



# BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

July 14, 2026  
6:30 p.m.

Board of Education Board Room  
1300 17<sup>th</sup> Street, City CENTRE – Bakersfield, CA 93301

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This meeting is being held in an in-person format. Members of the public wishing to provide comments to the Board can attend the meeting in person. Correspondence sent by mail or email to [kcboe@kern.org](mailto:kcboe@kern.org) before noon on the date of the board meeting on subjects within the Board's jurisdiction will be provided to the Board at the meeting and made available for public inspection. Members of the public may also observe the meeting via livestream at the following link: [\(1\) Kern County Board of Education – YouTube](#).

## 1.0 GENERAL FUNCTIONS

1.1 Call to order time \_\_\_\_\_ p.m.

1.2 Pledge of Allegiance

1.3 Roll Call	Present	Absent
Julie Beechinor Towse, <i>Area 1</i>	_____	_____
Joe L. Marcano, <i>Area 2</i>	_____	_____
Mary M. Little, <i>Area 3</i>	_____	_____
Jose E. Gonzalez, Jr., <i>Area 4</i>	_____	_____
Lori Eskew, <i>Area 5</i>	_____	_____
James V. Robinson, <i>Area 6</i>	_____	_____
Lori J. Cisneros, <i>Area 7</i>	_____	_____
Dr. John G. Mendiburu, <i>Superintendent</i>	_____	_____

1.4 Adoption of the Agenda

Motion \_\_\_\_\_ Second \_\_\_\_\_ Ayes \_\_\_\_\_ Nays \_\_\_\_\_ Abstain \_\_\_\_\_

1.5 Approval of the Minutes from the Regular Board Meeting held on June 9, 2026.

Motion \_\_\_\_\_ Second \_\_\_\_\_ Ayes \_\_\_\_\_ Nays \_\_\_\_\_ Abstain \_\_\_\_\_

## **2.0 PUBLIC COMMENTS**

The Board of Education appreciates comments from members of the public who have the opportunity to address the Board on agenda items (before the Board's consideration of the item) and on other matters within the Board's jurisdiction.

To move the meeting business along efficiently, individual speakers are allotted up to three minutes each, and the total time for comment on each agenda or other topic within the Board's jurisdiction will be limited to 20 minutes. All requests for public comment must be submitted prior to the start of the meeting. In exceptional circumstances, the Board President may, with Board consent, reduce or increase the amount of time allowed for public input and/or the time allotted for each speaker, when such adjustment is necessary to ensure full opportunity for public input within the time allotted. Any such adjustments shall be done in an equitable manner, so as to allow a diversity of viewpoints. The President may also ask members of the public with the same viewpoint to select a few individuals to address the Board regarding that viewpoint.

To allow the Board to organize the public comments, persons wishing to speak will need to complete a form before the board meeting begins, providing their name, contact information, and the agenda item or other topic on the Board's jurisdiction on which they wish to speak. Items not appearing on the agenda cannot, by law, be the subject of board action.

## **3.0 INFORMATIONAL ITEMS – NO ACTION TAKEN**

- 3.1 Update regarding the CAAT Charter Material Revision.
- 3.2 Presentation: Historian of American History – Ellen Schafhauser.
- 3.3 Williams Act Uniform Complaint Quarterly Report  
*Informational Item Only*

## **4.0 ACTION ITEMS**

All consent agenda items for the Kern County Board of Education are considered to be routine and will be enacted by one motion unless a board member requests separate action on a specific item. Approval is recommended on all items listed.

- 4.1 Consent Agenda
  - 4.1.1 Approval of Graduation Diplomas.  
Motion \_\_\_\_\_ Second \_\_\_\_\_ Ayes \_\_\_\_\_ Nays \_\_\_\_\_ Abstain \_\_\_\_\_
- 4.2 General Business
  - 4.2.1 Public Hearing and Adoption of Resolution for Sufficiency of Textbooks and Instructional Materials.  
Motion \_\_\_\_\_ Second \_\_\_\_\_ Ayes \_\_\_\_\_ Nays \_\_\_\_\_ Abstain \_\_\_\_\_

## **5.0 REPORT OF COUNTY BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEMBERS**

- 5.1 Members of the Board will report on various topics.

## **6.0 REPORT OF COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT**

- 6.1 The County Superintendent will report on various topics.

## **7.0 AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING**

7.1 Items to be considered for the next agenda.

## **8.0 ADJOURNMENT**

8.1 Unless otherwise posted, the next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on August 11, 2026, at 6:30 p.m.

