

TULARE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

06/04/2025 [03:00 PM]

REGULAR MEETING

For the Regular Board Meeting of June 4, 2025, at 3:00 p.m., in the Redwood Conference Center at the Jim Vidak Education Center, 6200 S. Mooney Blvd., Visalia, California.

1. CALL TO ORDER

a. Pledge of Allegiance

b. Welcome

Minutes

Board President, Chris Reed, welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m. President Reed led the Pledge of Allegiance. She asked that the record show that all board members are present.

c. Retirement Recognition

Minutes

Dedi Somavia and Mr. Hire addressed the Board and attendees. Supervisors spoke a few words about each retiree. Mr Hire closed out the retirement celebration and thanked the 38 retirees for their years of service.

Chris Reed called a recess at 4:14 p.m.

President Reed called the meeting back to order at 4:28 p.m.

2. Board Members and Staff

Minutes

Board members present: President Chris Reed, Vice President Tony Rodriguez, Judy Coble, Tom Link, Ruben, Macareno, Celia Maldonado-Arroyo, Mike Waters, and Ex-Officio Secretary Tim A. Hire. Staff members present: Maria Aguila, Liliana Aldaco, Tisha Alvarez, Joe Andrade, Evelyn Arciniega Leppke, Jody Arriaga, Haley Baker, Dr. Jose Bedolla, Theresa Benavente, Julie Berk, Ana Borba, Zoty Briceno, Jaime Burnitzki, Stephanie Caldera, Maria Castro, Anthony Carrillo, Claudia Carter, Jessica Ceja, Yasmeen Contreras, Jose Covarrubias, John Davis, Cindy Dinis, Ashley Eastman, Diamantina Edwards, Dr. Alex Elliott, Jennifer Esparza, Dr. Helen Feller, Jodi Fortney, Dr. Martin Frolli, Malinda Furtado, Ramon Garcia, Kathleen Green-Martins, Barbara Grimsley, Sarah Hamilton, Rebecca Hendrickson, Rob Herman, Beatrice Hernandez, Kevin Jessee, Dr. Fernie Marroquin, Marla Martin, Maryann McCorkill, Chris Meyer, Brooke Parbst, Anthony Paz, Kelley Petty, Jeff Ramsay, Freddy Reyes, Benny Rivera, Christina Rodriguez, Samantha Romero, Stephanie Sanchez, Alice Sanders, Valarie Seita, Dedi Somavia, Khamphoui Sriphaseuth, Samantha Tate, Darlene Tyndal, Joy Voita, Rachel Weaver, Judy Williams, and Irene Zavala. Guests present: Art Alvarez, Carol Angulo, Leticia Aranzazu, Theresa Benavente, Leon Capodia, Tony Cavanagh, Rosa Flores, Victory Gomoshers, Rita Jahnke, Makeila Kalama, Nancy Magana, Marlene Moreno, Graciela Reynoso, Maria Rios, Rosane Vasquez-Zapata, Jesse Velasquez, and Eleanor Welke.

3. ADA ACCOMMODATION REQUIREMENT

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4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Members of the public may address the board on any agenda item, or other item of interest within the subject matter jurisdiction of the board during the public comment period. Agenda items may also be addressed by the public at the time they are taken up by the board. The board is not able to discuss or take action on any item not appearing on the agenda. A five-minute time limit can be imposed on public input for individuals/issues as deemed necessary.

Minutes

No public comments were received.

5. ACTION ITEMS

a. Presentation of 2025 Poetry & Prose Student Performances - Chris Meyer

Minutes

Chris Meyer reported that this was the 40th year of Poetry and Prose. The event spanned seven days and included 21 separate sessions. A total of 121 schools participated with 96 from Tulare County, 14 from Fresno County, one from Kings County, four homeschool or independent charter schools, and six private schools. The event featured 865 individual performers. In total, 2,004 students participated in Poetry and Prose this year. This year was extra special as we took time to recognize Nancy Bellen, one of the founders of Poetry and Prose.

Three students performed their poetry recitation. From Live Oak Middle School, Victory Gomoshers presented "You Belong." From Willow Glen Elementary, Jesse Velasquez and Maria Rios presented "I See You and You See Me." From Heartland Charter School, Leon Capodia presented "St. Crispin's Day Speech from Shakespeare's King Henry V."

