

TULARE COUNTY COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL DISTRICT ORGANIZATION MINUTES

The Tulare County Committee on School District Organization met and held its annual organizational meeting on October 17, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. at the Tulare County Office of Education – Redwood Conference, 6200 S. Mooney Blvd., Visalia, California

The County Committee meeting was called to order by Vice Chairperson, Melissa Janes at 6:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT John Beck, Vahn Blue, Mark Hellwig, Melissa Janes, Bob Pugh, Helen Renteria, Myron Sheklian, Drew Sorensen, Milt Stowe and Delbert Quintana

MEMBERS ABSENT Joe Hallmeyer

COUNTY STAFF Tim A. Hire, Tulare County Superintendent of Schools
Fernie Marroquin, Ed.D., Assistant Superintendent of Business Services
Vanessa Cantu, Administrative Legal Assistant

OTHER GUESTS Desiree Serrano

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Vice Chairperson Janes led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance

DISABILITY-RELATED MODIFICATIONS OR ACCOMMODATION ADA accommodations have been met

PUBLIC COMMENTS Members of the public did not address the Committee on any agenda item, or other item of interest within the subject matter jurisdiction of the committee during the public comment period.

RATIFICATION OF ELECTION RESULTS FOR COUNTY COMMITTEE MEMBERS Vanessa Cantu reported that 34 out of 44 school district representatives returned ballots to elect members to fill one vacancy in District 1 and two vacancies in District 5. Mark Hellwig received the highest vote tally for District 1 with 32 votes. There are 2 seats to fill within District 5. Bob Pugh and Milt Stowe received the highest vote tallies for District 5 with 32 votes each.

Drew Sorensen made a motion to ratify the election results, which was seconded by John Beck. The motion was carried unanimously.
Vote: Aye – Beck, Blue, Hellwig, Janes, Pugh, Renteria, Sheklian, Sorensen, Stowe and Quintana; No – None; Absent – Hallmeyer

SELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON For chairperson for 2025, a motion was made by John Beck to nominate Joe Hallmeyer. Milt Stowe seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
Vote: Aye – Beck, Blue, Hellwig, Janes, Pugh, Renteria, Sheklian, Sorensen, Stowe and Quintana; No – None; Absent – Hallmeyer

SELECTION OF VICE
CHAIRPERSON

For vice chairperson for 2025, a motion was made by Milt Stowe to nominate Melissa Janes. Vahn Blue seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Vote: Aye – Beck, Blue, Hellwig, Janes, Pugh, Renteria, Sheklian, Sorensen, Stowe and Quintana; No – None; Absent – Hallmeyer

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A motion was made by Delbert Quintana, seconded by Drew Sorensen and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the October 10, 2023 organizational meeting, as presented.

Vote: Aye – Beck, Blue, Hellwig, Janes, Pugh, Renteria, Sheklian, Sorensen, Stowe and Quintana; No – None; Absent – Hallmeyer

NEXT MEETING

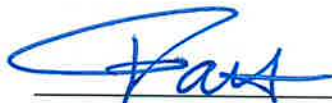
Vice Chairperson Janes stated the date for the next meeting is to be determined. Mr. Hire thanked the members for attending.

Mr. Hire stated that he does not anticipate any upcoming issues in the next 12 months. Mr. Hire reported there is possible action during the next two to three years within the Sequoia Union, Three Rivers and Ducor Union School Districts, primarily due to declining enrollment and reduction in funds. He stated that Allensworth School District, with approximately 70 ADA, is in a critical enrollment position regarding their level of funding. Mr. Hire thanked the members for traveling to the meeting.

ADJOURN

As there was no further business, Vice Chairperson Janes adjourned the meeting at 6:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Tim A. Hire, Ex-Officio Secretary
County Committee on School District Organization