

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE ELK GROVE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, JANUARY 27, 2026**

*Adopted*

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Beth Albiani, Board President; Jennifer Ballerini, Board Clerk; Delia Baulwin, Susan Davis, Heidi Moore, Michael Vargas and Sean Yang; Absent: Zi Zhong, Student Board Member

**OTHERS PRESENT:** David E. Reilly, Superintendent; Kristen Coates, Ed.D. and Mark Cerutti, Deputy Superintendents; Jenifer Avey and Chad Sweitzer, Assistant Superintendents; Corrie Buckmaster, Chief Human Resources Officer; Amreek Singh, Lisa Levasseur and Travis Collier, Ed.D., Executive Directors; Amari Watkins, Chief Financial Officer; Todd Barber, Chief Technology Officer

**OPEN SESSION:** Ms. Albiani called the meeting back to order at 6:00 p.m., announced that the Board met in closed session and no action was taken.

Ms. Albiani provided a welcome and announced that live streaming of full in-person board meetings will be available to the public by using the link located on the district's website. Meetings are recorded (video and audio) and are made available on the Elk Grove Unified School District's YouTube channel at [www.youtube.com/user/elkgroveunified](http://www.youtube.com/user/elkgroveunified)

**I. EGUSD Land Acknowledgement/Pledge of Allegiance** – Jenifer Avey, Assistant Superintendent of Elementary Education, led the pledge of allegiance.

**II. Overview of the Day** – Superintendent David Reilly provided an overview of the day.

**III. 2026-27 Governor's Budget Update** – Amari Watkins shared an update on the proposed 2026-27 Governor's Budget. The report outlines the Governor's budget proposal and the impact on TK-12 Education.

Board members provided feedback and thanked Ms. Watkins for the update.

*At 10:13 a.m. Ms. Albiani called for a break and at 10:22 a.m. called the meeting back to order.*

**IV. Reducing Exclusionary Discipline** – Chad Sweitzer, Richard Gutierrez, Jenifer Avey, Martin Fine and Anne Rigali provided the Board with a multi-year (2023/24-2025/26) comparative analysis of first semester student suspensions. Student discipline policy, practices and outcomes are a Board of Education and District priority. In 2018, specific action was taken by the Board to develop and update policies related to student discipline, including specifying the distinctive roles site administrators and law enforcement have in the student discipline process and taking specific action to move away from zero-tolerance policies and practices to a more developmental/educational model of student discipline.

Board members thanked staff for the report and provided input.

**V. Legal Update** – Karen Rezendes of Lozano Smith shared information about new legislation and the impact on district. The presentation highlighted key information specific to new legislation impacting districts and addressed questions from members of the Board of Education.

Board members provided feedback and thanked Ms. Rezendes for her informative update.

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**VI. Consent Agenda – Action** – Motion No. 71, 2025-26, Motion by Mr. Vargas, seconded by Mr. Yang and carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all board members present that items 1 and 2 on the consent agenda be approved.

- 1. Personnel Actions** – Approved personnel appointments, leaves of absence, rehires, probationary releases, promotions, resignations, retirements, and returns from reemployment lists as submitted.
- 2. Ratification of Grant Contracts/Agreements for Funding** – Approved grant contracts/agreements signed by authorized staff as submitted

**VII. Recess into Closed Session** – At 2:36 p.m. Ms. Albani announced that the Board would meet in closed session to address items I and II on the closed session portion of the agenda and called for public comment on these items; there were no public comments on the following items.

**I. Government Code Section 54957:** Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release/Complaint

**II. Government Code Section 54957.6:** Conference with Labor Negotiators

**Agency Designated Representatives:** David Reilly, Karen Rezendes, Corrie Buckmaster, Amreek Singh, Kristen Coates, Amari Watkins, Mark Cerutti

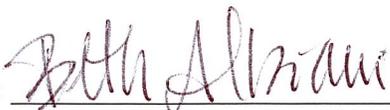
**Employee Organizations:** All Elk Grove Unified School District Bargaining Units and Unrepresented Employees

**OPEN SESSION**

**I. Report Out/Adjournment**

Ms. Albani called the meeting back to order at 3:24 p.m. and announced that the Board of Education met in closed session, no action was taken, and adjourned the meeting at 3:25 p.m.

Submitted by David E. Reilly, Superintendent

Approved by:  \_\_\_\_\_  
Beth Albani, Board President