

BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES  
Governing Board of the Los Angeles Unified School District

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
(Including Closed Session Items)  
333 South Beaudry Avenue, Board Room  
9:00 a.m., Wednesday, April 21, 2021

Board Members may participate by telephone or teleconference  
as allowed by California Executive Order N – 25 – 2  
which suspends specific provisions of the Open Meeting Laws.

The Los Angeles Board of Education acting as the Governing Board of the Los Angeles Unified School District met in special session on Wednesday, April 21, 2021, at the Administrative Offices, Board Room, 333 South Beaudry Avenue, Los Angeles, California.

Board President Kelly Gonez called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

The following Board Members were present via teleconference: Dr. George J. McKenna III, Ms. Mónica García, Mr. Scott Schmerelson, Mr. Nick Melvoin, Ms. Jackie Goldberg and Board President Kelly Gonez.

Ms. Ortiz-Franklin arrived at 9:04 a.m.

Superintendent Austin Beutner was present.

CLOSED SESSION ITEMS (Purpose and Authority)

Mr. Jefferson Crain, Executive Officer of the Board, announced that the following items would be discussed in closed session:

**CLOSED SESSION ITEMS (Purpose and Authority)**

1. Personnel (Government Code Section 54957)

Employee Evaluation  
Superintendent of Schools

Public Employment  
Director of Finance Policy  
General Counsel  
Senior Administrator, IT Infrastructure  
Senior Advisor to the Superintendent

2. Conference with Labor Negotiators (Government Code Section 54957.6)

Negotiator: Mr. DiGrazia

Employee Organizations:

Associated Administrators of Los Angeles  
California School Employees Association  
Los Angeles County Building and Construction Trades Council  
Los Angeles School Police Association  
Los Angeles School Police Sergeants and Lieutenants Association  
Service Employees International Union, SEIU Local 99  
Teamsters  
United Teachers Los Angeles  
District Represented Employees and Contract Management Personnel

PUBLIC COMMENT

The following speakers addressed the Board on the subjects indicated:

Mr. David Tokofsky, Student Achievement

Mr. Jonathan Fratz, Student Voices

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The Board recessed the public portion of the closed session meeting at 9:10 a.m. Closed session discussion began at 9:12 a.m. and ended at 2:35 p.m. All Board Members were present for the closed session discussion.

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The Board reconvened the public portion of the closed session meeting at 2:38 p.m.

The following Board Members were present: Dr. George J. McKenna III, Ms. Mónica García, Mr. Scott Schmerelson, Mr. Nick Melvoin, Ms. Jackie Goldberg, Ms. Ortiz-Franklin and Board President Kelly Gonez.

Mr. Crain announced the following reportable actions as a result of the closed session discussion:

- The Board of Education approved an employment agreement with Mr. James Morris in the position of Senior Advisor to the Superintendent with a term ending June 30, 2021. Terms and conditions will be available upon the finalization of the agreement.

The vote was 6 ayes, 1 no, Ms. Ortiz Franklin.

- The Board of Education approved an employment agreement with Mr. Themistocles Sparangis in the position of Senior Administrator, IT Infrastructure with a term ending June 30, 2022. Terms and conditions will be available upon the finalization of the agreement.

The vote was 7 ayes.

- The Board of Education approved an employment agreement with Mr. Erik N. Johnson in the position of Director of Finance Policy with a term ending June 30, 2022. Terms and conditions will be available upon the finalization of the agreement.

The vote was 7 ayes.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion by Mr. Schmerelson, seconded by Ms. Goldberg, and by general consent the meeting was adjourned at 2:41 p.m.

**APPROVED BY THE BOARD: JUNE 8, 2021**

  
KELLY GONEZ  
PRESIDENT

  
JEFFERSON CRAIN  
EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF THE BOARD

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