

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
SANTA MARIA JOINT UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

A regular meeting of the Santa Maria Joint Union High School District Board of Education was held at the Support Services Center on February 11, 2025 with a closed session scheduled at 5:15 p.m. and an open session immediately following.

Members present: Aguilar, Hernandez, Baskett, Serrano, Castillo-Shiffer

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**OPEN SESSION**

**Call to Order**

Mr. Aguilar called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m.

**CLOSED SESSION PUBLIC COMMENTS**

No public comments were submitted. The meeting was adjourned to a closed session.

**RECONVENED IN OPEN SESSION/ANNOUNCED CLOSED SESSION ACTIONS**

Mr. Aguilar called the meeting to order at 6:41 p.m. Ms. Hernandez led the Flag Salute.

Mr. Garcia announced the Closed Session actions. The Board unanimously approved Personnel Actions for Certificated and Classified staff as presented.

**REPORTS**

**Student Reports**

Abbygail Velazquez/PVHS: ASB was busy with events such as University Spirit Week. The play, Newsies, is coming soon. FFA traveled to Fresno State University and also hosted a skate social. The boys' soccer team was named league champions and are on to CIF.

Brooke Kelman/ERHS: Registration and events for incoming students and Seniors is ongoing. FFA has various trips such as the World Ag Expo and Allan Hancock College. The VPA Department is preparing for a musical and the annual Ballet Folklorico Big Show. Righetti Robotics made it to the semi-finals of a state tournament.

Manuel Zamudio Calderon/SMHS: ASB is hosting Valentine Spirit Week and recently held their student Senate meeting. Seniors are receiving college, financial aid, and activities information. The Wellness Center is hosting support group sessions. The girls' soccer team won their first league finals.

Flor Santos-Rodriguez/DHS: Students are selling Valentine's Day pentagrams while Element Church gifted students goodie bags. A few field trips are planned that include the Center for Employment Training and Allan Hancock College.

### **Superintendent's Report**

Superintendent Garcia focused on the District's response to immigration enforcement as this topic has been the cause of fear and consternation. The district school board recently adopted a policy affirming all students' right to a free public education, regardless of immigration status, and ensuring student privacy. A follow-up message reassured families and staff of this commitment.

Last Monday, a national protest, "A Day Without Immigrants," led to a drop in student attendance that day. On Friday, several hundred students walked out and marched downtown in peaceful demonstrations against deportations. Principals notified staff and parents, encouraging them to urge their students to remain in class.

The district has formed a support team providing "Know Your Rights" presentations and resources. Law enforcement leaders have confirmed they do not participate in immigration enforcement. Staff communication with clear guidelines and an informational training video will be released soon.

### **Board Member Reports**

Mr. Aguilar: He expressed sincere gratitude to the staff for their professionalism and dedication in handling recent student walkouts related to immigration policies. He acknowledged the challenges of responding to such events and commended staff for ensuring student safety while upholding their right to protest. Additionally, he mentioned the upcoming Orenda report review in the elementary school district, highlighting the opportunity for cross-district collaboration and expressed gratitude for feeder districts engaging in the work.

Mr. Hernandez: She shared her experience attending a breakfast event with the dean at A.T. Still University. She highlighted the university's collaboration with CHC, which has recently hired graduates, emphasizing the positive impact on youth workforce development. Ms. Hernandez reiterated appreciation for teachers, staff, and student leaders involved in recent walkouts, acknowledging the challenges they face. She emphasized the importance of collaboration, unity, and creating safe spaces for students and families while ensuring education remains a priority.

Mr. Baskett: He commended the maintenance staff for their ongoing improvements to schools, acknowledging the district's continued growth despite overcrowding. He contrasted this with other areas in California facing school closures due to population decline. He highlighted student achievements being recognized in the media. He stressed the importance of immigration and advocated for a legal immigration process.