8.2 Time of adjournment \_\_\_\_\_ p.m.



# BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

1.5

June 9, 2026  
6:30 p.m.

Board of Education Board Room  
1300 17<sup>th</sup> Street, City CENTRE – Bakersfield, CA 93301

## 1.0 GENERAL FUNCTIONS

- 1.1 The meeting was called to order at 6:32 p.m.
- 1.2 Pledge of Allegiance
- 1.3 Roll Call

### Board Members Present

Lori J. Cisneros  
Jose E. Gonzalez, Jr.  
Mary Little  
Joe L. Marcano  
James V. Robinson

### Board Members Absent

Julie Beechinor Towse  
Lori Eskew

### KCSOS Employees Present

Dr. John G. Mendiburu, *Superintendent*  
Christian Shannon, *Deputy Superintendent*  
Steve Sanders, *Chief of Staff*  
Merril Clanton, *Senior Executive Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent*

- 1.4 *Dr. John G. Mendiburu addressed the recent and tragic event that occurred on June 2, 2026, involving Kern County Superintendent of Schools employees at the CLF location. He expressed his heartfelt concern and continued support for those directly and indirectly affected by this tragic incident, acknowledging the lasting impact such events can have on individuals, families, and the broader community. Dr. Mendiburu also conveyed his sincere appreciation and admiration for the local, state, and federal agencies and personnel who responded during the incident, recognizing their extraordinary professionalism, compassion, coordination, and unwavering commitment to the safety and well-being of all involved throughout the harrowing experience.*

- 1.5 It was moved by Trustee Marcano, seconded by Trustee Gonzalez, Jr. to approve the agenda.

Ayes: Trustee Cisneros, Trustee Gonzalez, Jr., Trustee Little, Trustee Marcano, and Trustee Robinson

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Trustee Beechinor Towse and Trustee Eskew

1.6 It was moved by Trustee Robinson, seconded by Trustee Cisneros to approve the Minutes from the Regular Board Meeting held on May 12, 2026.

Ayes: Trustee Cisneros, Trustee Gonzalez, Jr., Trustee Little, Trustee Marcano, and Trustee Robinson  
Nayes: None  
Abstain: None  
Absent: Trustee Beechinor Towse and Trustee Eskew

## **2.0 PUBLIC COMMENTS**

2.1 Public Comments were heard from the following:

- Ellen Schafhauser
- Sandra Fry
- Angelo Frazier
- Dennis McLean
- John Harte
- Michael Ten Broeke
- Sylvia Contreras
- RouMony Sanchez
- Christina Chambers
- Cynthia Engle
- Juliana McGaugh
- Hector Azpitcuetce
- Daya Khun Khun
- Jes Sanders

## **3.0 INFORMATION ITEMS – NO ACTION TAKEN**

- 3.1 Presentation: COE Annual Summary Report, Kimberly Graham, Assistant Superintendent.
- 3.2 Report of Staff Findings and Recommendation regarding the CAAT Charter Material Revision.

## **4.0 ACTION ITEMS**

4.1 Consent Agenda

4.1.1 It was moved by Trustee Little, seconded by Trustee Robinson to approve Graduation Diplomas.

Ayes: Trustee Cisneros, Trustee Gonzalez, Jr., Trustee Little, Trustee Marcano, and Trustee Robinson  
Nayes: None  
Abstain: None  
Absent: Trustee Beechinor Towse and Trustee Eskew

4.2 General Business

4.2.1 It was moved by Trustee Marcano, seconded by Trustee Robinson to approve the material revision to the charter of Central Academy of Arts and Technology to add additional sites at 1705 17<sup>th</sup> Street, Bakersfield, California 93301, 824 18<sup>th</sup> Street, Bakersfield, California 93301, and 826 18<sup>th</sup> Street, Bakersfield, California 93301, subject to the Charter School's satisfaction of the conditions set forth in the staff report dated

June 9, 2026. Failure to satisfy any condition within the applicable timeline identified in the staff report is grounds for termination of approval of the material revision.

Ayes: Trustee Cisneros, Trustee Gonzalez, Jr., Trustee Marcano, and Trustee Robinson  
Nayes: None  
Abstain: Trustee Little  
Absent: Trustee Beechinor Towse and Trustee Eskew

4.2.2 It was moved by Trustee Little, seconded by Trustee Robinson to approve the 2026-27 LCAP Budget Overview for Parents and the 2026-27 Local Accountability Plan (LCAP).