The Board thanked the Chris Meyer and the students for their presentations.

b. Presentation of the Migrant Education Program, Washington, DC Student Trip - Evelyn Arciniega Leppke

Minutes

Evelyn Arciniega Leppke and Jennifer Esparza from the Migrant Education Program presented on the Close Up Program and their recent five-day trip to Washington, D.C. The Close Up Foundation, established in 1971, is a non-profit, non-partisan civic education organization dedicated to promoting informed and active participation in democracy among youth. This marks Migrant Education's third year attending the Close Up program with plans to continue participating in the future. The program offers a wide range of activities for both students and educators, including mock trials, debates, research on current social issues, historic monument tours, and opportunities to connect with peers from across the U.S. The students also had time to explore and enjoy Washington, D.C.

In addition to supporting students throughout their travel to Washington, D.C., staff also participated in various professional development workshops related to government and education. This year, the Migrant Education Program brought 15 students from Tulare and Kings counties, representing school districts such as Corcoran, Caruthers, Burton, and Hanford. For many of these students, it was their first time traveling out of their hometowns, making this a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity.

Rosanna Vasquez-Zapata, a senior at Farmersville High School, shared her experience visiting Washington, D.C. through the Back-to-School program. It was her first major trip out of state, and she found it eye-opening. Highlights included visiting national landmarks like the Lincoln and Jefferson Memorials, participating in a mock trial on social media regulation, and meeting students from across the U.S. and abroad.

She also enjoyed a Broadway performance of *Annie* and meeting a representative of Vince Fong. The trip deepened her understanding of government and public service. After high school, Rosanna plans to attend UC Davis to study environmental engineering.

c. Routine Matters

1. Consent Calendar

Minutes

President Reed thanked Rick's Vending and Distributing for their support of the AcCEL programs.

Vote Results

Yea: 7 Judy Coble, Tom Link, Ruben Macareno, Celia Maldonado-Arroyo, Chris Reed, Tony Rodriguez, Mike Waters

Nay: 0
Abstain: 0
Not Cast: 0

Motion: Tony Rodriguez Second: Tom Link

- a. Approval of Minutes for the Regular Board Meeting of May 14, 2025
- b. Authorization of Countywide Registration of Credentials
- c. Authorization of Temporary County Certificates
- d. Authorization of Countywide Emergency Permit Applications
- e. Acceptance of Donation from Rick's Vending and Distributing (\$1,089) for AcCEL, CBI Akers

f. Acceptance of Donation, Rick's Vending and Distributing (\$1,273) for AcCEL, CBI Tulare Blackstone

d. New Business

1. Consideration and Approval, New Materials to the ERS Library 2024-2025 school year (\$159,798)

- Valarie Seita

Minutes

Valarie Seita requested the Board's approval for new materials (\$159,798) for the ERS Library for the 2024-2025 school.

Vote Results

Yea: 7 Judy Coble, Tom Link, Ruben Macareno, Celia Maldonado-Arroyo, Chris Reed, Tony Rodriguez, Mike Waters

Nay: 0
Abstain: 0
Not Cast: 0

Motion: Celia Maldonado-Arroyo Second: Ruben Macareno

2. Public Hearing for Initial Negotiations Proposal of the Tulare County Office of Education Teachers' Association CTA/NEA to TCOE for the 2025-2026 School Year – Dedi Somavia

Minutes

Chris Reed opened the public hearing at 5:07 p.m. and there were no comments received. Chris Reed closed the hearing at 5:09 p.m.

3. Public Hearing for Initial Negotiations Proposal of the Tulare County Office of Education to TCOETA for the 2025-2026 School Year – Dedi Somavia

Minutes

Chris Reed opened the public hearing at 5:09 p.m. and there were no comments received. Chris Reed closed the hearing at 5:09 p.m.

4. Consideration and Approval, Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) for Tulare County Office of Education, Special Services - Kevin Jessee

Minutes

Kevin Jesse asked for the Board's approval of the Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) for Tulare County Office of Education, Special Services.

Vote Results

Yea: 7 Judy Coble, Tom Link, Ruben Macareno, Celia Maldonado-Arroyo, Chris Reed, Tony Rodriguez, Mike Waters

Nay: 0
Abstain: 0
Not Cast: 0

Motion: Tom Link Second: Tony Rodriguez

5. Consideration and Approval, Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) for La Sierra Military Academy - Dr. Jose Bedolla

Minutes

Dr. Jose Bedolla requested for the Board's approval of the Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) for La Sierra Military Academy.

