

MINUTES

Date of Meeting: September 30, 2025

Type of Meeting: Executive Session

Place of Meeting: Long Beach Central Administration Conference Room

Members Present: Board President Alexis Pace
Board Vice President Nora Bellsey
Board Member Dennis Ryan, Ph.D.
Board Member Sam Pinto (arrived 5:40 pm)
Board Member Anne Conway

Others Present: Dr. Jennifer Gallagher, Superintendent of Schools
Mr. Michael DeVito, Asst. Supt. For Finance & Operations
Dr. Michele Natali, Asst. Supt. For Personnel & Administration

Board President Pace called for a motion to go into executive session at 5:30 PM to discuss district pending legal and personnel matters.

**Motion to Go Into
Executive Session**

Motion by: Board President Pace
Seconded by: Board Vice President Bellsey
Approved: 4-0

Board President Pace called for a motion to adjourn the executive session at 6:45 PM.

Adjournment

Motion by: Board President Pace
Seconded by: Board Member Pinto
Approved: 5-0

MINUTES

Date of Meeting: September 30, 2025

Type of Meeting: Regular Meeting

Place of Meeting: Lido Elementary Multipurpose Room

Members Present: Board President Alexis Pace
Board Vice President Nora Bellsey
Board Member Sam Pinto
Board Member Anne Conway

Absent: Board Member Dennis Ryan, Ph.D.

Others Present: Dr. Jennifer Gallagher, Superintendent of Schools
Michael I. DeVito, Asst. Supt. For Finance and Operations
Dr. Michele Natali, Asst. Supt. for Personnel & Administration
Members of the Public

I. Pledge of Allegiance/Call to Order/Opening Remarks – Board President

The regular meeting of the Long Beach Board of Education was called to order by Board President Pace at 7:00 pm. Ms. Pace reminded the audience if anyone would like to speak to please fill out a Public Comment card. Ms. Pace turned the meeting over to Dr. Gallagher.

II. Superintendent's Report – Dr. Gallagher

Superintendent's Report

III. Presentation: Achievement Data and Action Plan

Dr. Gallagher presented the District Achievements Summary, highlighting academic growth at all grade levels, state proficiency gains exceeding county averages, IB and AP program successes, 96% graduation rate and college acceptances, District accolades in arts, athletics, and community service, and strategic plan goals for 2025–26 focusing on opportunity, engagement, and achievement.

Presentations: Proposed Districtwide Capital Plan

Mr. DeVito provided an overview of the proposed \$87.7 million Districtwide Capital Improvement Plan, including HVAC installation across all buildings, Playground renovations at elementary schools, High school and middle school field upgrades, locker room renovations, High school marine science, robotics, and carpentry classrooms, no additional tax impact due to retiring debt service, Bond vote scheduled for October 28, 2025.

IV. President Pace called for Board of Education Comments

BOE Comments

- Ms. Conway thanked Mr. DeVito for his work on presentation and thanked Mr. Pinto for his work on the committee. She stated the Board is trying to ensure the buildings are maintained and providing students with what they need to be successful. She asked if a big sign can be put up regarding the Bond Vote. Mr. DeVito replied that banners are being created and there are signs in all of the buildings.
- Mr. Pinto reiterated everything Ms. Conway said.
- Ms. Bellsey had spoken to a student that requested a Foosball table for the cafeteria.
- Ms. Pace asked if the bond could be promoted on social media.
- Ms. Pace announced that Dr. Ryan was unable to attend the night's meeting.

V. Questions and Comments from the Public on Tonight's Agenda only

Questions/Comments from Public – Items on Tonight's Agenda Only

- Community members from the MLK Center thanked the district for partnership and collaboration.

VI. Approval of Minutes for Executive Session and Regular Meeting of July 1, 2025, Executive Session, Executive Session and Regular Meeting of July 22, 2025, Executive Session and Regular Meeting of August 19, 2025, Executive Session and Regular Meeting of August 26, 2025.

Board President Pace called for a motion.

