

NOTICE AND AGENDA OF PUBLIC MEETING

ANNUAL ORGANIZATION MEETING TULARE COUNTY COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL DISTRICT ORGANIZATION

Tulare County Office of Education – Redwood Conference Center
6200 S. Mooney Boulevard, Visalia, California

OCTOBER 8, 2026 at 5:30 p.m.

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1. Call to order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Public comment: At this time, members of the public may address the committee on any agenda item, or other item of interest within the subject matter jurisdiction of the committee. Agenda items may also be addressed by the public at the time they are taken up by the committee. The committee is not able to discuss or take action on any item not appearing on the agenda. A reasonable time limit can be imposed on public input for individuals/issues as deemed necessary.
4. Ratification of election results for County Committee Members
5. Selection of Chairperson for Calendar Year 2027
6. Selection of Vice-Chairperson for Calendar Year 2027
7. Approval of Minutes of October 13, 2025 – Attachment A
8. Information Item: Pursuant to Education Code section 4006(b), the vacant committee seat shall be filled by the county superintendent of schools
9. Set date, time and place of next meeting
10. Adjournment

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 13, 2025 at 5:30 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 Chairperson, Joe Hallmeyer at 5:33 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT	John Beck, Joe Hallmeyer, Mark Hellwig, Melissa Janes, Delbert Quintana, Drew Sorensen and Milt Stowe (arrived at 5:37 p.m.)
MEMBERS ABSENT	Vahnn Blue, Bob Pugh, Helen Renteria, and Myron Sheklian
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	Gail L. Zurek, Attorney-at-Law
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE	Chairperson Hallmeyer 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	The ballot results were reported: 36 out of 43 school district representatives returned ballots to elect Drew Sorensen for District 3 with 36 votes and Joe Hallmeyer for member at-large with 36 votes Mark Hellwig made a motion to ratify the election results, which was seconded by Melissa Janes. The motion was carried unanimously. Vote: Aye – Beck, Hallmeyer, Hellwig, Janes, Quintana, and Sorensen; No – None; Absent – Blue, Pugh, Renteria, and Sheklian and Stowe
SELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON	For chairperson for 2026, a motion was made by Drew Sorensen to nominate Joe Hallmeyer. John Beck seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. Vote: Aye – Beck, Hallmeyer, Hellwig, Janes, Quintana, and Sorensen; No – None; Absent – Blue, Pugh, Renteria, and Sheklian and Stowe

SELECTION OF VICE CHAIRPERSON

For vice chairperson for 2026, a motion was made by John Beck to nominate Melissa Janes. Drew Sorensen seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

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

MINUTES OF OCTOBER 17, 2024

A motion was made by Delbert Quintana, seconded by Mark Hellwig and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the October 17, 2024 organizational meeting, as presented

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

DISCUSSION OF ETHICS TRAINING REQUIREMENTS

Tim A. Hire stated that members who are currently serving as elected school district board members have probably already taken or are planning to take the two-hour ethics training because it becomes a requirement by January 1, 2026. Those members who do not serve on a school district board are going to be required to complete the training. There are a few options available to members.

At 5:37 p.m., Member Milt Stowe joined the meeting.

Mr. Hire stated there is an online, self-paced version offered by Lozano Smith and CSBA. The Tulare County Office of Education would cover the cost of the members' training. Members need to notify Mr. Hire which option they would like to take. Members who have completed the training will need to send their certificate of completion to Mr. Hire's office by January 1, 2026.

NEXT MEETING

Mr. Hire stated that there may be an opportunity for the committee to go through the boundary change process within the next one to two years, due to new housing developments in the Tulare and Traver areas.

Chairperson Hallmeyer inquired about the status of the small school districts, Three Rivers Union and Stone Corral. Mr. Hire responded that Three Rivers Union has experienced an increase in enrollment and Stone Corral is projected to overcome its current challenges.

Chairperson Hallmeyer stated that the next meeting is anticipated to be the annual organization meeting, approximately one year from now, with the exact date to be determined.

Mr. Hire expressed appreciation to the members for their attendance.

ADJOURN

As there was no further business, Chairperson Hallmeyer adjourned the meeting at 5:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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