Vote Results

Yea: 7 Judy Coble, Tom Link, Ruben Macareno, Celia Maldonado-Arroyo, Chris Reed, Tony Rodriguez, Mike Waters

Nay: 0
Abstain: 0
Not Cast: 0

Motion: Celia Maldonado-Arroyo Second: Judy Coble

6. Consideration and Approval, Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) for University Preparatory High School - Dr. Helen Feller

Dr. Helen Feller will present the 2025 LCAP for University Preparatory High School

Minutes

Dr. Helen Feller asked for the Board's approval of the Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) for University Preparatory High School.

Vote Results

Yea: 7 Judy Coble, Tom Link, Ruben Macareno, Celia Maldonado-Arroyo, Chris Reed, Tony Rodriguez, Mike Waters

Nay: 0
Abstain: 0
Not Cast: 0

Motion: Tony Rodriguez Second: Celia Maldonado-Arroyo

7. Presentation of Local Performance Indicator Self Reflection for University Preparatory High School 2025-2026 - Dr. Helen Feller

Minutes

Dr. Helen Feller reported University Prep's self-reflection and local indicators for LCFF Priority 3, focusing on parent and family engagement. While this is a strength for the school, they are aiming to improve it further. Some of the key efforts include development of the Puntos group (a version of ELAC) to increase parent involvement, and a redesigned back-to-school night, transforming it into a community fair with teacher booths in the quad featuring bilingual information and QR codes linking to class videos. Community partners like Altura Health and History Days will be in attendance. Workshops on college planning and student agency will be held along with food vendors and student support groups on site. This new format aims to strengthen relationships with families from the start of the year.

Additionally, they praised their EL TOSA, who works part-time and plays a vital role in supporting English learners, migrant, and homeless students. Her efforts have helped students reclassify and even achieve the State Seal of Biliteracy.

The board acknowledged and appreciated the school's creative outreach and commitment to student success.

8. Presentation of 2025-2026 TCOE Local Control and Accountability Plan Federal Addendum - John Davis

Minutes

This item was for consideration and approval. John Davis asked for the Board's approval for Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) Federal Addendum for 2025-2026.

Vote Results

Yea: 7 Judy Coble, Tom Link, Ruben Macareno, Celia Maldonado-Arroyo, Chris Reed, Tony Rodriguez, Mike Waters

Nay: 0
Abstain: 0
Not Cast: 0

Motion: Tom Link Second: Tony Rodriguez

9. Presentation of the Update on the Local Performance Indicator for Tulare County Office of Education, Special Education 2025-2026 - Kevin Jessee

Minutes

Kevin Jesse presented the Special Education local performance indicators for TCOE, focusing on both the broader community and the special education program. Key efforts are being made by Sarah Hamilton and Jim McGruddy to gather staff feedback. A major highlight is the improved parent participation, especially within community schools, including parents of students who are incarcerated. This achievement is credited to Mr. McGruddy.

A current challenge involves tracking student progress through end-of-year assessments (e.g., EL scores) for students who frequently move between schools. The team is working on better strategies to support these student outcomes.

In response to a board question, Mr. Jessee shared the recent implementation of the Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) program, which includes a reward system. This has proven to be highly motivating for students, especially in detention facilities with strict limitations. The program was positively received by students during site visits.

10. Presentation of the Update on the Local Performance Indicators for La Sierra Military Academy - Dr. Jose Bedolla

Minutes

Dr. Bedolla thanked everyone for the opportunity to report on the past school year and highlighted the new curriculum adoption. This was the first year implementing a new curriculum for all 7–12 A-level students. He thanked staff and students for their hard work in rolling it out across all content areas. Dr. Bedolla also highlighted how the professional development (TLC Framework) progress has made improvement in student performance, particularly with state testing.

Next year, La Sierra will focus on the California College Guidance Initiative (CCGI), which is especially important for the 92% of students who are first-generation college-goers. The goal is to better prepare students for post-high school plans and professional development.

The Board acknowledged La Sierra's progress and their work related to WASC (Western Association of Schools and Colleges) accreditation.

Dr. Bedolla thanked the board for the opportunity to present.

11. Consideration and Approval, School Plan for Student Achievement (SPSA) - Special Education - Sarah Hamilton

Minutes

Sarah Hamilton asked for the Board's approval of the School Plan for Student Achievement (SPSA) for Special Education.

