



Escuela Popular Board of Directors
Regular Meeting Minutes
Monday, August 24, 2026 - 5:30 PM
149 N. White Rd., San Jose, CA 95127

Board Member	Present	Absent	Board Member	Present	Absent
Dr. Pablo Reguerin, Chair	x		Luis Polanco	x	
Sanjuana Ochoa, Secretary	x				
Dr. Bernard Gifford, Vice Chair	x				
Lori Ramos Chavez		x			
Martha Maciel, Treasurer*	x				

*Director Martha Maciel participated in the meeting remotely under the applicable “just cause” exception due to a qualifying contagious illness.

Also in attendance: Patricia Reguerin

I. Call to Order				
Time				
The meeting was called to order by the Board Chair, Pablo Reguerin.				5:30 pm
II. Roll Call / Attendance				
See above.				5:30 pm
Staff identified a typographical error in the posted agenda: the year on item 6.5 of the consent agenda should have read FY26-27 rather than FY23-24.				5:33 pm
III. Public Comment				
3.1 Non-Agenda Public Comment	No public comment.			5:34 pm
3.2 Agenda Public Comment	No public comment.			5:35 pm
IV. Approve Minutes of August 10th,2026				
Director Luis Polanco requested the date on the header of the minutes be corrected to reflect August 10.				5:35 pm
Motion: Bernard Gifford				
Second: Sanjuana Ochoa				
Vote				
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V. Action/Discussion																																									
5.1 Director’s Report		See Board Packet: Executive Director Patricia Reguerin reported on Academic programs, Teacher Credentials, Enrollment and Recruitment Efforts, Human Resources, Compliance, Special Education, and Community Relations.				5:39 pm																																			
5.2 Approval Prop. 28 Annual Report		See Board Packet: Motion: Sanjuana Ochoa Second: Luis Polanco Vote <table><tr><th>Member</th><th>Yay</th><th>Nay</th><th>Abstain</th><th>Absent</th></tr><tr><td>Pablo Reguerin</td><td>X</td><td></td><td></td><td></td></tr><tr><td>Sanjuana Ochoa</td><td>X</td><td></td><td></td><td></td></tr><tr><td>Bernard Gifford</td><td>X</td><td></td><td></td><td></td></tr><tr><td>Lori Ramos Chavez</td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td>X</td></tr><tr><td>Martha Maciel</td><td>X</td><td></td><td></td><td></td></tr><tr><td>Luis Polanco</td><td>X</td><td></td><td></td><td></td></tr></table>				Member	Yay	Nay	Abstain	Absent	Pablo Reguerin	X				Sanjuana Ochoa	X				Bernard Gifford	X				Lori Ramos Chavez				X	Martha Maciel	X				Luis Polanco	X				5:41 pm
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5.3 Resolution to close Escuela Popular/Center for Training and Careers Family Learning Center	Motion: Luis Polanco Second: Sanjuana Ochoa Vote <table><tr><th>Member</th><th>Yay</th><th>Nay</th><th>Abstain</th><th>Absent</th></tr><tr><td>Pablo Reguerin</td><td>X</td><td></td><td></td><td></td></tr><tr><td>Sanjuana Ochoa</td><td>X</td><td></td><td></td><td></td></tr><tr><td>Bernard Gifford</td><td>X</td><td></td><td></td><td></td></tr><tr><td>Lori Ramos Chavez</td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td>X</td></tr><tr><td>Martha Maciel</td><td>X</td><td></td><td></td><td></td></tr><tr><td>Luis Polanco</td><td>X</td><td></td><td></td><td></td></tr></table>	Member	Yay	Nay	Abstain	Absent	Pablo Reguerin	X				Sanjuana Ochoa	X				Bernard Gifford	X				Lori Ramos Chavez				X	Martha Maciel	X				Luis Polanco	X				5:43 pm
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5.4 ESL Program Planning Update	Olivia Cortes, Academic Programs Director presented on the philosophy and logistics behind the new ESL program for adults.	5:47 pm																																			
VI. Consent Agenda																																					
6.1 Approve Student Cell Phone and Personal Electronic Device Policy 6.2 Approve Referral Protocols for Addressing Pupil Behavioral Health Concerns Policy 6.3 Approve Student Suicide Prevention Policy 6.4 Approve 2026-2027 Student Handbook 6.5 Approve FY26-27 Special Education Master Contracts *Corrected FY 23-24: Item 6.5 corrected to reflect the proper year. No other changes were made." 6.6 Approve Updated Board Meeting Calendar 26-27 6.7 Approve May, June & July 2026 Check Registers	See Board Packet: Motion: Sanjuana Ochoa Second: Bernard Gifford Vote <table><tr><th>Member</th><th>Yay</th><th>Nay</th><th>Abstain</th><th>Absent</th></tr><tr><td>Pablo Reguerin</td><td>X</td><td></td><td></td><td></td></tr><tr><td>Sanjuana Ochoa</td><td>X</td><td></td><td></td><td></td></tr><tr><td>Bernard Gifford</td><td>X</td><td></td><td></td><td></td></tr><tr><td>Lori Ramos Chavez</td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td>X</td></tr><tr><td>Martha Maciel</td><td>X</td><td></td><td></td><td></td></tr><tr><td>Luis Polanco</td><td>X</td><td></td><td></td><td></td></tr></table>	Member	Yay	Nay	Abstain	Absent	Pablo Reguerin	X				Sanjuana Ochoa	X				Bernard Gifford	X				Lori Ramos Chavez				X	Martha Maciel	X				Luis Polanco	X				6:00 pm
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VII. Closed Session																																					
7.1 Conference with Legal Counsel--Anticipated Litigation Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to Paragraph (2) or (3) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9: (two cases)		6:09 pm																																			

