



PACIFIC GROVE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION



SPECIAL/REGULAR MEETING MINUTES: Mar 26, 2026

435 Hillcrest Ave  
Pacific Grove, CA 93950

**Trustee(s) Present:**

- President Jennifer McNary (JM)
- Clerk Beth Shammass (BS)
- Trustee Dr. Elliott Hazen (EH)
- Trustee Mike Wachs (MW)
- Trustee Laura Ottmar (LO)

**Administration Present:**

- Superintendent Dr. Linda Adamson (LA)
- Assistant Superintendent Josh Jorn (JJ)

**Board Recorder:**

- Executive Assistant to the Superintendent  
Carey O'Sullivan (CO)

**Student Representative(s) Present:**

- Jasmine Booker (JB)
- Paige Houston (PH)
- Paige Silveira (PS)
- Sulachhya Gurung (SG)

**School Site Acronyms:**

- DO - District Office
- FGE - Forest Grove Elementary School
- RHD - Robert H. Down Elementary School
- PGMS - Pacific Grove Middle School
- PGHS - Pacific Grove High School
- PGCHS - Pacific Grove Community High School
- PGAE - Pacific Grove Adult Education
- PGUSD - Pacific Grove Unified School District

**Next Board Meeting Date(s):**

- Apr 9, 2026 – Regular
- Apr 23, 2026 – Special

**I. OPENING BUSINESS**

- A. Call to Order - *Acting President Beth Shammass called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM.*
- B. Land Acknowledgement
- C. Roll Call (*4 trustees marked as present, with President McNary marked as absent*)
- D. Adoption of Agenda
  - Public Comment: *N/A*
  - Board Discussion: Trustees and Superintendent discussed item
  - Move: **MW** - Second: **EH** - Vote: 4 - 0 Motion CARRIED

**II. CLOSED SESSION**

- A. Identify Closed Session Topics:  
The Board of Education will meet in Closed Session to consider matters appropriate for Closed Session in accordance with Education and Government Code.
  - a. Negotiations – Collective Bargaining Session planning and preparation with the PGTA for 2025-26 [Government Code § 3549.1, subdivision (d)]
  - b. Negotiations – Collective Bargaining Session planning and preparation with the CSEA for 2025-26 [Government Code § 3549.1, subdivision (d)]
  - c. Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release/Leave/Complaint [Government Code § 54957, subdivision (b)]



- d. Superintendent Goals – Midyear Check-In
- B. Public Comment on Closed Session Topics: N/A
- C. Adjourn to Closed Session

III. **RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION** - 7:02 PM

- A. Report Action Taken in Closed Session:
  - a. Negotiations – Collective Bargaining Session planning and preparation with the PGTA for 2025-26 [Government Code § 3549.1, subdivision (d)]
    - 1) N/A
  - b. Negotiations – Collective Bargaining Session planning and preparation with the CSEA for 2025-26 [Government Code § 3549.1, subdivision (d)]
    - 1) N/A
  - c. Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release/Leave/Complaint [Government Code § 54957, subdivision (b)]
    - 1) N/A
  - d. Superintendent Goals – Midyear Check-In
    - 1) Information received and discussion ensued
- B. Pledge of Allegiance

IV. **CONSENT**

*Items listed under the Consent Agenda are considered to be routine and/or may have been discussed at a previous Board meeting. There is no discussion of these items prior to the Board vote unless a member of the Board requests specific items be discussed and/or removed from the Consent Agenda. Each item on the Consent Agenda approved by the Board of Trustees shall be deemed to have been considered in full and adopted as recommended.*

- A. Contract for Services with Zmak Creative 5  
 Recommendation: (Dr. Emily Tsai Brownfield , Principal) The District Administration recommends that the Board review and approve the Contract for Services with Zmak Creative for a photography assembly and workshop at Robert H. Down Elementary School.
- B. Out of County/Overnight Activities 12
  - Public Comment: N/A
  - Board Discussion: Trustees discussed item B.
  - Move: **EH** ▾ Second: **LO** ▾ Vote: 4 - 0 Motion CARRIED ▾

V. **INFORMATION/DISCUSSION**

- A. Board Governance Training and Self-Evaluation Session
  - Public Comment: N/A



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- Board Discussion: *Trustees participated in a discussion related to their board governance self evaluation, facilitated by Lou Lozano*
- Direction: *N/A*

**VI. ADJOURNMENT - Meeting adjourned at 9:25 PM**

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