Ayes: Trustee Cisneros, Trustee Gonzalez, Jr., Trustee Little, Trustee Marcano, and Trustee Robinson  
Nayes: None  
Abstain: None  
Absent: Trustee Beechinor Towse and Trustee Eskew

4.2.3 It was moved by Trustee Little, seconded by Trustee Robinson to approve the 2025-26 Local Indicator Data.

Ayes: Trustee Cisneros, Trustee Gonzalez, Jr., Trustee Little, Trustee Marcano, and Trustee Robinson  
Nayes: None  
Abstain: None  
Absent: Trustee Beechinor Towse and Trustee Eskew

4.2.4 It was moved by Trustee Little, seconded by Trustee Robinson to approve the Court and Community Schools Plan for Student Achievement (SPSA) Annual Evaluations.

Ayes: Trustee Cisneros, Trustee Gonzalez, Jr., Trustee Little, Trustee Marcano, and Trustee Robinson  
Nayes: None  
Abstain: None  
Absent: Trustee Beechinor Towse and Trustee Eskew

4.2.5 It was moved by Trustee Robinson, seconded by Trustee Marcano to approve the Kern County Plan for Providing Educational Services to Expelled Students: July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2027.

Ayes: Trustee Cisneros, Trustee Gonzalez, Jr., Trustee Little, Trustee Marcano, and Trustee Robinson  
Nayes: None  
Abstain: None  
Absent: Trustee Beechinor Towse and Trustee Eskew

4.2.6 It was moved by Trustee Little, seconded by Trustee Robinson to approve the adoption of the 2026-27 County School Service Fund Budget (CSSF).

Ayes: Trustee Cisneros, Trustee Gonzalez, Jr., Trustee Little, Trustee Marcano, and Trustee Robinson  
Nayes: None  
Abstain: None  
Absent: Trustee Beechinor Towse and Trustee Eskew

4.2.7 It was moved by Trustee Robinson, seconded by Trustee Cisneros to approve the resolution to establish the education protection account.

Ayes: Trustee Cisneros, Trustee Gonzalez, Jr., Trustee Little, Trustee Marcano, and Trustee Robinson  
Nays: None  
Abstain: None  
Absent: Trustee Beechinor Towse and Trustee Eskew

4.2.8 It was moved by Trustee Robinson, seconded by Trustee Gonzalez, Jr. to approve the resolution to Request to Consolidate a County Board Member Election with November 3, 2026, General Election in Ventura County.

Ayes: Trustee Cisneros, Trustee Gonzalez, Jr., Trustee Little, Trustee Marcano, and Trustee Robinson  
Nays: None  
Abstain: None  
Absent: Trustee Beechinor Towse and Trustee Eskew

## **5.0 REPORT OF COUNTY BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEMBERS**

- 5.1 Trustee Robinson expressed his appreciation for the proposed America 250 presentation, particularly the concept of sharing daily historical facts and educational content recognizing the nation's 250th anniversary. He indicated interest in reviewing the proposed materials and encouraged consideration of a future board discussion regarding the project. Trustee Robinson reflected positively on the bicentennial presentations held in 1976, noting their educational value and impact.
- 5.2 Trustee Little addressed comments made about her by Mr. Harte in publicly distributed videos and social media content. She stated that she does not consider herself a journalist or reporter and explained that the purpose of her Facebook page is to share information and articles she believes may be of interest to the public. Trustee Little emphasized that she encourages individuals to review information independently and form their own conclusions. Trustee Little disputed several statements made by Mr. Harte regarding her views and social media activity. She stated that she has not made negative statements about the transgender community and objected to characterizations of her political beliefs, asserting that assumptions had been made without direct communication with her. She also disagreed with claims regarding her social media posts related to vaccines. Trustee Little further responded to criticism regarding certain posts that had been challenged for accuracy, stating that individuals are free to question or dispute information and that she welcomes differing perspectives. Trustee Little also addressed statements regarding her communications with members of the public, clarifying that she remains accessible, responds to constituent correspondence, and has encouraged individuals to share differing viewpoints publicly so that others may benefit from the discussion. Trustee Little also shared information on behalf of Trustee Beechinor Towse regarding Frontier High School's summer Parent Bridge program. She noted that the program provides resources and support for students and families, including assistance related to mental health, attendance, and technology. Trustee Little encouraged interested families to visit the school's website for additional information.

