

BOARD OF EDUCATION AGENDA

SPECIAL MEETING
November 12, 2025 - 4:30 PM

Niel Tam Educational Center - AUSD District Office

2060 Challenger Drive Marina Conference Room

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 - Closed Session - 4:30 PM - Board Member Jennifer Williams Will Call the Meeting to Order in the Ballena Conference Room of the Niel Tam Educational Center (2060 Challenger Drive).
2. Public Comment on Closed Session Topics: The Board will hear public comments on Closed Session agenda items. The Board of Education Reserves the Right to Limit Public Comment to 10 Minutes.
3. Recess to Closed Session - Board Members will meet privately for Closed Session. Any action taken during Closed Session will be reported out under "Closed Session Action Report."

Conference with Labor Negotiators - Pursuant to Subdivision 54957.6:
Agency designated representative: Timothy Erwin, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources:

Employee organizations: Alameda Education Association (AEA), California School Employees Association Chapter 27 (CSEA 27), California School Employees Association Chapter 860 (CSEA 860) and Executive Cabinet/Administrative and Supervisory/Confidential/Licensed/Unrepresented.

Student Discipline Matters (Student Suspension, Expulsion, or Readmittance) – Education Code § 48918; Government Code § 35146

- 1) Student ID #85980

Conference with Legal Counsel Regarding Anticipated Litigation Pursuant to Govt. Code § 54956.9, subdivision (b) (1 case):

- 1) One case Alameda Unified School District as potential defendant

4. *****

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Join on your computer, mobile app or room device

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Meeting ID: 233 229 310 117 5

Passcode: Bg2Cp7X3

5. Reconvene to Open Session - 5:30 PM - Marina Conference Room - Board Member Jennifer Williams will call the Special Board of Education Meeting to Order
6. Pledge of Allegiance - Board Member Jennifer Williams will lead the Pledge of Allegiance
7. Roll Call/Introduction of Board Members and Staff
8. Closed Session Action Report

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

1. Candidate Interviews and Selection for Provisional Appointment to Fill Vacant Board Seat (60 Mins/Action)

D. ADJOURNMENT

ALAMEDA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
SPECIAL AGENDA ITEM

Item Title: Recess to Closed Session - Board Members will meet privately for Closed Session. Any action taken during Closed Session will be reported out under "Closed Session Action Report."

Item Type: Closed Session

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Fiscal Analysis

Amount (Savings) (Cost):

Recommendation:

AUSD Guiding Principle:

Submitted By:

ALAMEDA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
SPECIAL AGENDA ITEM

Item Title: Candidate Interviews and Selection for Provisional Appointment to Fill Vacant Board Seat (60 Mins/Action)

Item Type: Action

Background: Following the recent resignation of Board Member Meleah Hall, there is now one vacant seat on the Board of Education. Under California Education Code, the Board had two options for filling the vacancy:

1. Holding a special election, or
2. Appointing a qualified community member to serve for the remainder of the term.

At its September 30th regular meeting, the Board voted unanimously to fill the vacancy through the appointment process. This means the Board will select and appoint a new member to serve until November 2026, when Ms. Hall's original term would have ended.

Applications for the open seat were made available to the public on October 3rd, and were due by 5:00 p.m. on October 13th. A total of six community members applied (listed alphabetically):

1. Joyce Boyd
2. Tyler Gamble
3. Carrie Hahnel
4. Philip Hu
5. Timothy McQuillan
6. Evan Schwimmer

After confirming that all applicants met the eligibility requirements* to serve, Board President Gary K. Lym reviewed the applications and two candidates were selected to attend tonight's meeting, where they will be interviewed publicly by the current Board.

The two candidates selected to be interviewed by the full Board are:

- Carrie Hahnel
- Philip Hu

Their applications (*personal information is redacted*) for the Board vacancy are attached to this agenda.

Following opening statements from the candidates, the Board will discuss and deliberate with the goal of selecting one candidate for provisional appointment to the vacant seat.

The selected candidate will be officially sworn in at the Board's regular

meeting on November 18, 2025.

** Eligibility to serve includes being a registered voter and resident within the Alameda Unified School District boundaries.*

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.

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Amount (Savings) (Cost):

Recommendation: Other

The Board will interview candidates and take action to select a provisional Board of Education member. The provisional Board member selected will be sworn in at the November 18, 2025 Board of Education meeting.

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.| #4 - Parental involvement and community engagement are integral to 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.| #7 - All employees must receive respectful treatment and professional support to achieve district goals.

Submitted By: Board of Education

ATTACHMENTS:

	Description	Upload Date	Type
□	Board Vacancy Application - Carrie Hahnel (redacted)	11/6/2025	Backup Material
□	Board Vacancy Application - Philip Hu (redacted)	11/6/2025	Backup Material

ALAMEDA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES

CANDIDATE APPLICATION AND INFORMATION SHEET

****Please note: Candidates must reside within the boundary of the Alameda Unified School District to qualify for this appointment. AUSD Boundaries only include the City of Alameda. Candidates please ensure your home address is included below so that your residency can be verified. Candidates must also be registered to vote in California.**

Please complete and ensure your application packet is received on or before 5:00pm on Monday, October 13, 2025 at:

Gary K. Lym, Board President
c/o Pasquale Scuderi, Superintendent
2060 Challenger Drive
Alameda, California 94501

OR emailed to klonergan@alamedaunified.org

Application packets should include a completed version of this form, a resume, and a letter of interest.

Date: _____

(Last Name) (First Name) (Middle Initial) (Birthdate: mm/dd/yyyy)

Occupation: _____

Employer or Name of Self-Employed Business: _____

No. of Years Residing in District: _____

Do you have children in the district's schools? Yes _____ No _____

(Staff will use the following information to contact potential candidates and confirm Voter Registration status. The information below will be redacted prior to being published as part of a Board agenda packet. All other information contained in this application will be posted publicly and may be open to public inspection, including through a California Public Records Act Request)

CA Driver's License #: _____ Last 4 SSN#: _____

Home Address: _____

Business Address: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Cell Phone: _____ Business Phone: _____

ALAMEDA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

1. What do you see as the basic purpose of public schools?

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Please list them.

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3. What should be the relationship between the board members and the administration in the handling of school concerns?

4. What would you like to accomplish as a board member? Which of those is your highest priority — and why?

5. Describe how you would balance the following when deciding how to vote on a matter: community concerns, student needs, state/federal law, staff recommendations, and your own values or beliefs.

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6. If a parent approached you outside of a meeting (e.g. in the grocery store) about a “hot issue,” what would you tell them?

7. What questions do you have for the board to help you prepare to take on this responsibility?

Thank you for completing the Candidate Application and Information Sheet.

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