CLAREMONT UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
Special Meeting of the Board of Education - Board Workshop Minutes
Date: Thursday, June 4, 2026
Richard S. Kirkendall Education Center | 170 W. San Jose Avenue, Claremont, California
(Hybrid Meeting)

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, Richard O'Neill, Cheryl Fiello, Kathy Archer, Alex McDonald

Administrative Staff Present:
Dr. James Elsasser, Superintendent and Board Secretary
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
Kara Evans, Director of Educational Technology and Innovation
Angela Gearhart, Exec. Secretary to the Superintendent

1. OPENING ITEMS

1.01 Call to Order at 3:00 p.m.
The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m.

1.02 Establish a Quorum
A quorum was established with five Board members present: Kathryn Dunn, Cheryl Fiello, Kathy Archer, and Alex McDonald. Also present at the meeting were Dr. Elsasser, Executive Cabinet, Angela Gearhart, and Kara Evans.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

To adopt the Agenda as presented.

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

Motion Carried

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

3.01 Public Comments on Items on the Agenda
There were no comments on items on the agenda.

4. GOVERNANCE WORKSHOP

4.01 Leadership Development
Dr. Gregory Plutko facilitated a professional development workshop with the Board. The workshop included team check-ins, gathering Board perspectives, professional conversations, governance best practices, leadership development, self-reflection, and discussion regarding the Board's role in fostering effective governance, community engagement, and student success.

5. ADJOURNMENT

5.01 Final Adjournment
The meeting adjourned in closed session at 4:47 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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

Attested and Approved:

Cheryl Fiello, Board Clerk
Board Approved on the 18th day of June 2026