

CLAREMONT UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
Special Meeting of the Board of Education - Minutes
Date: Monday, October 5, 2026
Richard S. Kirkendall Education Center | 170 W. San Jose Avenue, Claremont, California

Board of Education
Dr. Alex McDonald, President
Kathy Archer, Vice President
Cheryl Fiello, Clerk
Kathryn Dunn, Member
Richard W. O'Neill, Member

Board Members Present: Kathryn Dunn, Cheryl Fiello, Kathy Archer

Board Members Absent: Richard O'Neill, Alex McDonald

Administrative Staff Present:

Desiree Reyes, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services

Dr. Julie Olesniewicz, Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services

Kevin Ward, Assistant Superintendent, Student Services

Dr. Rick Lopez, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources

Anne Dieken, Teacher on Special Assignment: Science, Innovation, and Technology

Angela Gearhart, Exec. Secretary to the Superintendent

1. OPENING ITEMS

1.01 Call to Order at 8:00 a.m.

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 a.m.

1.02 Establish a Quorum

A quorum was established with five Board members present: Kathryn Dunn, Cheryl Fiello, Kathy Archer. Also present at the meeting were Executive Cabinet, Angela Gearhart, and Anne Dieken. President McDonald, Member O'Neill, and Superintendent Dr. Elsasser were unable to attend this meeting.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

To adopt the Agenda as presented.

- Motioned by: Kathryn Dunn
- Seconded by: Cheryl Fiello
- Yeas: Kathryn Dunn, Cheryl Fiello, Kathy Archer
- Board Members Absent: Richard O'Neill, Alex McDonald

Motion Carried

3. EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

3.01 Overnight Field Trip

Dr. Lopez noted a correction to the originally posted attachment, clarifying that the Claremont High School Cross Country team's participation in the Clovis XC Invitational in Fresno was scheduled for October 9–10, rather than October 10–11. He explained that Board approval was being requested at the Special Board meeting because the trip would take place before the next Regular Board meeting.

To adopt the Agenda as corrected.

- Motioned by: Cheryl Fiello
- Seconded by: Kathryn Dunn
- Yeas: Kathryn Dunn, Cheryl Fiello, Kathy Archer
- Board Members Absent: Richard O'Neill, Alex McDonald

Motion Carried

4. ADJOURNMENT

4.01 Final Adjournment

The meeting adjourned in closed session at 8:02 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Dr. James Elsasser, Superintendent
Secretary to the Board of Education

Attested and Approved:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Cheryl Fiello", written over a horizontal line.

Cheryl Fiello, Board Clerk

Board Approved on the 15th day of October 2026