Vote Results

Yea: 7 Judy Coble, Tom Link, Ruben Macareno, Celia Maldonado-Arroyo, Chris Reed, Tony Rodriguez, Mike Waters

Nay: 0
Abstain: 0
Not Cast: 0

Motion: Mike Waters Second: Celia Maldonado-Arroyo

12. Consideration and Approval, School Plan for Student Achievement (SPSA) - Court and Community Schools - Joe Andrade

Minutes

Joe Andrade asked for the Board's approval for the Court and Community Schools School Plan for Student Achievement (SPSA) and highlighted key achievements. The graduation rate rose by 15.8%, with more growth expected. Parent participation exceeded the 5% goal, reaching 89%, and suspension rates remain at zero thanks to alternative discipline methods. In the community school, suspensions dropped by 3.1%, the school exited ATSI status, and a new welding CTE program was launched with full student participation. Parent engagement events are also expanding with creative and supportive activities.

Vote Results

Yea: 7 Judy Coble, Tom Link, Ruben Macareno, Celia Maldonado-Arroyo, Chris Reed, Tony Rodriguez, Mike Waters

Nay: 0
Abstain: 0
Not Cast: 0

Motion: Tom Link Second: Mike Waters

13. Consideration and Approval, Prop 28 Arts and Music School Act Site Expenditure Plan for La Sierra Military Academy 2024-2025 - Dr. Jose Bedolla

Minutes

Dr. Bedolla asked for the Board's approval for the Prop 28 Arts and Music School Act Site Expenditure Plan for La Sierra Military Academy. For the 2024-2025 school year, the program received \$43,048 through various leadership groups and began an art club, which was very successful. For the upcoming year, there will be a rollover and new funds, totaling \$71,698. Of this amount, \$61,863 will be used to cover 36% of the salary and benefits for the ROTC students' training group, and \$9,835 will be allocated to further improve the art club.

Vote Results

Yea: 7 Judy Coble, Tom Link, Ruben Macareno, Celia Maldonado-Arroyo, Chris Reed, Tony Rodriguez, Mike Waters

Nay: 0
Abstain: 0
Not Cast: 0

Motion: Tony Rodriguez Second: Ruben Macareno

14. Consideration and Approval, Prop 28 Arts and Music School Act Site Expenditure Plan for University Preparatory High School 2024-2025 - Dr. Helen Feller

Minutes

Dr Feller asked for the Board's approval of the Prop 28 Arts and Music School Act Site Expenditure Plan for University Preparatory High School. UPHS spent about \$31,775 in the 2024-25 school year to support arts programs. The music program expanded by adding a new teacher to start a concert band, in response to student demand. UPHS now offers multiple music periods throughout the week, with around 200 of 241 students participating. The school spent approximately \$15,100 on the additional music teacher and \$8,600 on instruments, sheet music, and equipment to support the expanded program.

The theatre department also received funding to support creative projects, including a program called "UPHS Plays on the Go," where students perform 1940s-style radio shows at senior homes, and a spring play called Disco Inferno, a modern adaptation of a Molière play set in the 1970s, which received \$5,559 in funding.

UPHS received \$31,775, spending \$29,259 of it to support these ongoing music and theatre programs, with plans to continue funding next year.

Vote Results

Yea: 7 Judy Coble, Tom Link, Ruben Macareno, Celia Maldonado-Arroyo, Chris Reed, Tony Rodriguez, Mike Waters

Nay: 0
Abstain: 0
Not Cast: 0

Motion: Celia Maldonado-Arroyo Second: Judy Coble

15. Consideration and Approval, Prop 28 Arts and Music School Act Site Expenditure Plan for Special Education 2024-2025 - Kevin Jessee

Minutes

Kevin Jesse asked for the Board's Approval for the Prop 28 Arts and Music School Act Site Expenditure Plan for Special Education. This year, no funds were spent on the arts and music grant. However, next year's plan includes using the grant to support special education students by hiring additional staff.

Vote Results

Yea: 7 Judy Coble, Tom Link, Ruben Macareno, Celia Maldonado-Arroyo, Chris Reed, Tony Rodriguez, Mike Waters

Nay: 0
Abstain: 0
Not Cast: 0

Motion: Mike Waters Second: Ruben Macareno

16. Consideration and Approval, Court School Calendar - Joe Andrade

Minutes

Joe Andrade asked for the Board's approval of the Court School calendar.