Ms. Serrano: She highlighted the importance of creating safe spaces, referencing a well-attended LCAP meeting where families felt welcomed and engaged. She commended teachers and administrators for addressing concerns about federal and state funding. She also discussed attending the Upward Mobility Summit, which examined poverty's impact on education, immigration, and access to resources. She encouraged others to review the data as it is

important to address students' holistic needs beyond the classroom. Ms. Serrano acknowledged Nate Moss for fostering a positive culture at Delta High School and reaffirmed her commitment to whole-person health, announcing upcoming wellness center tours and collaborative grant projects to enhance mental health resources for students.

Dr. Castillo-Shiffer: She attended the Mixteco parent community meeting praising it as a great example of cross-district collaboration. She commended the family engagement teams for organizing a meaningful, responsive agenda. The meeting provided a comfortable space for parents to ask questions and hear directly from Superintendent Garcia and community partners, reinforcing the district's commitment to family involvement in education.

Mr. Garcia clarified the District's stance on student walkouts. While staff will ensure student safety, the District does not approve walkouts, as the primary responsibility is to provide education. However, he acknowledged and commended students for demonstrating responsibility and respectful behavior during the protests.

### **REPORTS FROM EMPLOYEE ORGANIZATIONS**

CSEA: Ms. Grimes shared updates from school staff, recognizing individuals for their contributions. She seeks clarification from the District about discussing personnel matters in meetings. Ms. Grimes emphasized the importance of treating all employees with respect and called for a culture where employees feel safe to voice concerns.

Faculty Association: Mr. Greeley attended the DEIA (Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Accessibility) summit at Hancock College, highlighting the importance of embracing diversity and equity in education. He shared the need for reflection and adapting practices to better meet the needs of diverse communities and encouraged the board to consider how to engage and empower students.

### **PRESENTATIONS**

#### **Student Showcase – Delta High School Robotics Team**

Resource Person: Dr. Krista Herrera, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum & Instruction; Nate Maas, Director of Alternative Education; Jeff Cooper, Teacher & Advisor

Delta High School's Robotics Team displayed their robots and shared their experiences and accomplishments since joining the team.

#### **LCAP Mid-Year Report**

Resource Person: Dr. Krista Herrera, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum & Instruction; Dr. Matt Fraijo, Executive Director of Teaching & Learning

Dr. Matt Fraijo reviewed the LCAP Midterm Summary that included the following five goals:

- Student Success & Academic Support

- Equity, Access & Community Support
- Safe & Engaging School Environments
- Professional Learning & Teacher Support
- College, Career & Student Well-Being

**OPEN SESSION PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Name	Topic
Pedro Garcia	Robotics Program
Michael Loew	Personnel
Dr. Jaqueline Loew	Personnel
Jesse Zambrano	Accountability
Kathy Grimes	Money/Personnel

**ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR ACTION**

**GENERAL**

**CSBA Delegate Assembly Election – Appendix C**

Resource Person: Feliciano Aguilar, President

The CSBA Delegate Assembly election for Subregion 11-A (North Santa Barbara County) is open. CSBA Delegates ensure that the association’s governance structure reflects the interests of school districts and county offices of education throughout the state. Voting for delegates is an action of the entire board and requires a majority vote. There are two seats open. The board may vote for up to the number of seats to be filled in the region or subregion. For example, if there are three seats up for election, the Board may vote for up to three candidates. However, the Board may cast no more than one vote for any one candidate. Ballots also contain a provision for write in candidates.

All re-elected and newly elected Delegates will serve two-year terms beginning April 1, 2025 – March 31, 2027. Appendix C includes a copy of the ballot and the candidate’s biographical sketch. The candidates are William Franky Caldeira (Lompoc USD) and Melanie Waffle (Orcutt Union ESD).

A motion was made by Mr. Baskett and seconded by Dr. Castillo-Shiffer to approve candidate Melanie Waffle for the CSBA Delegate Assembly Election for Subregion 11-A. The motion passed with a roll call vote of 4-0-1 (four in favor, none opposed, one abstention).

**Roll Call Vote:**

Mr. Aguilar	Yes
Ms. Hernandez	Yes
Mr. Baskett	Yes
Ms. Serrano	Abstain
Dr. Castillo-Shiffer	Yes

A motion was made by Ms. Hernandez and seconded by Dr. Castillo-Shiffer to approve candidate William Franky Caldeira for the CSBA Delegate Assembly Election for Subregion 11-A. The motion passed with a roll call vote of 5-0.

