



Minutes

Thursday, January 15, 2026

A. OPENING CEREMONY

1. The meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m.
2. Flag Salute
3. Roll Call – Establish Quorum

Board Members Present: President Masumoto, Vice President Tapscott-Munson, Member Burton, Member Clyde, and Member Robles. A quorum was established.

County Superintendent and Staff Present: Dr. Michele Cantwell-Copher, Fresno County Superintendent of Schools; Dr. Diane Lira, Deputy Superintendent Instructional Division; Kevin Otto, Deputy Superintendent Business Services; Jason Parkin, General Counsel; MaryEllen Galvan, Communications Strategy and Outreach, and Angela Bowlin, Administrative Assistant to the Board.

4. Inspirational Reading was given by MaryEllen Galvan.
5. Career Technical High School Report was given by Tera Cavazos.

B. ADOPT AGENDA

Adopted Regular Board Agenda for January 15, 2026, Board Meeting.

The motion to adopt was

Moved by: Dr. Allen Clyde

Seconded by: Itzi Robles

Yes Bryan Burton, Dr. Allen Clyde, Marcy Masumoto, Kimberly Tapscott-Munson, and Itzi Robles

The motion carried. 5-0

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approved the Minutes for Regular Board Meeting - December 18, 2025.

The motion to approve was

Moved by: Bryan Burton

Seconded by: Dr. Allen Clyde

Yes

Bryan Burton, Dr. Allen Clyde, Marcy Masumoto,
Kimberly Tapscott-Munson, and Itzi Robles

The motion carried. 5-0

D. EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

1. Jessica Peterson, Executive Leadership Coach - Assessment & Data was recognized as the January 2026, Employee of the Month.

E. RECOGNITION

1. Clovis Unified School District National Champion Meat Evaluation and Technology Team was recognized as the January 2026, Superintendent Superstars.

F. RECESS

A recess was called at 2:15 p.m. for reception celebrating the honorees. President Masumoto reconvened the meeting at 2:26 p.m.

G. COMMUNITY INPUT

There were no comments from the public.

H. PUBLIC HEARING

1. Held Public Hearing for Charter Renewal Petition of Kepler Neighborhood School (Dated July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2031). The public hearing was called to order 2:27 p.m. Received comments from the following:

- Rickie Dhillon, Superintendent
- Davian Figueroa, Principal
- Jon Dohlin, Board Chair
- Jeffie Hickman, Vice President
- Diamond, Student
- Amreen, Student
- Vanessa, Student
- MyKeal, Student
- Ashley Bybee, Parent
- Kathleen Pearsall, Parent

Public hearing was closed at 2:49 p.m.

A recess was called at 2:51 p.m. President Masumoto reconvened at 3:01 p.m.

I. REPORTS/INFORMATION/DISCUSSION

1. Received the Presentation of Charter School Board Annual Update for Edison-Bethune Charter Academy (EBCA).
2. Received the Quarterly Report for Williams Lawsuit Compliance Settlement Agreement, Second Quarter of 2025-2026 School Year (October 1, 2025 – December 31, 2025).

J. ACTION ITEMS

1. Authorized Soliciting Bids for Construction of the Special Education Classroom Addition to Caruthers Elementary School Project No. C2025-13.

The motion to approve was

Moved by: Dr. Allen Clyde

Seconded by: Bryan Burton

Yes Bryan Burton, Dr. Allen Clyde, Marcy Masumoto,
Kimberly Tapscott-Munson, and Itzi Robles

The motion carried. 5-0

2. Authorized the Soliciting Bids or Construction of the Playground Improvements at Monte Vista, Ramacher, and Sutherland Project No. C2026-18.

