that for any meetings held to determine if remote meetings are justified beyond September 30, local legislative bodies must follow the statutory requirements established by AB 361.

The action provides clarity for local legislative and state bodies about the applicable requirements for holding remote meetings.

The text of the Governor's executive order can be found [here](#).

With AB 361, AUSD can continue to hold remote Board meetings provided a few conditions are met. Since Alameda County's Public Health Department no longer has a social distancing requirement, the District's Board must make a finding that in-person meetings "present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees." Superintendent Scuderi is presenting a resolution stating this is the case.

Superintendent Scuderi asks that the Board approve the attached resolution. This resolution can only be valid for 30 days, so the Board will need to approve a new resolution each month in order to continue to hold remote meetings.

AUSD LCAP Goals: 1. Eliminate barriers to student success and maximize learning time.| 2a. Support all students in becoming college and career ready.| 2b. Support all English Learners (ELs) in becoming college and career ready.| 3. Support parent/guardian development as knowledgeable partners and effective advocates for student success.| 4. Ensure that all students have access to basic services.

Fiscal Analysis

Amount (Savings) (Cost): N/A

Recommendation: Approve as submitted.

AUSD Guiding Principle: #1 - All students have the ability to achieve academic and personal success.| #2 - Teachers must challenge and support all students to reach their highest academic and personal potential.| #3 - Administrators must have the knowledge, leadership skills and ability to ensure student success.| #5 - Accountability, transparency, and trust are necessary at all levels of the organization.| #6 - Allocation of funds must support our vision, mission, and guiding principles.

Submitted By: Pasquale Scuderi, Superintendent

ATTACHMENTS:

	Description	Upload Date	Type
▢	Resolution to allow remote meetings beyond Sept 30	11/15/2021	Resolution Letter

ALAMEDA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
Alameda, California
Resolution

November 18, 2021

Resolution No. 2021-2022.23

**Resolution Proclaiming a Local Emergency Ratifying the Proclamation of a State of
Emergency by Governor Newsom Dated March 4, 2020 and Authorizing Remote
Teleconference Meetings for the Period November 19, 2021 Through December 14, 2021**

WHEREAS, the Alameda Unified School District is committed to preserving and nurturing public access and participation in meetings of the Board of Trustees; and

WHEREAS, all meetings of the Alameda Unified School District's legislative bodies are open and public, as required by the Ralph M. Brown Act (Cal. Gov. Code 54950 – 54963), so that any member of the public may attend, participate, and watch the District's legislative bodies conduct their business; and

WHEREAS, the Brown Act, Government Code section 54953(e), as amended by Assembly Bill 361, Chapter 165 of the Statutes of 2021, makes provisions for remote teleconferencing participation in meetings by members of a legislative body, without compliance with the requirements of Government Code section 54953(b)(3), subject to the existence of certain conditions; and

WHEREAS, a required condition is that a state of emergency is declared by the Governor pursuant to Government Code section 8625, proclaiming the existence of conditions of disaster or of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property within the state caused by conditions as described in Government Code section 8558; and

WHEREAS, a proclamation is made when there is an actual incident, threat of disaster, or extreme peril to the safety of persons and property within the jurisdictions that are within the District's boundaries, caused by natural, technological, or human-caused disasters; and

WHEREAS, it is further required that state or local officials have imposed or recommended measures to promote social distancing, or that the legislative body meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health and safety of attendees; and

WHEREAS, such conditions now exist in the District, specifically, a State of Emergency has been proclaimed by the Governor on March 4, 2020 based on an outbreak of respiratory illness due to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, in-person meetings continued to present imminent risk to health and safety of attendees due to the continued prevalence of highly-contagious COVID variants and the fact that only 55.4% of the California population are fully vaccinated; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees does hereby find that the Governor's March 4, 2020 State of Emergency proclamation due to the outbreak of COVID-19 and continued prevalence of highly contagious COVID various and inadequately low rates of fully vaccinated people in California has caused, and will continue to cause, conditions of peril to the safety of persons within the District that are likely to be beyond the control of services, personnel, equipment, and facilities of the District, and desires to proclaim a local emergency and ratify the proclamation of state of emergency by the Governor of the State of California; and