**Roll Call Vote:**

Mr. Aguilar	Yes
Ms. Hernandez	Yes
Mr. Baskett	Yes
Ms. Serrano	Yes
Dr. Castillo-Shiffer	Yes

**BUSINESS**

**Award Of Contract: Award of Contract for Request For Qualification / Proposal (RFQ/P) No. 2024/25-001 for Chef Services**

Resource Person: Yolanda Ortiz, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services; Lzanne Ward-Mustain, Director of Food Services

The District issued RFQ/P No. 2024/25-001 for Chef Services on January 10, 2025, seeking qualified vendors to provide professional chef services to support District Child Nutrition staff in comprehensive program improvements at three (3) sites. The District intends to award a contract to one vendor with a contract period of two (2) years with a one (1) year extension option. The resulting RFQ/P recap and administrative recommendation follow:

PROPOSER	FEE
Brigaid, LLC	\$839,500.00

One (1) proposal was received on January 28, 2025, and evaluated by the administration using district-specified criteria included in the RFP documents. Brigaid LLC was determined to have met all RFQ/P contract and service requirements, and the fee was deemed acceptable.

A motion was made by Mr. Baskett and seconded by Ms. Serrano to approve the award of Chef Services (RFP/Q No. 2024/2025-001) to Brigaid LLC, for the proposed fee amount of \$839,500.00 to be paid from Fund 13. The motion passed with a roll call vote of 5-0.

**Roll Call Vote:**

Mr. Aguilar	Yes
Ms. Hernandez	Yes

Mr. Baskett	Yes
Ms. Serrano	Yes
Dr. Castillo-Shiffer	Yes

**CONSENT ITEMS**

A motion was made by Ms. Hernandez and seconded by Dr. Castillo-Shiffer to approve the consent items as presented. The motion passed with a roll call vote of 5-0.

**Roll Call Vote:**

Mr. Aguilar	Yes
Ms. Hernandez	Yes
Mr. Baskett	Yes
Ms. Serrano	Yes
Dr. Castillo-Shiffer	Yes

A. Approval of Minutes – **Appendix D**

Regular Board Meeting – January 21, 2025  
 Special Board Meeting – January 24, 2025

B. Approval of Warrants for the Month of January 2025

Payroll	\$ 12,485,888.15
Warrants	\$ 2,957,435.72
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 15,443,323.87</b>

C. Approval of Contracts

Company/Vendor	Description of Services	Amount/ Funding	Resource Person
Finalsite	Five-year agreement to design new District-wide web page.	\$22,400 plus first year \$21,500 set up fee/ General Fund	Krista Herrera
Music Memories and More Custom Events	Full DJ sound, lighting and photography services for PVHS Winter Dance on February 22, 2025.	\$15,100.36/LCAP PVHS Activities	Yolanda Ortiz
Music Memories and More Custom Events	Full DJ sound and lighting services for PVHS Rally on January 31, 2025.	\$6,285/LCAP PVHS Activities	Yolanda Ortiz
Parent Institute for Quality Education	PIQE will provide the Bridge to College program focused on supporting students and families in the transition from high	\$6,500/LCAP 3.6	Krista Herrera

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	school to college/university setting from March 11, 2025 to April 1, 2025.		
Santa Maria Bonita School District	Physical therapy services for the schools of Santa Maria Joint Union High School District for the 2024-2025 school year.	\$344,280/SPED TLC/Mental Health	Krista Herrera
Schoolytics	Schoolytics Student Data Platform will be used to retrieve data from AERIES for LCAP through June 30, 2025.	\$35,000/LCAP 3.8	Krista Herrera
Soliant Health, LLC	Extension of remote/ Telepractice SLP Services and In-person Facilitator at Pioneer Valley High School for remainder of 2024-2025 school year.	Not to exceed \$150,000/ LEA Medical Billing	Krista Herrera
That One Photo-booth LLC	Photography services for SMHS Prom on May 25, 2025.	\$1,382.91/ASB	Yolanda Ortiz
Translation and Interpretation Services (TIS) LLC	Mixteco consecutive and simultaneous interpretation services as needed for the remainder of the school year.	Not to exceed \$7,000/LCAP 2.6	Krista Herrera
Allan Hancock Joint Community College District	AHC will provide an additional full time College and Career Specialist (Grant Coordinator - Early College) to support Dual Enrollment students from July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026.	Not to exceed \$90,000 per year/CCAP (ERHS, SMHS, PVHS)	Krista Herrera