The motion to approve was

Moved by: Dr. Allen Clyde

Seconded by: Kimberly Tapscott-Munson

Yes Bryan Burton, Dr. Allen Clyde, Marcy Masumoto,
Kimberly Tapscott-Munson, and Itzi Robles

The motion carried. 5-0

3. Approved of the Alternative Education Department School Accountability Report Card for 2024-2025.

The motion to approve was

Moved by: Kimberly Tapscott-Munson

Seconded by: Dr. Allen Clyde

Yes Bryan Burton, Dr. Allen Clyde, Marcy Masumoto,
Kimberly Tapscott-Munson, and Itzi Robles

The motion carried. 5-0

4. Approved of the Special Education Department School Accountability Report Card for 2024-2025.

The motion to approve was

Moved by: Itzi Robles

Seconded by: Bryan Burton

Yes Bryan Burton, Dr. Allen Clyde, Marcy Masumoto,
Kimberly Tapscott-Munson, and Itzi Robles

The motion carried. 5-0

5. Adopted FCBE Resolution No. 2026-01 - Observing February as Black History Month.

The motion to adopt was

Moved by: Kimberly Tapscott-Munson

Seconded by: Itzi Robles

Yes Bryan Burton, Dr. Allen Clyde, Marcy Masumoto,
Kimberly Tapscott-Munson, and Itzi Robles

The motion carried. 5-0

6. Adopted FCBE Resolution No. 2026-02 - Recognizing February 19th as the Day of Remembrance Japanese World War II.

The motion to adopt was

Moved by: Marcy Masumoto

Seconded by: Dr. Allen Clyde

Yes Bryan Burton, Dr. Allen Clyde, Marcy Masumoto,
Kimberly Tapscott-Munson, and Itzi Robles

The motion carried. 5-0

K. CLOSED SESSION

There are no closed session items.

L. TRUSTEE ACTIVITIES

1. Travel Requests

Approved the following conferences:

- ACCBE's Knowledge to Action Conference, 2/20/26 - 2/21/26, Modesto for M. Masumoto, K. Tapscott-Munson, & B. Burton.
- CABSE - 6th Annual Institute Liberating Black EdCellence Conference, 7/12/26 - 7/15/26, Napa, CA for K. Tapscott-Munson.

The motion to approve was

Moved by: Dr. Allen Clyde

Seconded by: Itzi Robles

Yes Bryan Burton, Dr. Allen Clyde, Marcy Masumoto,
Kimberly Tapscott-Munson, and Itzi Robles

The motion carried. 5-0

2. Travel Expenses and Reimbursements

Approved the 2nd Quarterly Mileage Reimbursements of Board members (October 1, 2025 - December 31, 2025) in the amount of \$270.20.

The motion to approve was

Moved by: Dr. Allen Clyde

Seconded by: Kimberly Tapscott-Munson

Yes Bryan Burton, Dr. Allen Clyde, Marcy Masumoto,
Kimberly Tapscott-Munson, and Itzi Robles

The motion carried. 5-0

3. Receipt of Correspondence

There was no correspondence received.

4. Comments by Board Members

Bryan Burton:

- Make time to attend Student Events

Kimberly Tapscott-Munson:

- Martin Luther King Jr. Garlanding Ceremony – January 16, 2026

Dr. Marcy Masumoto:

- Board Retreat, February 12, 2026, FCSS - Room 274
Facilitator: Eric Cederquist

M. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- Board Appreciation Month - January
- Congratulates new President and Vice President
- ProChild Policy Agenda 2025
- Cradle To Career 2025 Annual Report
- Foundation@FCOE 2025 Annual Report
- Governor's Budget Update
- Martin Luther King Jr. Garlanding Ceremony
- MLK Awards Ceremony, January 15, 2026, Clovis Veterans Memorial District
- Rooted to Rise, February 3, 2026, at CSU Fresno
- Super Quiz - February 7, 2026

TOP 10 of 2025

1. CISC Conference - Ignite
2. Thirteen Wellness Centers across Fresno County
3. Safe Schools Symposium
4. Blue Ribbon Schools - significant growth
5. CTE Design Build
6. Community Schools - 39 Schools
7. County, Play, & Explore
8. Student Data Improvement
9. New - Youth Poet Laureate
10. CTE Dispatch Trailer Launch

N. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

O. NEXT MEETING

The next regular Board meeting will be held on February 19, 2026, at Fresno County Office of Education, 1111 Van Ness Avenue, Fresno, CA 93721.

P. ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn was

Moved by: Dr. Allen Clyde

Seconded by: Bryan Burton

Yes

Bryan Burton, Dr. Allen Clyde, Marcy Masumoto,
Kimberly Tapscott-Munson, and Itzi Robles

The motion carried. 4:26 p.m. 5-0



Superintendent of Schools