Approval of Exec Session and Meeting Minutes for Jul 1, 2025, July 22, 2025, August 19, 2025 and August 26, 2025.

Motion by: Board Vice President Bellsey
Seconded by: Board Member Sam Pinto
Approved: 4-0

VII. PRESENTATIONS OF THE SUPERINTENDENT:

VII.1 Dr. Gallagher recommended the approval of Personnel Matters: Certificated

Board President Pinto called for a motion.

**Presentations of the Superintendent
Approval of: Personnel Matters: Certificated**

Motion by: Board Member Conway
Seconded by: Board Vice President Bellsey
Approved: 4-0

- Dr. Gallagher congratulated Anthony Balsamo, the new interim Vice Principal in the High School.
- Ms. Conway asked why the homework center is on certain days. Dr. Smith replied there is a faculty meeting on Mondays.

RESOLUTIONS

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the following personnel actions

I. CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL

(a) Resignation for the Purpose of Retirement

Name:	Mary Mauceri
Assign./Loc:	Part Time Teacher Assistant/Lindell
Effective Date:	December 31, 2025, close of day

(b) Rescind

Name:	Daniel Bailey
Assign./Loc.	Phys Ed Teacher/West School
Effective Dates:	September 8, 2025 – October 15, 2025 , on or about
Reason:	FMLA/Paternity

(c) Leaves of Absence

Name:	Dayna Griffin
Assign./Loc.	Special Education Teacher PPS/LBMS
Effective Dates:	October 20, 2025 – November 21, 2025
Reason:	Childcare/FMLA

Name:	Angela Bryant
Assign./Loc.	Part Time Teaching Assistant/Lido
Effective Dates:	October 1, 2025 – December 23, 2025, on or about
Reason:	Medical

Name:	Eleni Papathanasiou
Assign./Loc.	Part Time Teaching Assistant/West
Effective Dates:	September 2, 2025 – December 23, 2025
Reason:	Educational

Name:	Maximillian Grant
Assign./Loc.	Elementary Part Time Teaching Assistant/West
Effective Dates:	September 2, 2025 – December 12, 2025
Reason:	Educational

Name:	Darlene Ventre
Assign./Loc.	Full Time Teaching Assistant/Lido
Effective Dates:	September 29, 2025 – December 31, 2025, on or about
Reason:	Family Illness/FMLA

I. CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL

Leaves of Absence (cont'd)

Name: Blake Malizia
Assign./Loc. Business Education Teacher/LBHS
Effective Dates: October 29, 2025 – November 25, 2025
Reason: Paternity/FMLA

Name: Mary Oliva-Kong
Assign./Loc. East School
Effective Dates: September 29, 2025 – November 7, 2025 – on or about
Reason: Medical

(d) Amended Appointment: Part Time Physical Education/Health Teacher (.7)/Perm Sub (.3)

Name: Jessica Risso
Assign./Loc.: Additional .1 Physical Education/LBMS
Effective Dates: September 11, 2025 – June 30, 2026
Amended Allocation .7 BA/Step 4, (.6 East/.1 LBMS)
.3 Perm Sub, (.3 East)
Salary Classification: \$75,279 per annum prorated (.7)
Perm Sub: \$250.76/day prorated (.3)
Reason: To meet a District need

(e) Appointment: Interim Secondary Vice Principal

Name: Anthony Balsamo
Assign./Loc: Interim Secondary Vice Principal/Long Beach High School
Certification: School District Leader-Professional,
English Language Arts-Professional
Effective Date: October 1, 2025
End Date: June 30, 2026
Salary Classification: \$150,000 per annum (pro-rated)
Reason: To fill a leave
Comment: Takes a leave from Teaching position

(f) Appointment: Spanish Teacher (.5)

Name: Lina Onufrock
Assign./Loc.: Spanish Teacher (.5)/Lido & West
Certification: Spanish 1-6 Extension, Professional
Spanish 7-12, Professional
Childhood Ed, Initial
Effective Dates: October 20, 2025 – June 30, 2026
Rate of Pay: MA+40/Step 2 (\$83,169 per annum) prorated
Reason: To fill a vacancy

I. CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL

- (g) Appointment Part Time AIS Teachers/Long Beach Catholic Regional School – for the 2025/2026 school year – Stipend \$7,398 each – grant funded/Title I**

Kelly-Anne Toritto
Nicole Guma-Isola Christina Volpe

- (h) Appointment Part Time AIS Teacher/Yeshiva Darchei Torah – for the 2025/2026 school year – Stipend \$4,227 each – grant funded/Title I**

Layah Mandelbaum

- (i) Appointment: 5th Grade Mock Trial Club Advisors effective 2025-2026 School Year- Rate of Pay \$61.93 per hour up to 48 hours.**

Jennifer Maggio Justin Sulsky
Dana Monti Jackie Nyman

- (j) Appointment: Homework Center Teachers at \$82.28 per hour- SIG Grant Funded**

MLK Center – Elementary October 1, 2025-June 11, 2026

Name	Days	Time
Lisa Hourigan	T	4-5 P.M.
Michelle Spreckels	T	4-5 P.M.
Brittney Beigel	W	4-5 P.M.
Jeanne Richards	W	4-5 P.M.
Mayela Molina	TH	4-5 P.M.
Krista Piarulli	TH	4-5 P.M.
Brooke Connochie	Sub	
Taylor Pollock	Sub	

LBMS Library – Secondary October 1, 2025-June 11, 2026

Name	Days	Time
Tara Mele	T	3-4 P.M.
Gregory Cody	T	3-4 P.M.
Samantha Metzger	W	3-4 P.M.
Steven Bialick	W	3-4 P.M.
Kelleen Batchelor	TH	3-4 P.M.
Brittany Biegel	TH	3-4 P.M.

I. CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL

(j) continued, LBHS Library – Secondary October 1, 2025-June 11, 2026

Name	Days	Time
Natalie Aviles	T, W	3-4 P.M.
Christine Graham	W	3-4 P.M.
Joe Jeremias	T, TH	3-4 P.M.
Julie Kolanivic	TH	3-4 P.M.
Patricia Barrett	Sub	

(k) Amended Appointment: Advisors for LBMS Co-Curricular Activities 2025-2026 School Year

MS Club Activity	Advisor	Stipend
Cheerleading (Football & Basketball)	Add Shakeina Green <i>Split w/Lindsay Pichichero</i>	\$1,703
Intramural Golf	Add Joseph Hoffman <i>Split w/Walter Kramme</i>	\$2,555

(l) Appointment: Advisors for LBHS Co-Curricular Activities for the 2025-2026 School Year

LBHS Club Activity	Name	Stipend
JV Cheer	Lisa Leibowitz	\$4,324

(m) Appointment: Advisors for Club Activities for the 2025-2026 School Year

Club Activity	Name	Rate	School
Odyssey of the Mind	D. MacConnell/Milkan Melo Olivera	\$61.93 per hour-each- max 80 hours for regular season. 20 Hours max for Regionals to States, if applicable	Elementary

(n) Amended Appointment: Part Time Teacher Assistants 17.5 hours per week for School Year 2025-2026 (or earlier at the district's discretion). Rate according to contract.

Name	Building	From	To	Hours Per Day	Effective Date
Michelle Ghent	East	TA - AM	TA - PreK - PM	5	9/2/2025
Mary Ann Scott	East	TA - PM	TA - PreK - AM	4	9/3/2025
Spencer Shiff	Lindell	TA - PreK - PT PM	TA - PM	3.5	9/4/2025

Board of Education
Long Beach Public Schools

September 30, 2025

Gina Colletta	Timothy Cabasino
Edward Courtney	James Stankard
Eileen Bauer	Christina Farrell
Joanne Harvey	Heather Fisher
Natalie Aviles	Victoria Stanishia Ferrara
Jessica Baker	Nicole Scorgia
Christianne Donohue	Dana Monti
Kristine Farrell	Jackie Nyman
Carina Morales Hauser	Kirstyn Pappas
Stephanie Zimmerman	Amanda Bernstein

