

**TULARE COUNTY COMMITTEE ON
SCHOOL DISTRICT ORGANIZATION
MINUTES**

The Tulare County Committee on School District Organization met and held its annual organizational meeting on November 17, 2021 at 8:00 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 Chairman, Joe Hallmeyer at 8:25 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT	Robert Aguilar, Vahnn Blue, Melissa Janes, Bob Pugh, Joe Hallmeyer, Mickey Hirni and Drew Sorensen
MEMBERS ABSENT	John Beck, Mary Helen Espino, Helen Renteria and Milt Stowe
COUNTY STAFF	Tim A. Hire, Tulare County Superintendent of Schools Fernie Marroquin, Ed.D., Assistant Superintendent of Business Services Shelly DiCenzo, Administrative Legal Assistant Desiree Serrano, Attorney-Lozano Smith
OTHER GUESTS	None
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	The ballot results were reported: 37 out of 43 school district representatives returned ballots to elect Drew Sorensen for District 3 with 37 votes and Joe Hallmeyer for member at-large with 36 votes. Vahnn Blue made a motion to ratify the election results, which was seconded by Mickey Hirni. The motion was carried unanimously. Vote: Aye – Aguilar, Blue, Janes, Pugh, Hallmeyer, Hirni and Sorensen; No – None; Absent – Beck, Espino, Renteria and Stowe
SELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON	Melissa Janes made a motion to keep Joe Hallmeyer as chairperson for 2022, which was seconded by Drew Sorensen. The motion carried unanimously. Vote: Aye – Aguilar, Blue, Janes, Pugh, Hallmeyer, Hirni and Sorensen; No – None; Absent – Beck, Espino, Renteria and Stowe

SELECTION OF VICE
CHAIRPERSON

For vice chairperson, a motion was made by Drew Sorensen to nominate Melissa Janes. Vahnn Blue seconded the motion. The committee voted unanimously to reelect Melissa Janes as vice chairperson.

Vote: Aye – Aguilar, Blue, Janes, Pugh, Hallmeyer, Hirni and Sorensen; No – None; Absent – Beck, Espino, Renteria and Stowe

MINUTES

Robert Aguilar made a motion to accept the minutes as written, seconded by Mickey Hirni and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of November 19, 2020.

Vote: Aye – Aguilar, Blue, Janes, Pugh, Hallmeyer, Hirni and Sorensen; No – None; Absent – Beck, Espino, Renteria and Stowe

CONSIDERATION OF
WAIVER FOR
LOZANO SMITH TO
REPRESENT THE
COUNTY
COMMITTEE,
TULARE COUNTY
BOARD OF
EDUCATION AND
SCHOOL DISTRICTS

Desiree Serrano explained that there are rules prohibiting attorneys from representing two clients/agencies on the same matter, unless the clients give written, informed consent. This Agreement and Consent to Joint Representation will allow Lozano Smith to advise the County Committee, the Tulare County Board of Education and any school districts that might have matters that come before the County Committee related to redistricting following the 2020 Census.

A motion was made by Melissa Janes and seconded by Bob Pugh to approve the Agreement and Consent to Joint Representation from Lozano Smith. The motion was carried unanimously.

Vote: Aye – Aguilar, Blue, Janes, Pugh, Hallmeyer, Hirni and Sorensen; No – None; Absent – Beck, Espino, Renteria and Stowe

DISCUSSION OF
COUNTY
COMMITTEE'S ROLE
IN REDISTRICTING
FOLLOWING THE
2020 CENSUS

Mr. Hire announced that the Tulare County Board of Education has to redistrict and the County Committee is the agency that the County Board of Education brings their recommendations to for approval. The Education Code provides for a slightly different process for county boards of education to follow than school district. The County Committee is not involved with redistricting for school districts, unless a school district fails to complete their redistricting process. The deadline for completion of the County Board of Education redistricting process is February 28, 2022.

There was also discussion regarding the challenges and legal requirements of calling virtual meetings in the future.

A special meeting of the County Committee will be scheduled for January or February 2022 to consider the County Board of Education's recommendations.

ADJOURN

As there was no further business, Chairman Hallmeyer adjourned the meeting at 8:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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