

**LYNWOOD UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**SPECIAL MEETING/STUDY SESSION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
Education Center 11321 Bullis Road, Board Room B-105, B-106, Lynwood, California, 90262  
**March 18, 2021**

**MINUTES**

**1. IMPORTANT ADVISORY REGARDING PUBLIC MEETING (COVID-19)**

The public meeting was held at 11321 Bullis Road, Lynwood, CA, 90262. Public participation was subject to the State's Guidance and the County of Los Angeles Department of Public Health Order. Important information on how to participate in the public meeting and submit public comment were outlined on the agenda.

**2. CALL TO ORDER**

The special meeting/study session of the Board of Education, held on March 18, 2021, was called to order at 5:37 p.m. by the President, Mrs. Lopez, to conduct a closed session. Superintendent Crosthwaite took the roll.

**3. ROLL CALL**

**Present:** Mrs. Maria G. Lopez, President  
Mr. Alfonso Morales, Esq., Clerk  
Mr. Gary Hardie, Jr., Member  
Dr. Alma Carina Castro, Member (*Participated via Teleconference*)

Legal Counsel, Mr. Terence Gallagher of Olivarez Madruga Lemieux O'Neill, LLP, was also present.

**4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA OF THE SPECIAL MEETING/STUDY SESSION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION ON MARCH 18, 2021**

Motion to approve the May 18, 2021 agenda by Mr. Morales; Seconded by Mr. Hardie.

Individual votes by roll call:

Mrs. Lopez – Yes  
Mr. Morales – Yes  
Mr. Hardie – Yes  
Dr. Castro – Yes

Item passed with 4-0 votes.

**5. PUBLIC COMMENT/COMMUNICATIONS – *None*.**

**6. GOVERNING BOARD - Recess to Closed Session at 5:39 p.m.**

6.A. Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated/Potential Litigation – Pursuant to GC § 54956.9(d)(4)  
6.A.1. Initiation of Litigation Pursuant to Paragraph (4) of Subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9:  
One (1) Case

**7. RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION/CALL TO ORDER**

The Board reconvened into open session at 5:53 p.m. Superintendent Crosthwaite took the roll.

**8. ROLL CALL**

**Present:** Mrs. Maria G. Lopez, President  
Mr. Alfonso Morales, Esq., Clerk  
Mr. Gary Hardie, Jr., Member  
Dr. Alma Carina Castro, Member (*Participated via Teleconference*)

The following were also present:

- Mr. Terence Gallagher, Legal Counsel, Olivarez Madruga Lemieux O'Neill, LLP
- Shawna Dinkins, Ed.D., Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services

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- Gregory Fromm, Chief Business Official
- Brian Lucas, Ed.D., Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources

## **9. FLAG SALUTE**

## **10. PUBLIC COMMENT/COMMUNICATIONS – *None.***

## **11. GOVERNING BOARD**

### ***Vacant School Board Position***

The Board of Education explored various strategies to fill the vacant position on the Board. Mr. Terence Gallagher, Legal Counsel, provided important information and guidelines per the Lynwood Unified School District Bylaws that must be followed.

Mr. Hardie recommended the Board hear the community and select someone the community agrees with. He requested the vacancy be announced via local newspapers and social media.

Mrs. Lopez would like the Board to continue working together and emphasized the importance of not being biased in the process.

Superintendent Crosthwaite shared that the administration would begin the process to ensure the District takes necessary steps to fill the vacancy within the required sixty days.

### ***Reopening Plans (Presentation available on website.)***

Dr. Shawna Dinkins, Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services, shared important information regarding reopening plans. Highlights of Dr. Dinkins' presentation included the following:

- Established Standards
- Established Protocols
- Overview
- Reopening Dates
- Survey Results

### ***Facilities Update***

Mr. Gregory Fromm, Chief Business Official, provided a brief update regarding the relocation of Lynwood High School.

## **12. REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION**

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- *The Board received information only. No final action was taken.*

## **13. ADJOURNMENT**

President Lopez adjourned the meeting at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gudiel R. Crosthwaite, Ph.D.  
Superintendent & Secretary to the Board