Vote Results

Yea: 7 Judy Coble, Tom Link, Ruben Macareno, Celia Maldonado-Arroyo, Chris Reed, Tony Rodriguez, Mike Waters

Nay: 0
Abstain: 0
Not Cast: 0

Motion: Celia Maldonado-Arroyo Second: Tom Link

17. Consideration and Approval, Mid-County Community School Calendar - Joe Andrade

Minutes

Joe Andrade asked for the Board's approval of the Mid-County Community School calendar.

Vote Results

Yea: 7 Judy Coble, Tom Link, Ruben Macareno, Celia Maldonado-Arroyo, Chris Reed, Tony Rodriguez, Mike Waters

Nay: 0
Abstain: 0
Not Cast: 0

Motion: Tony Rodriguez Second: Celia Maldonado-Arroyo

18. Consideration and Approval, Consolidated Application for Funding for the 2025-2026 School Year - John Davis

Minutes

John Davis asked for the Board's approval on the Consolidated Application for Funding for the 2025-2026 School Year. This is the Consolidated Application required annually for all LEAs seeking federal funding. It must be board approved. The application includes all eligible areas: Title I (Parts A & D), Title II (Part A), Title III (English Learners & Immigrants), and Title IV (Part A).

Vote Results

Yea: 7 Judy Coble, Tom Link, Ruben Macareno, Celia Maldonado-Arroyo, Chris Reed, Tony Rodriguez, Mike Waters

Nay: 0
Abstain: 0
Not Cast: 0

Motion: Judy Coble Second: Mike Waters

19. Presentation of 2025-2026 County Office of Education Summary Report of LCAP and Differentiated Assistance Support to LEAs - Dr. Martin Frolli

Minutes

Dr. Frolli presented the board the 8th annual County Office of Education Summary Report on LCFF services to districts, submitted alongside the LCAP to the California Department of Education. While the template has been updated, the goals and requirements remain consistent. Goal 1 focuses on supporting district LCAP review and approval in Tulare County through technical support meetings and voluntary feedback. Goal 2 involves providing differentiated assistance to eligible districts, including dashboard reviews, self-assessments, and customized coaching. Goal 3 supports all districts in implementing state priorities, including consultation, funding alignment advisement, and update meetings. Dr. Frolli shared collaboration efforts with other county offices, statewide content leads, and state agencies. He presented a budget overview for the activities related to the three goals. Dr. Frolli highlighted staff for their contributions to the report.

20. Consideration and Approval, Resolution 24/25-30 Cal OES Designation of Applicant's Agent Resolution for Non-State Agencies - Jeff Ramsay

Minutes

Jeff Ramsay asked for the Board's approval of Resolution 24/25-30 Cal OES Designation Applicant's Agent Resolution for Non-State Agencies.

The resolution was updated to include the county superintendent of schools, assistant superintendent of business, and director of internal business, as requested by Cal OES. It is being resubmitted for board approval to meet those requirements. The funds in question are approximately \$300,000 in FEMA disaster relief from the 2023 SCICON floods. Although most of FEMA's process has been completed, the district is now working through Cal OES's procedures before receiving the funds. Delays like this are common, and many other agencies have yet to receive any money.

Vote Results

Yea: 7 Judy Coble, Tom Link, Ruben Macareno, Celia Maldonado-Arroyo, Chris Reed, Tony Rodriguez, Mike Waters

Nay: 0
Abstain: 0
Not Cast: 0

Motion: Ruben Macareno Second: Celia Maldonado-Arroyo

21. Consideration and Approval, Resolution 24/25-35, Spending Determination for Funds Received from the Education Protection Account (EPA) Fiscal Year 2025-2026 - Jody Arriaga

Minutes

Jody Arriaga asked for the Board's approval on Resolution 24/25-35, Spending Determination for Funds Received from the Education Protection Account (EPA) Fiscal Year 2025-2026. She reported the packet includes three documents showing estimated fund allocations, \$1.2 million for Tulare County Office of Education to support nurse salaries and benefits, \$403,176 for La Sierra Charter to support teacher salaries and benefits, and \$543,035 for UPHS to support teacher salaries and benefits. These amounts were included in last month's proposed budget and may be adjusted based on changes to the state budget.

