

**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE  
SANTA MARIA JOINT UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
September 11, 2024**

A special meeting of the Santa Maria Joint Union High School District Board of Education was held at the Support Services Center on September 11, 2024, with an open session at 5:00 p.m.

Members present: Aguilar, Baskett, Hernandez, Garvin

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**OPEN SESSION**

Mr. Aguilar called the meeting to order at 5:06 p.m. and led the Flag Salute.

**OPEN SESSION PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Written public comment:

Name	Topic
Margarita Olimpio Ricardo Valencia Pam Gates Natali Nguyen Gloria Soto Metzli Reyes	Trustee Vacancy

In person public comment:

Name	Topic
Elvia Salazar Coraima Morales	Trustee Vacancy

**ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR ACTION**

**GENERAL**

**Provisional Appointment for Trustee Area 4: Explanation of Candidate Interview Process, Interview of Candidates, and Provisional Appointment of Candidate to Serve on the Board – *Appendix A***

Resource Person: Feliciano Aguilar, Acting Board President

Due to the recent resignation of former Board President, Diana Perez, a vacancy in Trustee Area 4 has been created on the Santa Maria Joint Union High School District Board of Education. On August 6, 2024, the Board voted to begin the process of provisionally appointing an interested candidate to fill the vacant seat. The person selected for this provisional appointment will hold office until the seat is filled at the next regular election. Given the timing of the vacancy it was not possible to consolidate it with the November 2024 election. Instead, during the November 2026 election, a person will be elected to fill the subsequent four-year term of office.

**SPECIAL MEETING**  
**September 25, 2023**

The applications received were subsequently certified by the County Education Office and reviewed by a committee, who determined that the candidates listed below are eligible to be considered for the appointment. On September 3, 2024 the District posted the candidate application packets on its website (referenced in Appendix A) for candidates: Isaias Rosas, Magdalena Serrano, and Jose Huitron.

At this meeting, the Board conducted interviews of the above-mentioned candidates. After the interviews, the Board discussed their considerations for the provisional Board vacancy.

Board members shared that geographic location is an important factor in terms of broader representability.

A motion was made by Mr. Baskett to appoint Jose Huitron. The motion was not seconded. The motion failed.

Dr. Garvin made a motion to appoint Magdalena Serrano. The motion was seconded by Ms. Hernandez.

The motion passed with a roll call vote 3-1 to select Magdalena Serrano to fill the Trustee Area 4 Board vacancy.

Mr. Garcia administered the Oath of Office.

**Roll Call Vote:**

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

**FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS FOR 2024**

Unless otherwise announced, the next regular meeting of the Board of Education will be held on October 8, 2024. 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 2024:

November 12, 2024                      December 10, 2024                      December 17, 2024\*

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

**ADJOURN**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:43 p.m.