- 5.3 Trustee Cisneros commented on a recent Pride month social media post published by Kern County Superintendent of Schools. While acknowledging that KCSOS and the Kern County Board of Education are separate entities, she expressed concern that the placement of the post immediately following content highlighting a board-attended event could create the perception that the Board endorsed or agreed with the message. Trustee Cisneros stated that she sought clarification from legal counsel regarding whether the post constituted political speech and was advised that the post did not violate California law. While acknowledging that legal opinion, she noted that she personally disagreed with the interpretation and expressed her preference that educational organizations remain focused on student achievement and educational accomplishments. Trustee Cisneros reported attending the Student Voice Ambassador Awards Ceremony at Bell Tower Plaza, where students presented projects addressing issues such as stress, loneliness, depression, and other campus concerns. She commended the students for their leadership and the solutions they developed to support their peers. Trustee Cisneros also attended the CAAT Showcase and expressed appreciation for the wide variety of student talents on display, including art, music, poetry, robotics, and other presentations. Additionally, Trustee Cisneros attended the State School Bus ROADEO competition, where she had the opportunity to meet and thank school bus drivers for their dedication to students. She acknowledged the important role transportation staff play in creating a positive start to students' school days. Trustee Cisneros also attended the Alternative Education graduation ceremony, where she was invited to speak and congratulate graduates on their accomplishments. She shared that she recognized several students she had previously met through board-sponsored student engagement activities and expressed pride in seeing their educational journeys culminate in graduation.
- 5.4 Trustee Marcano expressed his appreciation for the Board's approval of the material revision request for the CAAT Charter, noting his support for the action taken by the Board. Trustee Marcano reported attending the CAAT Spring Showcase, where he spent time at the STARS Theater observing student performances. He commended the students for their exceptional talent and noted that the event was very well attended by families and community members. Trustee Marcano shared that he was impressed by both the quality of the performances and the strong level of community support demonstrated throughout the event. Trustee Marcano also attended the RISE graduation ceremony. He spoke highly of the student speakers, noting that their remarks were both meaningful and inspiring. He reflected on the significant challenges many of the graduates had overcome and expressed pride in their perseverance and success in reaching graduation. Additionally, Trustee Marcano attended the Student Voice Ambassador Awards Ceremony, where he observed students being recognized for their leadership and contributions. He commended the event and expressed appreciation for the Bell Tower Plaza venue, noting that the facility provided an impressive setting for student recognition and community engagement activities.

## **6.0 REPORT OF THE COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT**

- 6.1 Superintendent Mendiburu expressed his appreciation to the trustees who attended recent student-focused events throughout the county, noting that their presence demonstrates support for students and reinforces the Board's shared commitment to serving children. Superintendent Mendiburu highlighted the RISE graduation ceremony, describing it as an outstanding event. He commended the graduates for their accomplishments and noted that the student speakers delivered particularly meaningful and impactful remarks. He expressed pride in the students' achievements and the success of the program. Superintendent Mendiburu also attended the CAAT Charter Showcase and shared his appreciation for the event. He noted the exceptional talent demonstrated by students and highlighted the opportunity to interact with students, staff, and families throughout the evening. Superintendent Mendiburu praised the quality of the

programming and educational opportunities being provided through the school and remarked on the excitement and positive atmosphere surrounding the event. In closing, Superintendent Mendiburu thanked the Board for its continued service and dedication throughout the year. He encouraged trustees and staff to take time during the summer to rest, recharge, and spend time with their families before reconvening for the July Board meeting.

## **7.0 AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING**

- 7.1 There was a request from Ellen Schafhauser made during public comments requesting a 20-minute presentation at the July 14, 2026, meeting.

## **8.0 ADJOURNMENT**

- 8.1 Unless otherwise posted, the next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on August 11, 2026, at 6:30 p.m.
- 8.2 The meeting was adjourned at 9:37 p.m.

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John G. Mendiburu, Ed.D., Ex-Officio Secretary to the Board of Education

B.3

### Quarterly Report on Williams Uniform Complaints [Education Code § 35186]

District / Program KCSOS / RISE

Person completing this form: Molly Mier Title: Senior Director

Quarterly Report Submission Date:  Oct 1, 2026 (for period Jul 1 – Sep 30)  
(check one)  Jan 1, 2027 (for period Oct 1 – Dec 31)  
 April 1, 2027 (for period Jan 1 – Mar 31)  
 July 1, 2026 (for period Apr 1 – Jun 30)

Date for information to be reported publicly at governing board meeting: Tuesday, July 14, 2026

Please check the box that applies:

- No complaints were filed with any school in the district during the quarter indicated above
- Complaints were filed with schools in the district during the quarter indicated above. The following chart summarizes the nature and resolution of these complaints.

