

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

August 25, 2026

Alameda City Hall

2263 Santa Clara Avenue

Alameda, California 94501

ADOPTED MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING: The regular meeting of the Board of Education was held at the date and location mentioned above.

A. CALL TO ORDER

1. Call to Order - Closed Session - 5:30pm:

Board President Ryan LaLonde called the meeting to order in Council Chambers in Alameda City Hall.

2. Public Comment on Closed Session Topics:

There were no public comments on Closed Session topics.

3. Recess to Closed Session:

Board Members met privately in Conference Room 391 in City Hall for Closed Session. Agenda items discussed in Closed Session included:

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 plaintiff

Public Employee Performance Evaluation - (Govt. Code, §54957, subd. (b)(1)): 1) Superintendent

4. Reconvene to Public Session - 6:30pm:

The Board reconvened to Public Session in Council Chambers at 6:30pm.

5. Pledge of Allegiance:

Incoming Student Board Members Ethan Lee, Penny Locke, and Maya Schreger led the Pledge of Allegiance.

6. Roll Call/Introduction of Board Members and Staff:

Board of Education Members present: Board President Ryan LaLonde, Board Vice President Heather Little, Board Member Carrie Hahnel, and Board Member Gary Lym.

7. Closed Session Action Report:

The Board did not take any action during Closed Session.

B. MODIFICATION(S) OF THE AGENDA

No modifications to the agenda were made.

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes from the June 23, 2026 and August 11, 2026 Regular Board of Education Meetings:

Due to Board Member Carrie Hahnel's absence during the June 23, 2026 meeting, the Board took two separate votes on the minutes being presented for approval.

Motion to approve the Minutes from June 23, 2026 Regular Board of Education Meeting.

MOTION: Member Little

SECONDED: Member Lym

BOARD MEMBER VOTES

AYES: Members LaLonde, Little, Hahnel, and Lym

Motion to approve the Minutes from August 11, 2026 Regular Board of Education Meeting.

MOTION: Member Hahnel

SECONDED: Member Little

BOARD MEMBER VOTES

AYES: Members LaLonde, Little, Hahnel, and Lym

D. COMMUNICATIONS

1. Installation of Student Board Members from Alameda High School, ASTI, and Encinal Jr. & Sr. High School:

The Board welcomed and installed Ethan Lee from ASTI, Penny Locke from Encinal Jr. & Sr. High School, and Maya Schreger from Alameda High School as Student Board Members for the 2026-2027 school year. Superintendent Pasquale Scuderi administered the Oath of Office to the three Student Board Members.

2. Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items:

Isabel Kaim, AUSD student: Ms. Kaim proposed integrating human trafficking awareness into the existing Navigating Life curriculum at Alameda and Encinal High Schools, building on lessons addressing online safety and boundaries to help students understand the issue, recognize warning signs, and seek help.

Carolyn Brossard, AUSD parent: Ms. Brossard thanked Ms. Kaim for her thoughtful suggestion and welcomed the new Student Board Members, emphasizing the importance of their voices and reports from their school sites.

3. Written Correspondence:

The Board received one email regarding the Board appointment process, General Business Item #2.

4. Report from Employee Organizations:

Alameda Education Association (AEA): Judy Ganley, President of AEA, announced that AEA's representative council had endorsed Ryan LaLonde, Carrie Hahnel, and Gary Lym for the upcoming school board election. She welcomed the new Student Board Members and encouraged them to bring their perspectives from their school sites. Ms. Ganley also noted that teachers and students were settling into the school year and praised the Wood campus.

No reports were provided by CSEA Chapter 27 or CSEA Chapter 860.

5. PTA Council Report:

PTA Council President Tim McQuillan introduced himself as the new PTA Council President and outlined PTAC priorities for the 2026-27 school year, including DEI initiatives, digital literacy and equity, district-wide family engagement, Green Schoolyards and climate resilience, and support for IEP and 504 affinity groups. He expressed appreciation for the opportunity to work with AUSD and the Board.

6. Board Members' Report:

Board Vice President Heather Little welcomed the new Student Board Members and encouraged them to participate in Board discussions and bring issues from their school communities to the Board. She offered to meet with them individually to answer questions about their role.

Board Member Carrie Hahnel welcomed the new Student Board Members and encouraged them to help translate the Board's work for the broader community. She also thanked student speaker Isabel Kaim for her thoughtful proposal regarding human trafficking awareness.

Board Member Gary Lym welcomed the new Student Board Members, described the Board's subcommittees, and encouraged student participation. He also thanked AEA and CSEA Chapter 27 for their support and endorsements.

Board President Ryan LaLonde welcomed the new Student Board Members and discussed the District's Chromebook approach, noting that Chromebooks will generally be available in classrooms while students who need a device at home will continue to have access to one. He also shared that the school year was off to a positive start.