(p) The following Per Diem Substitute Teachers are recommended for approval for the 2025-2026 school year. \$150 per day

NAME	CERTIFICATION
Joseph D'Andrea	Social Studies 7-12, In progress

(q) MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT: LONG BEACH PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND THE ASPPG

BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Education approves the Memorandum of Agreement between the negotiating representatives of the Long Beach Public Schools and the Administrative, Supervisory and Pupil Personnel Group Francine Newman, dated September 30, 2025

VII.2 Dr. Gallagher recommended the approval of Personnel Matters: Non-Certificated

Motion by: Board Member Conway
Seconded by: Board Vice President Bellsey
Approved: 4-0

Approval of Personnel Matters: Non-Certificated
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I. NON-CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL

(a) Resignation

Name: Ashrafun Nessa
Assign./Loc: Part Time Teacher Aide /LBHS
Effective Date: September 19, 2025, close of day

Name: Cheyenne Profeta
Assign./Loc: Part Time Teacher Aide /West
Effective Date: July 1, 2025, close of day

Name: Libia Ramos
Assign./Loc: Part Time Bus Aide /Transportation
Effective Date: September 15, close of day

Name: Luca Salerno
Assign./Loc: Part Time Teacher Aide/Lindell
Effective Date: September 1, 2025
Comment: To take another position in the district

(b) Rescission:

NON-CERTIFICATED

Name	Title of Workshops/Position	Rate per hour	Max hours	Total
Hagedorn, Elizabeth	The Integrative Healing Arts	40.00	15	600.

(c) Appointment: Regular Substitute Nurse

Name: Sheila Noble
Assign./Loc: School Nurse/LBMS
Effective Dates: October 21, 2025-March 20, 2026 (or earlier at the district's discretion)

Grade/Step: Step 1
Salary Classification: \$52,282 , pro-rated
Comment: To cover a leave of absence

(d) Appointment: Full Time Probationary Night Cleaner

Name: Luca Salerno
Assign./Loc.: Full Time Probationary Night Cleaner/Lindell
Probationary Start Date: September 2, 2025
Probationary End Date: September 1, 2029
Grade/Step: Grade 1/Step 3
Salary Classification: \$42,519 per annum
Reason: To fill a vacancy

I. NON-CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL

(e) Appointment: Part Time Food Service Worker (17.5 hours per week)

Name: Nyema Wilson
Assign./Loc.: Part Time Food Service Worker/Lido
Effective Date: September 26, 2025
Salary Classification: \$18.20 per hour
Grade/Step: Grade I/Step 6
Reason: To fill a vacancy

(f) The following Per Diem Substitute is recommended for approval for the 2025-2026 school year

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>
Katie Deely	Teacher Aide
William King	Teacher Aide

(g) Appointment: Part Time Teacher Aide 17.5 hours per week for School Year 2025-2026

Name	Step	Rate	Location	Reason	A.M./P.M.
Jane McLoughlin	1	\$18.20	Lindell	1:1	A.M.
Theresa Rokee	1	\$18.20	LBHS	1:1	P.M.
Sherry Levy	1	\$18.20	LBHS	1:1	P.M.
Ciara Pinzon	1	\$18.20	Lido	1:1	P.M.
Brittany Goll	1	\$18.20	Lido	PK ICT	A.M.

(h) Amended Appointment Part Time Lunch Aide/Teacher Aide P.M..

Name	Building	From	To	Hours Per Day	Effective Date
Kalisa Eason	Lido	Lunch Aide	Teacher Aide P.M	3.5	10/1/2025
Willi Woo	Lido	Teacher Aide P.M.	Lunch Aide	3	10/1/2025

(i) The following Per Diem Substitutes are recommended for approval for the the 2025-2026 school year.

Jack Thurston Cleaner

(j) Be it resolved, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves an MOA amendment to the contract for Keri Cohen as Financial Analyst II, dated September 16, 2025.