General Subject Area	Total # of Complaints	# Resolved	# Unresolved
Textbooks and Instructional Materials	0	0	0
Teacher Vacancy or Mis-assignment	0	0	0
Facilities Conditions	0	0	0
<b>TOTALS</b>	0	0	0

Dr. John G. Mendiburu / Molly Mier  
Print Name of District Superintendent / Program Administrator

M. Mier  
Signature of District Superintendent / Program Administrator

Once completed, send copy to District Advisory Services, KCSOS, 1300 17<sup>th</sup> Street, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, Bakersfield (Fax# 661-636-4121)

4.2.1

**BEFORE THE KERN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**RESOLUTION REGARDING PUPIL TEXTBOOKS  
AND SUFFICIENCY OF INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS**

WHEREAS, the governing board of the Kern County Office of Education, in order to comply with the requirements of Education Code Section 60119 held a public hearing on July 14, 2026, at 6:30 p.m., which is on or before the eighth week of school and which did not take place during or immediately following school hours, and;

WHEREAS, the governing board provided at least 10 days notice of public hearing posted in at least three public places within the district that stated the time, place, and purpose of the hearing, and;

WHEREAS, the governing board encouraged participation by parents, teachers, members of the community, and bargaining unit leaders in the public hearing, and;

WHEREAS, information provided at the public hearing and to the governing board at the public meeting detailed the extent to which textbooks and instructional materials were provided to all students, including English learners, in the district/county office of education, and;

WHEREAS, the definition of “sufficient textbooks or instructional materials” means that each pupil has a textbook or instructional materials, or both, to use in class and to take home, and;

WHEREAS, sufficient textbooks and instructional materials were provided to each student, including English learners, that are aligned to the academic content standards and consistent with the cycles and content of the curriculum frameworks in the subject areas of mathematics, science, history-social science, and English-language arts, including the English language development component of an adopted program, and;

WHEREAS, sufficient textbooks or instructional materials were provided to each pupil enrolled in foreign language or health classes, and;

WHEREAS, laboratory science equipment was available for science laboratory classes offered in grades 9-12, inclusive, and;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that Kern County Board of Education hereby determines that for the 2026-27 school year, that each pupil in each school operated by the Kern County Superintendent of Schools Office has been provided with sufficient textbooks and instructional materials aligned to the academic content standards and consistent with the cycles and content of the curriculum frameworks.

The forgoing resolution was duly passed and adopted the 14<sup>th</sup> day of July 2026, by the following vote:

Ayes: \_\_\_\_\_ Noes: \_\_\_\_\_ Absent: \_\_\_\_\_

KERN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
President  
Kern County Board of Education

I certify that the Resolution above is a full and correct excerpt from the Journal of the Kern County Board of Education pertaining to the adoption of the resolution at a meeting held on July 14, 2026.

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk/Secretary  
Kern County Board of Education

**Alternative Education  
Textbooks and Instructional Materials  
2026-27**

	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Publisher</b>	<b>Copyright Date</b>	<b>Updated</b>
<b>Language Arts</b>	Intervention	Exact Path	Edmentum	2026	N/A
	English	California English 9	Edmentum	2024	2024
	English	California English 10	Edmentum	2024	2024
	English	California English 11	Edmentum	2024	2025
	English	California English 12	Edmentum	2024	2026
<b>Mathematics</b>	Intervention	Exact Path	Edmentum	2026	N/A
	General Math	Foundations Mathematics I	Edmentum/Custom Course	2022	N/A
	General Math	Foundations Mathematics II	Edmentum/Custom Course	2021	N/A
	General Math	PLATO Course Consumer Mathematics	Edmentum	2020	2026
	General Math	PLATO Course Financial Mathematics	Edmentum	2020	2026
	Algebra	California Algebra I	Edmentum	2024	2025
	Advanced Algebra	California Algebra II	Edmentum	2024	2024
	Geometry	California Geometry	Edmentum	2024	2024
	Pre-Calculus	PLATO Course Pre-Calculus	Edmentum	2020	2026
	World History	PLATO Course World History	Edmentum	2025	2026
<b>Social Science</b>	U.S. History	PLATO Course U.S. History	Edmentum	2025	2025
	Government	PLATO Course Government	Edmentum	2020	2025
	Economics	PLATO Course Economics	Edmentum	2020	2026
	Life Science	California Biology with Virtual Labs	Edmentum	2020	2025
	Life Science	High School Life Science	Edmentum/Custom Course	2021	N/A
<b>Science</b>	Physical Science	California High School Earth and Space Science	Edmentum	2020	2026
	Physical Science	Physical Science	Edmentum	2023	2026
	Chemistry	California Chemistry	Edmentum	2020	2025
	Physics	California Physics	Edmentum	2020	2026