



**Escuela Popular**  
**Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday, February 17, 2026 – 4:00 pm**  
*This meeting was held at: Escuela Popular*  
 149 N. White Road  
 San Jose, CA 95127  
**Additional Call-In Addresses:**  
 7 Commodore Dr., Emeryville, CA 94608

Board Member	Present	Absent	Board Member	Present	Absent
Dr. Pablo Reguerin, Chair	x		Maria del Rocio Preciado	x	
Sanjuana Ochoa, Secretary	x		Robert Escobar		x
Dr. Bernard Gifford, Vice Chair	x		Dr. Sherry Segura	x	
Dr. Ellen Middaugh, Treasurer	x				

Also in attendance: Patricia Reguerin

I. Call to Order	Time																																								
The meeting was called to order by the Board Chair, Pablo Reguerin.	4:00 pm																																								
II. Roll Call / Attendance																																									
See above.	4:03 pm																																								
III. Public Comment																																									
3.1 Non-Agenda Public Comment	4:04 pm																																								
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3.2 Agenda Public Comment	4:04 pm																																								
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IV. Approve Minutes from January 23, 2026																																									
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**5.1 Approval of New Board Member: Lori Ramos Chavez (CTC seat)**

Ellen Middaugh will be stepping down from the board.  
Lori Ramos Chavez is elected as a new member for the CTC seat.

4:05 pm

Motion: Bernie Gifford  
Second: San Juana Ochoa

Vote

Member	Yay	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Reguerin	x			
Ochoa	x			
Gifford	x			
Segura	x			
Preciado	x			
Escobar				x

**5.2 Director’s Report**

Executive Director Patricia Reguerin on the following:

4:16 pm

Director’s Report – Summary for Board Minutes

- Data from the Bay Area Geographic Leads Consortium (supporting DASS schools) showed EPCTC achieved the highest one-year graduation rate in the region at **89.5% for 2025**.
- Leadership has dedicated significant time to preparing the EPCTC renewal petition, responding to District inquiries, and addressing the Notice of Revocation.
- Staff, students, and families have been kept informed through ongoing and transparent communication.
- The EP community has demonstrated strong support. Community partners submitted letters of support to ESUHSD for both schools.
- The uncertainty surrounding the renewal process has created anxiety within the community and has negatively impacted enrollment, particularly at EPCTC.
- Administration met collaboratively with District staff to review teacher credentials. Of 39 teaching positions, 35 teachers hold the appropriate credentials, and 4 vacancies are currently covered by substitute credentials.
- Administration will continue responding to Board and District requests in a timely manner and is actively preparing for the 2025–26 school year, including staffing, recruitment, and program planning.

<p><b>5.3 Financial Update</b></p>	<p>See Board Packet</p> <p>Anita Amoh from Vertex provided the financial update on the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. State Budget Updates</li> <li>2. 2024-25 Audit</li> <li>3. 2025-26 Financial Update</li> <li>4. Debt Service Coverage</li> <li>5. Exhibits             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. YTD Financials</li> <li>b. Cash Flow</li> <li>c. Balance Sheet</li> <li>d. FY25 Audit</li> </ol> </li> </ol>	<p>4:22 pm</p>																																								
<p><b>5.4 Approve Annual Audit</b></p>	<p>See Board Packet: Anita Amoh from Vertex presented the Annual Audit for 24-25.</p> <p>Motion: Lori Ramos Chavez Second: Bernie Gifford</p> <p>Vote</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="597 800 1344 1121"> <thead> <tr> <th>Member</th> <th>Yay</th> <th>Nay</th> <th>Abstain</th> <th>Absent</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Reguerin</td> <td>x</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Ochoa</td> <td>x</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Gifford</td> <td>x</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Segura</td> <td>x</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Preciado</td> <td>x</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Escobar</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>x</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Ramos Chavez</td> <td>x</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Member	Yay	Nay	Abstain	Absent	Reguerin	x				Ochoa	x				Gifford	x				Segura	x				Preciado	x				Escobar				x	Ramos Chavez	x				<p>4:28 pm</p>
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<p><b>5.5 Mid-Year LCAP Presentation for EPAFLC and EPCTC</b></p>	<p>See Board packet:</p> <p>Olivia Cortes, Principal, Lucero Arellano, Director of Student Services, and Patricia Reguerin, Executive Director, presented on the Mid-Year LCAP for both EPAFLC and EPCTC.</p> <p>This presentation provided a mid-year update on the Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP), including metrics, expenditures, and implementation progress. It covered available outcome data, highlighted areas where progress was ongoing or unknown, and reviewed mid-year expenditures and actions taken. The impact on the budget overview for parents for EPAFLC and EPCTC.</p>	<p>4:38 pm</p>																																								
<p><b>VI. Consent Agenda</b></p>																																										

<p><b>6.1 Approve November &amp; December, 2025</b>  <b>Check Registers</b>  <b>6.2 AFLC SARC Report</b>  <b>6.3 CTC SARC Report</b></p>	<p>See Board Packet</p> <p>Motion: Sherry Segura  Second: Bernie Gifford</p> <p>Vote</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="597 304 1269 630"> <thead> <tr> <th>Member</th> <th>Yay</th> <th>Nay</th> <th>Abstain</th> <th>Absent</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Reguerin</td> <td>x</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Ochoa</td> <td>x</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Gifford</td> <td>x</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Segura</td> <td>x</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Preciado</td> <td>x</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Escobar</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>x</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Ramos</td> <td>x</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Chavez</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Member	Yay	Nay	Abstain	Absent	Reguerin	x				Ochoa	x				Gifford	x				Segura	x				Preciado	x				Escobar				x	Ramos	x				Chavez					<p>5:06 pm</p>
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<p><b>VII. Closed Session</b></p>		
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<p>7.1 Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to: -Paragraph (2) or (3) of subdivision of Section 54956.9 (3 cases)</p> <p>7.2 Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release  San Juana &amp; Pablo recused themselves from the meeting @ 6:18.</p>		<p>5:07 pm</p>
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<p><b>VIII. Report Out Of Closed Session on Any Action Taken</b></p>		
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<p>8.1 Report out</p>	<p>The Board reports out the following action taken in closed session.</p> <p>The Board voted to direct the Board Chair to work with legal counsel to explore and evaluate all available legal options to challenge the East Side Union High School District’s pending revocation of the Escuela Popular/Center for Training and Career Charter School and the Escuela Popular Accelerated Family Learning Center charter schools.</p> <p>The motion passed by the following vote:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Pablo Reguerin: [Aye]</li> <li>- Bernard Gifford: [Aye]</li> <li>- San Juana Ochoa: [Aye]</li> <li>- Maria del Rocio Preciado: [Aye]</li> <li>- Robert Escobar: [Absent]</li> <li>- Dr. Sherry Segura: [Abstain]</li> <li>- Lori Ramos: [Aye]</li> </ul>	<p>7:19 pm</p>
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<b>IX. Adjournment</b>		
9.1 Adjournment	The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 pm	7:20 pm

**Board Approved on: 4/16/26**