VII.3 Dr. Gallagher recommended the appointment of Student Ex Officio Board of Education Member

Motion by: Board Member Pinto
Seconded by: Board Vice President Bellsey
Approved: 4-0

Appointment of Student Ex Officio Board of Education member
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BE IT RESOLVED that for the 2025-2026 academic year, the Board of Education designates Grayson Schroeder as an ex officio member of the Long Beach School District Board of Education. The ex officio student member of the board shall be entitled to sit with board members at all public meetings and hearings of the board and may participate in other board activities and responsibilities at the discretion of the board. The ex officio student member shall not be allowed to vote, shall not be allowed to attend executive session or any other meetings or hearings not open to the public, and shall not be entitled to receive compensation of any form for participating at board meetings.

VII.4 FIRST READING OF POLICY # 3180 TRIBUTES AND MEMORIALS

No Action Necessary

VII.5 FIRST READING OF POLICY # 3180 TRIBUTES AND MEMORIALS

No Action Necessary

VII.6-10 Dr. Gallagher recommended in a combined voter items 6 through 10.

Board President Pinto called for a motion. Motion
by: Board Member Pinto
Seconded by: Board Vice President Bellsey
Approved: 4-0

VII.6. APPROVAL OF COUNSLR, INC. CONTRACT

Approval of Counslr, Inc. Contract

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Long Beach City School District hereby approves the Master Subscription Agreement with Counslr, Inc. effective September 1, 2025, to and including August 31, 2026, to provide a grant funded technology platform to enable independent mental health professionals to provide text-based mental health support services.

VII.7. APPROVAL OF EXTENSION OF EMERGENCY EXPENDITURE FOR MOBILE A/C UNITS

Approval of Extension of Emergency Expenditure for Mobile A/C Units
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WHEREAS, on July 22, 2025, the Board of Education approved a resolution authorizing an emergency expenditure for temporary A/C units, which A/C units were rented and

installed for the purpose of providing cooling to part of the Long Beach Administration Building pursuant to that resolution ("Emergency Expenditure"); and

WHEREAS, the District is awaiting parts to repair (1) roof top HVAC unit; and

WHEREAS, the District is unable to cool the Long Beach Administration Building Business Office without the A/C units leased pursuant to the Emergency Expenditure; and

WHEREAS, continued utilization of the leased A/C units is essential to protect the life, health, and safety of District Administration staff.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education of the Long Beach City School District hereby authorizes continuation of the leased A/C units procured pursuant to the Emergency Expenditure with the total cost of the procurement and installation of such A/C units in an amount not to exceed the sum of \$15,000.

VII. 8 ACCEPTANCE OF DONATION

Acceptance of Donation

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts a donation of \$5,000 for the High School Wellness Center from the Michael Diamond Charitable Foundation Inc.

Dr. Gallagher thanked the representative from the Michael Diamond Foundation for the donation.

Ms. Conway expressed gratitude for the generous donation.

VII.9 ACCEPTANCE OF RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE COMMITTEE ON PRE-SCHOOL SPECIAL EDUCATION AND COMMITTEE ON SPECIAL EDUCATION

Acceptance of Recommendations from the Committee on Pre-School Special Education and Committee on Special Education
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VII.10 APPROVAL OF USE OF SCHOOLS APPLICATIONS

Approval of Use of Schools Applications
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BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the use of schools as attached, not to conflict with District events. However, please note that events may have to be modified and/or rescheduled based on building schedule.

10. APPROVAL OF USE OF SCHOOLS APPLICATIONS

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the use of schools as attached, not to conflict with District events. However, please note that events may have to be modified and/or rescheduled based on building schedule.

