

**NATIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Minutes of the Special Meeting  
GOVERNING BOARD**

August 29, 2019  
6:00 PM  
Rancho de la Nación  
1830 E. Division Street  
National City, CA 91950

**Attendance Taken at 6:00 PM:**

**National School District**

Present:

Barbara Avalos  
Maria Betancourt-Castañeda  
Brian Clapper  
Maria Dalla  
Alma Sarmiento

**Chula Vista Elementary School District**

Present:

Armando Farias  
Laurie Humphrey  
Francisco Tamayo

Absent:

Leslie Ray Bunker  
Eduardo Reyes

**Coronado Unified School District**

Present:

Lee Pontes  
Esther Valdes  
Helen Anderson-Cruz  
Maria Simon

Absent:

Julie Russell

**San Ysidro School District**

Present:

Humberto Gurmilan  
Rudy Lopez  
Antonio Martinez

Absent:

Irene Lopez  
Rosaleah Pallasigue

**South Bay Union School District**

Present:

Cheryl Quinones  
Marco Amaral  
Mary Doyle  
Barbara Elliott-Sanders

Absent:

Louis Barrios

**Sweetwater Union High School District**

Present:

Paula Hall  
Kevin J. Pike  
Nicholas Segura  
Arturo Solis  
Frank A. Tarantino

**Southwestern College**

Present:

Roberto Alcantar  
Leticia Cazares  
Griselda Delgado  
Tim Nader  
Nora Vargas

## **1. CALL TO ORDER**

Board President, Alma Sarmiento, called the public meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

## **2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Board President, Alma Sarmiento, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

## **3. ROLL CALL**

Mrs. Jocelyn Gomez took roll call.

## **4. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS**

None

## **5. INFORMATION ITEMS**

### **5.1. Welcome and Purpose of Meeting.**

Board President, Alma Sarmiento, of the National School District, welcomed everyone to the meeting and stated the purpose.

## **6. PRESENTATIONS/DISCUSSION ITEMS**

### **6.1. California School Boards Association (CSBA) Presentation.**

Raquel Madden, Public Affairs and Community Engagement, California School Boards Association (CSBA) gave a presentation on full and fair funding. She also gave a recap on the South County Legislative Action Committee.

### **6.2. Southwestern College Presentation**

Roberto Alcantar, Southwestern College, Board President and Nora Vargas, Southwestern College, Board Vice President presented College updates. They also gave a presentation on State and local vision for success goals and on Closing the Equity Gap.

### **6.3. San Diego County Office of Education (SDCOE) Board Presentation.**

Guadalupe González, San Diego County Office of Education (SDCOE), Board Member spoke about county support and gave county updates.

### **6.4. Elevate SD 2020.**

Mark Olson, Manager of Public Relations, Metropolitan Transit System (MTS) gave a presentation on Challenges and opportunities facing the San Diego region, Elevate SD 2020's purpose and MTS levels of service and improvements.

## **7. OPEN FORUM**

Cheryl Qunionez, South Bay Union School District, Board President, gave a brief update regarding her district.

Lee Pontes, Coronado Unified School District, Board President, gave a brief update regarding his district.

Kevin Pike, Sweetwater Union High School District, Board President, gave a brief update regarding his district.

Laurie Humphrey, Chula Vista Elementary School District, Board President, gave a brief update regarding her district.

Humberto Gurmilan, San Ysidro School District, Board Vice President, gave a brief update regarding his district.

Rudy Lopez, San Ysidro School District, Board Clerk, spoke about his district's core values and support of full and fair funding measure on the 2020 ballot.

Antonio Martinez, San Ysidro School District, Board Member, spoke about the challenges California is facing with funding for public schools.

Roberto Alcantar, Southwestern College, Board President, commented on how great it was to be able to give a presentation to everyone at the meeting.

Griselda Salgado, Southwestern College, Board Member, spoke about Southwestern College Y.E.S. (Youth Excellence and Success) Academy.

Alma Sarmiento, National School District, Board Member, spoke about the District's focus as World Citizens and the support of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals.

## **8. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:49 p.m.

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Clerk of the Governing Board

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Secretary to the Governing Board