WHEREAS, as a consequence of the local emergency, the Board of Trustees does hereby find that the legislative bodies of the Alameda Unified School District shall conduct their meetings without compliance with paragraph (3) of subdivision (b) of Government Code section 54953, as authorized by subdivision (e) of section 54953, and that such legislative bodies shall comply with the requirements to provide the public

with access to the meetings as prescribed in paragraph (2) of subdivision (e) of section 54953; and

WHEREAS, the District will continue to provide access to Board meetings through live-streamed video feed which allows for public comment and a real-time closed-caption feed.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE ALAMEDA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT DOES HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Recitals. The Recitals set forth above are true and correct and are incorporated into this Resolution by this reference.

Section 2. Proclamation of Local Emergency. The Board hereby proclaims that a local emergency now exists throughout the District, and meeting in person would present an imminent risk due to the prevalence of COVID variants and low vaccination rates among the general population.

Section 3. Ratification of Governor's Proclamation of a State of Emergency. The Board hereby ratifies the Governor of the State of California's Proclamation of a State of Emergency, effective as of its issuance date of March 4, 2020.

Section 4. Remote Teleconference Meetings. The Superintendent and legislative bodies of the Alameda Unified School District are hereby authorized and directed to take all actions necessary to carry out the intent and purpose of this Resolution including, conducting open and public meetings in accordance with Government Code section 54953(e) and other applicable provisions of the Brown Act.

Section 5. Effective Date of Resolution. This Resolution shall take effect November 19, 2021 and shall be effective until the earlier of (i) December 14, 2021, or such time the Board of Trustees adopts a subsequent resolution in accordance with Government Code section 54953(e)(3) to extend the time during which the legislative bodies of the Alameda Unified School District may continue to teleconference without compliance with paragraph (3) of subdivision (b) of section 54953.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the following vote this 18th day of November, 2021:

AYES: _____ MEMBERS: _____

NOES: _____ MEMBERS: _____

ABSENT: _____ MEMBERS: _____

Jennifer Williams, President
Board of Education
Alameda Unified School District
Alameda County, State of California

ATTEST:

By: _____

Pasquale Scuderi, Secretary
Board of Education
Alameda Unified School District
Alameda County, State of California

ALAMEDA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
SPECIAL AGENDA ITEM

Item Title: California School Boards Association "Good Beginnings" Governance Workshop (6 Hours/Action)

Item Type: Action

Background: When School Boards face changes in the membership of the Board, it is recommended the Board participate in Professional Development to help draft Board Governance Protocols and/or a Board Governance Handbook.

With the assistance of Board President Jennifer Williams, Superintendent Pasquale Scuderi has engaged the California School Boards Association (CSBA) Governance Consultants to plan a Workshop for Board Members to come together to strengthen their leadership skills, improve their organizational effectiveness, and develop tools to keep district efforts focused on learning and achievement for all students. This Workshop is called the CSBA "Good Beginnings Workshop."

CSBA Good Beginnings Workshops, which follow the election of new board members, are specifically designed to help governance teams create a framework for the new governance team. Workshops are individually tailored for districts and are conducted as open meetings of the governing board in accordance with the Brown Act. The pre-workshop process includes individual phone interviews with all governance team members.

The workshop is based on CSBA's Four Building Blocks of Effective Governance:

1. Unity of Purpose
2. Roles and Responsibilities
3. Positive Governance Team Culture (norms)
4. Supportive Structures and Processes (protocols)

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During the six-hour workshop, the GCS consultant will facilitate discussions among team members to begin the process of:

- Identifying the team's Unity of Purpose—the shared core values and beliefs—the foundation from which all work of the governance team flows
- Gaining clarity on the role and responsibilities of the board and the role responsibilities and duties of the superintendent
- Developing norms and protocols that will assist the team to work effectively toward the attainment of governance team priorities
- Discussing additional topics such as goal setting and superintendent evaluation.

Following the workshop the governance team will receive workshop notes from the GCS consultant that will include:

- All agreements reached by the team during the workshop
- The proposed next steps that the team plans to take to complete and institutionalize the work begun during the workshop
- Other relevant information that the GCS consultant believes is important to include

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Submitted By: Pasquale Scuderi, Superintendent