D. Facility Report – **Appendix B**

- E. Authorization to Utilize Region 4 ESC/OMNIA Partners, Public Sector and B&H Foto and Electronics DBA B&H for District-wide Purchases of Audio-Visual Equipment, Accessories and Services for the length of the Contract through March 31, 2026

Section 10299 of the Public Contract Code (PCC) provides an alternative for obtaining supplies, furniture, and equipment, whereby notwithstanding Section 20111 and 20112 of the PCC, “school districts may, without competitive bidding, utilize contracts, master agreements and multiple award schedules established by the department [DGS] for the acquisition of information technology, goods, and services.” Section 10299 further authorizes state and local agencies to “contract with suppliers awarded the contracts without further competitive bidding.” The district administration recommends that district-wide purchases of audio-visual equipment, accessories and services be made utilizing the provisions of the PCC

that allows purchasing from Region 4 ESC/OMNIA Partners, Public Sector and B&H Foto Electronics DBA B&H – Contract #R201202 through March 31, 2026

- F. Authorization to Piggyback on South County Support Services Agency for purchases of Pupil Transportation Equipment for the Length of the Contract through November 3, 2025

Section 20118 of the Public Contract Code (PCC) provides an alternative for obtaining supplies, furniture, and equipment, commonly referred to as “piggybacking”, where notwithstanding Section 20111 and 20112 of the PCC, the governing board of any school district without advertising for bids, and if the board has determined it to be in the best interest of the district may authorize the purchase of such supplies, furniture and equipment.

South County Support Services Agency has awarded their purchases as needed for pupil transportation equipment to Model 1, formerly Creative Bus Sales, Bid #2122-SC11-01 through November 3, 2025. The district recommends that the board find and determines that it is in the best interest of the district to authorize Pupil Transportation Equipment purchases under the same terms and conditions. With Board approval the district may “piggyback” on their bid pursuant to the provisions of PCC20118.

- G. Authorization to Utilize California Multiple Award Schedule (CMAS) – BYD Coach & Bus LLC dba RIDE Coach & Bus for the Length of the Contract through October 17, 2025

Section 10299 of the Public Contract Code (PCC) provides an alternative for obtaining supplies, furniture, and equipment whereby notwithstanding Section 20111 and 20112 of the PCC Code, “school districts may, without competitive bidding, utilize contracts, master agreements, and multiple award schedules established by the department [DGS] for the acquisition of information technology, goods, and services.” Section 10299 further authorizes state and local agencies to “contract with suppliers awarded the contracts without further competitive bidding.” The district administration recommends that district-wide purchases of zero-emission school buses be made utilizing the provisions of the PCC that allows purchasing from CMAS – BYD Coach & Bus LLC dba RIDE Coach & Bus CMAS #1-23-23-18A through October 17, 2025.

- H. Authorization to Utilize California Multiple Award Schedule (CMAS) - Verkada through ConvergeOne, Inc. for the Length of the Contract through May 31, 2028

Section 10299 of the Public Contract Code (PCC) provides an alternative for obtaining supplies, furniture, and equipment whereby notwithstanding Section 20111 and 20112 of the PCC Code, “school districts may, without competitive bidding, utilize contracts, master agreements, and multiple award schedules established by the department [DGS] for the acquisition of information technology, goods, and services.” Section 10299 further authorizes state and

local agencies to “contract with suppliers awarded the contracts without further competitive bidding.” The district administration recommends that district-wide purchases of information technology non-cloud goods and services be made utilizing the provisions of the PCC that allows purchasing from CMAS – ConvergeOne, Inc., CMAS #3-24-11-1048 through May 31, 2028.