7.2 Conference with Legal Counsel-Existing Litigation (Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9) Name of case: Escuela Popular del Pueblo v. East Side Union High School District, Case No. 26CV491676 7.3 Section 54957: Public Employee: Discipline/Dismissal/Release 7.4 Section 54957: Public Employee Performance Evaluation: Executive Director Pablo Reguerin recuses himself and leaves the room at 7:10 pm. Orlando Ramos & Patricia Reuerin leave the room at 7:10 pm.																																								
VIII. Report Out Of Closed Session on Any Action Taken																																								
8.0 No Action taken on 7.1, 7.2, 7.3, and 7.4					7:27 pm																																			
IX. Action/Discussion																																								
9.1 Approval of Position Eliminations in Connection with Closure of EPCTC		Board authorized the reduction in workforce due to the closure of EPCTC. Motion: Luis Polanco Second: Sanjuana Ochoa Vote <table><tr><th>Member</th><th>Yay</th><th>Nay</th><th>Abstain</th><th>Absent</th></tr><tr><td>Pablo Reguerin</td><td>X</td><td></td><td></td><td></td></tr><tr><td>Sanjuana Ochoa</td><td>X</td><td></td><td></td><td></td></tr><tr><td>Bernard Gifford</td><td>X</td><td></td><td></td><td></td></tr><tr><td>Lori Ramos Chavez</td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td>X</td></tr><tr><td>Martha Maciel</td><td>X</td><td></td><td></td><td></td></tr><tr><td>Luis Polanco</td><td>X</td><td></td><td></td><td></td></tr></table>			Member	Yay	Nay	Abstain	Absent	Pablo Reguerin	X				Sanjuana Ochoa	X				Bernard Gifford	X				Lori Ramos Chavez				X	Martha Maciel	X				Luis Polanco	X				7:28 pm
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9.2 Review of Executive Director Compensation Study and Findings; Recommendations		No action taken.			7:32 pm																																			
X. Adjournment																																								
10.0 Adjournment		The meeting was adjourned at 7:33 pm.			7:33 pm																																			

Board Approved on: 09/19/2026