7. Superintendent's Report:

Superintendent Pasquale Scuderi welcomed the new Student Board Members and highlighted the Labor Day, High School Voter Education Weeks, and Suicide Prevention Awareness Month proclamations on the Consent Calendar. He also previewed an upcoming Board discussion regarding artificial intelligence in education

and said AUSD intends to take a measured and deliberate approach given the rapid development of AI tools and limited K-12 research.

8. Student Board Members' Report:

Student Board Member Ethan Lee reported on ASTI's new freshman class and Pen Pal Program, a new math and physics teacher, senior sunrise, the start of Peralta Community College classes, club applications, back-to-school night, and a PTSA Dine and Donate fundraiser.

Student Board Member Penny Locke reported on Encinal Jr. & Sr. High School's start to the school year, freshman orientation, fall sports and use of the new field, back-to-school night, Club Week, Island Bowl, homecoming preparations, and resolution of student scheduling issues.

Student Board Member Maya Schreger reported that Mr. Harp is widely loved by Alameda High School students and welcomes students each morning. She also reported on Club Day, picture day, and a suicide prevention spirit day.

E. ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Certificated Personnel Actions
2. Classified Personnel Actions
3. Approval and Acceptance of Donations
4. Approval and Ratification of Contracts Executed Pursuant to Board Policy 3300
5. Approval and Ratification of Facilities Bond Measure I and Measure B Contracts (Standing Item)
6. Approval of Bill Warrants and Payroll Registers
7. Approval of Individual Service Agreements (ISAs) with Non-Public Schools and Non-Public Agencies
8. Approval of Industry Advisory Members for AUSD's Career and Technical Education (CTE) Department
9. Approval of Memoranda of Understanding with Colleges and Universities for Student Teacher, School Psychologist, Counselor, and Interns
10. Proclamation: In Support of High School Voter Education Weeks - September 13 - September 24, 2026
11. Proclamation: Labor Day - September 7, 2026
12. Proclamation: Suicide Prevention Awareness Month - September 2026
13. Resolution No. 2026-2027.06 Approval of Budget Transfers, Increases, Decreases
14. Resolution No. 2026-2027.07 Authorization to Dispose of Surplus Property

Motion to approve the Consent Calendar.

MOTION: Member Little

SECONDED: Member Hahnel

STUDENT BOARD MEMBER VOTES

AYES: Student Members Li, Locke, and Schrager

BOARD MEMBER VOTES

AYES: Members LaLonde, Little, Hahnel, and Lym

F. GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Enrollment Report: First Five Days of School:

Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services Kirsten Zazo presented the enrollment report for the first five days of the 2026-27 school year. District enrollment was approximately 122 students higher than on Day 5 of the prior school year. Increases were noted at Bay Farm and Love, in part due to additional TK classes, as well as at the middle and high school levels. Staff reviewed class-size limits, diversion procedures, and enrollment priorities. The Board discussed enrollment trends, centralized enrollment, staffing ratios, the neighborhood schools model, and the longer-term implications of smaller incoming elementary cohorts. No public comments were received.

2. Options for Filling a Vacancy on the Board of Education:

Superintendent Pasquale Scuderi reviewed options for filling the vacancy created by the resignation of former Board Clerk Jennifer Williams, effective August 12, 2026. Pursuant to Education Code § 5091, the Board may call a special election or appoint a qualified applicant. Staff recommended the appointment process. The appointment must be made within 60 days of the vacancy, and an appointed trustee would serve for the balance of the vacated term, through 2028. Under the proposed timeline, applications would open August 26, close September 11, interviews and an appointment would occur September 22, and the appointed trustee would be sworn in October 13, 2026.

Public Comments:

Judy Ganley, President of AEA: Ms. Ganley expressed support for the appointment process while asking that labor partners and other stakeholders have an opportunity to participate in the candidate interview process. She noted that stakeholders do not have an opportunity to elect a Board Member when an appointment is selected instead of a special election.

Board President LaLonde acknowledged a request to delay the appointment process until after the election and reported that she had consulted with the County Superintendent, who indicated that waiting would result in a County appointment on October 11 and could lead to a special election. Board President LaLonde noted the awkward timing of the vacancy and election but supported proceeding with an appointment. Board members also discussed the cost of a special election and the importance of preserving District funds for students, staff, and programs.

Motion to select a Board appointment process to fill the vacancy left by Board Member Jennifer Williams's resignation.

MOTION: Member Lym

SECONDED: Member Hahnel

STUDENT BOARD MEMBER VOTES

AYES: Student Members Li, Locke, and Schragger

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G. ADJOURNMENT

Board President Ryan LaLonde adjourned the meeting at 7:24pm. Board President Ryan LaLonde announced that the next regular Board meeting would be held September 8, 2026, the same week as Island Bowl.