Vote Results

Yea: 7 Judy Coble, Tom Link, Ruben Macareno, Celia Maldonado-Arroyo, Chris Reed, Tony Rodriguez, Mike Waters

Nay: 0
Abstain: 0
Not Cast: 0

Motion: Tony Rodriguez Second: Celia Maldonado-Arroyo

22. Consideration and Approval, Temporary Loans to School Districts and Charter Schools, 2025-2026 and 2026-2027 - Resolution No. 24/25-36 & 24/25-37 - Dr. Fernie Marroquin

Minutes

Dr. Marroquin asked for the Board's approval of Resolution No. 24/25-36 & 24/25-37 for Temporary Loans to School Districts and Charter Schools, 2025-2026 and 2026-2027. The two resolutions authorize temporary loans to school districts and charter schools and are intended to address potential cash flow issues. Although no temporary loans have been needed in the past six years, situations like natural disasters or delayed federal grant funding can cause districts to face short-term cash shortages. These loans are a precautionary measure to help districts avoid fiscal crisis and ensure students' needs are met.

Vote Results

Yea: 7 Judy Coble, Tom Link, Ruben Macareno, Celia Maldonado-Arroyo, Chris Reed, Tony Rodriguez, Mike Waters

Nay: 0 Abstain: 0 Not Cast: 0

Motion: Celia Maldonado-Arroyo Second: Judy Coble

23. Consideration and Approval, Resolution 24/25-38 Authorizing the Sale of Surplus Property - Jeff Ramsay

Minutes

Jeff Ramsay asked for the Board's approval of Resolution 24/25-38 Authorizing the Sale of Surplus Property. A resolution is being requested for approval to declare certain office equipment as surplus property. Exhibit A lists the specific items to be surplused. Once approved, these items are no longer useful to the office, will be offered for sale to employees before being disposed of or e-wasted.

Vote Results

Yea: 7 Judy Coble, Tom Link, Ruben Macareno, Celia Maldonado-Arroyo, Chris Reed, Tony Rodriguez, Mike Waters

Nay: 0
Abstain: 0
Not Cast: 0

Motion: Tony Rodriguez Second: Tom Link

24. Consideration and Adoption, 2025-2026 Tulare County Office of Education Budget - Dr. Fernie Marroquin

Minutes

Dr. Marroquin requested for the Board's approval of the 2025-2026 Tulare County Office of Education Budget.

Vote Results

Yea: 7 Judy Coble, Tom Link, Ruben Macareno, Celia Maldonado-Arroyo, Chris Reed, Tony Rodriguez, Mike Waters

Nay: 0
Abstain: 0
Not Cast: 0

Motion: Tom Link Second: Celia Maldonado-Arroyo

25. Consideration and Approval, Cancel July 2, 2025, TCOE Board Meeting - Tim A. Hire

Minutes

Mr. Hire asked for the Board's approval to cancel the July 2, 2025 Board meeting.

Vote Results

Yea: 7 Judy Coble, Tom Link, Ruben Macareno, Celia Maldonado-Arroyo, Chris Reed, Tony Rodriguez, Mike Waters

Abstain: 0
Not Cast: 0

Motion: Celia Maldonado-Arroyo Second: Tom Link

6. Information (Non-Discussion Items)

a. Letters and Communication/Correspondence

b. Reports from Superintendent and Staff

Minutes

Mr. Hire thanked the Board members for attending the graduations. He congratulated Sarvadnya Kadam, 2025 Tulare County Spelling Champion, who placed second in the nation in a spelling bee out of 11 million participants. VUSD will honor him at their upcoming board meeting, and our board will celebrate him in August.

Upcoming events include the Theatre Company's production of *Mary Poppins* in July and a fully booked summer theatre camp for 102 students starting next week in the Redwood Conference Center. Convocation is on August 5 at the Visalia Convention Center. Breakfast starts at 7:00 a.m. and the program runs from 8:00 a.m. to noon. Last year, over 1,500 staff attended. This year's keynote speaker is Liz Murray, known for her journey from homelessness to graduating from Harvard. The event will feature highlights of students like Sarvadnya, staff recognized for living core values, updates, and a raffle.

c. Reports from Board, Information, and Questions

7. Next Scheduled Board Meeting

July 2, 2025 - 3:00 p.m.

8. Adjournment

Minutes

The meeting adjourned at 6:07 p.m.