- I. Authorization to Contract with PBK Architects for Architectural and Engineering Professional Services for Project No. 22-401 Ernest Righetti High School (ERHS) Gym Locker Rooms and Team Rooms Modifications

The proposed project scope consists of the addition of lockers and benches in the boys’ locker room, the enlargement of the storage room adjacent to the girls’ locker room, and the modification of door layouts to provide universal access to both East and West varsity team rooms. The Architectural and Engineering Professional Services contract includes schematic design, design development, construction documents, Division of the State Architect (DSA) review and approval, bidding and contract support, construction administration, and project closeout. The district administration recommends approval of PBK Architects to perform the Architectural and Engineering Professional Services for Project No. 22-401 ERHS Gym Locker Rooms and Team Rooms Modifications for the amount of \$75,000.00.

- J. Authorization to Contract with PBK Architects for Architectural and Engineering Professional Services for Project No. 22-402 Support Services Center (SSC) Bus Barn 2 Canopies and Electric Vehicle (EV) Chargers Installation

The proposed project consists of site parking and drainage reconfiguration, and installation of twenty-three EV chargers, new electrical utility infrastructure, and two 8,000 square-foot canopies to cover twenty buses. The Architectural and Engineering Professional Services contract includes schematic design, design development, construction documents, City of Santa Maria reviews and approvals, bidding and contracting support, construction administration, and project closeout. The district’s administration recommends approval of PBK Architects to perform the Architectural and Engineering Professional Services for Project No. 22-402 SSC Bus Barn 2 Canopies and EV Chargers Installation for the amount of \$396,000.00.

- K. Authorization to Contract with PBK Architects for Architectural and Engineering Professional Services for Project No. 22-400 Ernest Righetti High School (ERHS) Softball Field Replacement

The proposed project scope consists of the demolition of the existing softball field, installation of new facilities such as backstop, dugouts, bleachers, batting cages, bullpen, press box, storage spaces, scoreboards, accessible paths of travel, utilities, and reconfiguration of an existing practice field. The Architectural and Engineering Professional services contract includes schematic design, design development, construction documents, Division of the State Architect (DSA)

review and approval, bidding and contract support, construction administration, and project closeout. The district administration recommends approval of PBK Architects to perform the Architectural and Engineering Professional Services for Project No. 22-400 Ernest Righetti High School Softball Field Replacement for \$278,000.00.

L. Notice of Completion

The following projects are substantially complete. To file the necessary Notice of Completion forms with the County of Santa Barbara, the Acceptance of Substantial Completion needs to be formally accepted by the Board of Education.

- 1) Pioneer Valley High School Library Flooring, #24-511 with Floor It, Inc., Contractor. Substantial Completion on January 3, 2025.
- 2) Santa Maria High School Health Office, #17-267.1.4 Smith Mechanical-Electrical-Plumbing, Contractor. Substantial Completion on December 13, 2024.
- 3) Santa Maria High School Culinary Sinks, #17-267.1.3 Perfection Stainless Fabrication, Inc., Contractor. Substantial Completion on January 10, 2025.
- 4) Santa Maria High School Power to Auto Lifts, # 21-390.6 with Smith Mechanical-Electrical-Plumbing, Contractor. Substantial Completion on August 31, 2024.

M. Denial of Claim

The District is in receipt of a claim filed by the Myers Law Group on behalf of Erika Anaya for alleged damages that occurred on June 30, 2024. It was recommended the Board of Education deny the claim and refer the matter to the District insurance carrier.

N. Discard or Sale Obsolete Textbooks

The following textbooks were submitted for discard by PVHS.