APPLICATIONS FOR USE OF SCHOOLS

<u>Organization</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Facility Requested</u>	<u>Dates Requested</u>
Long Beach Football Club, Inc.	Intramural Program	Long Beach Middle School Tennis Courts	Saturdays Sept. 13, 2025- Nov. 29, 2025 7:30 am – 10:00 am
Odyssey of the Mind	Odyssey of the Mind 2025-26	East Elementary School Art Room Cafeteria	Tuesdays and Thursdays Oct. 7, 2025 – May 28, 2026 3:45 pm – 6:00 pm
Flight Cheer	Bulldogs Cheer Pictures	Long Beach High School Gymnasium	Tuesday Oct. 7, 2025 3:45 pm – 9:00 pm
Long Beach Recreation	Long Beach Recreation Volleyball	Lindell Elementary Gymnasium	Wednesdays Sept. 19, 2025 – Nov. 19, 2025 6:00 pm – 9:30 pm
Hofstra University Dept. of Biology	Field Trip	NIKE Classrooms	Thursdays October 9, 2025 October 23, 2025 1:30 pm – 5:00 pm
Hagen School of Irish Dance	Hagenfeis Set up	Lindell Elementary Cafes A, B, Gymnasium	Friday October 17, 2025 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm
Circulo de la Hispanidad	Christmas Show and practice	Lindell Elementary Faculty Room # 142, Auditorium, Auditorium Lobby, Cafeteria A	Tuesday Dec. 2, 2025 5:00 pm – 6:00 pm Friday Dec. 5, 2025 5:00 pm – 9:00 pm

Inferno Dance	Long Island Regional	Long Beach High School Gymnasium, Auditorium and Cafeteria	Friday May 15, 2026 2:00 pm – 10:00 pm Saturday May 16, 2026 7:00 am – 10:30 pm Sunday May 17, 2026 7:00 am – 10:30 pm
CYO Basketball	Basketball	East Elementary Gymnasium	Mondays Sept. 29, 2025 – March 30, 2026 6:30 pm – 9:30 pm
Bach B-ball	Basketball	East Elementary Gymnasium	Wednesdays Sept. 17, 2025 – June 3, 2026 8:00 pm – 9:15 pm
CYO Basketball	Basketball	West Elementary Gymnasium	Wednesdays & Fridays Oct. 1, 2025 – March 27, 2026 6:30 pm – 9:30 pm
CYO Basketball	Basketball	Lindell Elementary Gymnasium	Tuesdays & Thursdays Sept. 30, 2025 – March 26, 2026 6:30 pm – 9:30 pm
Circulo de la Hispanidad	Sport Friday	Long Beach Middle School Gymnasium	Fridays Oct. 3, 2025 – May 8, 2026 8:00 pm – 9 pm

VIII. Board of Education – Additional New/Old Business, if any

**Board of Ed – Additional
Comments**

- Mr. Pinto reminded everyone that Homecoming is October 10, 2025, and the Wall of Fame ceremony is October 11, 2025.
- Ms. Conway has looked into how other schools use designated refrigerators to store any unopened, unused food that students can have access too. Mr. DeVito replied he would be happy to look into it.
- Mrs. Pace asked Dr. Gallagher how everything is going with the cell phone ban. Dr. Gallagher replied very smoothly.

IX. Questions and Comments from the Public

**Questions and Comments
from the Public**

- None from Public
- Student Ex Officio Board of Member reported on increasing student engagement and participation in clubs, the Homecoming theme is “Glowco” and gave updates on the Pep Rally, Spirit Week and student fundraising.

X. Announcements

Announcements

1. Long Beach Classroom Teachers' Association – Karen Bloom thanked for both presentations. Staff is looking forward to improvements in all schools. The new interim High School Vice Principal was congratulated.
2. Administrative, Supervisory and PPS Group – Keith Biesma echoed the LBCTA President's points.
3. LBSEA– none
4. Parent/Teacher Association – The PTA is very excited about the new building. Fundraising is underway.

XI. Adjournment

Adjournment

President Pace called for a motion to adjourn at 7:45 PM.

Motion by: Board Member Pinto
Seconded by: Board Vice President Bellsey
Approved: 4-0

Minutes submitted by:

Susannah Familetti, District Clerk
September 30, 2025