

**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE  
SANTA MARIA JOINT UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
September 25, 2023**

A special meeting of the Santa Maria Joint Union High School District Board of Education was held at the Support Services Center on September 25, 2023, with an open session at 5:30 p.m.

Members present: Perez, Garvin, Aguilar, Baskett

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**OPEN SESSION**

Ms. Perez called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m. Dr. Garvin led the Flag Salute.

**OPEN SESSION PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Written public comment:

Name	Topic
Kathy Sharum	Trustee Vacancy

In person public comment:

Name	Topic
Jeffery Hall	Trustee Vacancy
Cliff Solomon	
Mary Solorio Jacka	
Dr. Scott Fina	
Pam Gates	
Alice Patino	

**ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR ACTION**

**GENERAL**

**Provisional Appointment: Explanation of Candidate Interview Process, Interview of Candidates, and Provisional Appointment of Candidate to Serve on the Board – Appendix A**

Resource Person: Diana Perez, Board President

Due to the recent resignation of former Clerk, Amy Lopez, a vacancy has been created on the Santa Maria Joint Union High School District Board of Education. On August 1, 2023, the Board voted to begin the process of provisionally appointing an interested candidate to fill the vacant seat. The applications received were reviewed by a committee, who determined that the candidates listed below were eligible to be considered for the appointment. On September 18, 2023 the District posted candidate application packets on its website.

1. Tammie Castillo-Shiffer
2. Karen Draper
3. Alma Hernandez Wilson
4. Hunter Jameson
5. Gabriel Amaro Morales

The Board conducted interviews of the above-listed candidates at this special meeting. After the interviews, the Board discussed their considerations for the provisional Board vacancy.

A motion was made by Mr. Baskett to appoint Gabriel Amaro Morales. The motion was not seconded. The motion failed.

Mr. Aguilar made a motion appoint Alma Hernandez. The motion was seconded by Ms. Perez.

Dr. Garvin stated that while he considered supporting Karen Draper initially, he will support his fellow board members in the motion for Alma Hernandez.

The motion passed with a roll call vote 3-1 to select Alma Hernandez to fill the Board vacancy.

Mr. Garcia administered the Oath of Office.

**Roll Call Vote:**

Ms. Perez	Yes
Dr. Garvin	Yes
Mr. Aguilar	Yes
Mr. Baskett	No

**FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS FOR 2023**

Unless otherwise announced, the next regular meeting of the Board of Education will be held on October 10, 2023. Closed session is scheduled to begin at 5:15 p.m. Open session begins at 6:30 p.m. The meeting will be held at the District Support Services Center. For **view only** live-stream links, refer to page 1 of the agenda.

Regular Board Meetings for 2023:

November 14, 2023

December 12, 2023

**ADJOURN**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:25 p.m.