Textbook Title	ISBN #	# of Copies
The American Vision	978-0-07-867851-6	561
Traditions & Encounters	978-0-07-659438-2	180

O. Out of State Travel

Person/Reason	Location/Date	Description	Funding Source
Rebecca Wingerden (RHS) and Laura Branch (RHS)	Bozeman, MT & Yellowstone National Park, MT	Field seminar to experience Yellowstone unique blend of geological wonders, wildlife, and ecosystems, while gaining a deeper understanding of	CTEIG

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Attend Exploring the Essence of Yellowstone from Volcanoes to Bears	June 20, 2025- June 25, 2025	the natural processes that shape the landscape.	
Melissa Johnson (RHS)  Attend National Art Educators Association Convention	Louisville, KY  March 19, 2025- March 22, 2025	Attendees will experience a comprehensive opportunity to explore exemplary models of best practices and evidence-based methodologies through hundreds of interactive workshops, and discussions to enhance visual arts, design, media arts curriculum, instruction, assessment and leadership.	CTEIG
Laura Branch (RHS)  Honoree Passion Project	Henderson, NV  April 18, 2025-April 24, 2025	The Honoree Passion Project is an educational endeavor to learn more about the roadside geology of Nevada.	Donation & Resource 9010
Erin Davis (SMHS), Heather Anderson (DO), Benjamin Alberry (PVHS), Rolando Grijalva (ERHS), Jennifer Ramirez (SMHS), Regina Orosco (PVHS)  Council for Exceptional Children's Special Education Convention & Expo	Baltimore, MD  March 12, 2025- March 15, 2025	The CEC convention provides valuable professional development opportunities, with access to cutting-edge strategies, research, and resources in special education.	Title 2

**P. Purchase Orders**

PO #	Vendor	Amount	Description/Funding
BPO25-00277	Marborg Industries	\$90,000.00	RHS trash services SY 24-25 / Fund 01 Maint. & Operations
PO25-01087	Model 1 Commercial Vehicle Inc	\$693,981.25	Ford Model 9 Passenger Vans (Qty 10) / General Fund 01 Unrestricted & Transportation
PO25-01088	Santa Barbara County Ed Office	\$826,919.00	Fitzgerald / General Fund LCAP 2.4

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Q. Acceptance of Gifts

<b>Pioneer Valley High School</b>		
<u>Donor</u>	<u>Recipient</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Raising Canes Chicken Fingers	Girl's Basketball	\$140.00
FanAngel Foundation	Boy's Soccer	\$6,286.94
Snap Mobile, Inc.	Boy's Wrestling	\$2,668.80
FanAngel Foundation	Girl's Soccer	\$3,704.61
Santa Maria Elks Lodge No. 1538	PVHS Band	\$500.00
<b>Total Pioneer Valley High School</b>		<b><u>\$13,300.35</u></b>
<b>Righetti High School</b>		
<u>Donor</u>	<u>Recipient</u>	<u>Amount</u>
The Kiwanis Club of Guadalupe	Marimba/Ballet Folklorico	\$200.00
O Town Swirls LLC	Football	\$400.00
Los Alamos Valley Mens Club	Boys Soccer	\$3,000.00
Snap! Mobile, Inc.	Boys Soccer	\$6,307.20
RunSignup	CrossCountry	\$660.00
Wood Mountain Inc./Holiday Fundraising Programs	Girls Golf	\$1,604.31
Wood Mountain Inc./Holiday Fundraising Programs	Softball	\$2,322.69
Vertical Raise	Girls Basketball	\$6,494.00
Gloria Paulus	Softball	\$150.00
<b>Total Righetti High School</b>		<b><u>\$21,138.20</u></b>
<b>Santa Maria High School</b>		
<u>Donor</u>	<u>Recipient</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Saints Football Boosters	Las Comadres	\$500.00
Snap Mobile Inc	Girls Wrestling	\$2403.60
<b>Total Santa Maria High School</b>		<b><u>\$2,903.60</u></b>
<b>Delta High School</b>		
<u>Donor</u>	<u>Recipient</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Coast Hills Community Foundation	DHS Outreach	384.00
<b>Total Delta High School</b>		<b><u>\$384.00</u></b>

**FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS FOR 2025**

Unless otherwise announced, the next regular meeting of the Board of Education will be held on March 11, 2025. 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.

Regular Board Meetings for 2025:

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| April 8, 2025 | July 15, 2025*  | October 14, 2025  |
| May 13, 2025  | August 5, 2025* | November 4, 2025* |

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June 10, 2025  
June 13, 2025\*

September 9, 2025

December 9, 2025

*\*Not on the second Tuesday of the month*

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:27 p.m.