

**MINUTES OF THE GOVERNING BOARD MEETING
FOR THE FOWLER SCHOOL DISTRICT #45
1617 SOUTH 67TH AVENUE
PHOENIX, ARIZONA
August 11, 2026**

CALL TO ORDER	The Governing Board meeting was called to order by Ms. Perez at 4:00 p.m.
OPENING OF REGULAR MEETING: Roll Call	Ms. Lisa M. Perez, Mr. Joe Montoya (virtually) were present
Others Present	Dr. Micheal Halpert, Jessica Larson, Andrea Barrera, Gary Holland, Barbara Gill, Lane Blake, Amelia Sanchez, Vincent Medina, Pattie Campos, Viviana Valenzuela, Roy Valenzuela, Christiana Quintero, Matt Stewart, Carolyn Torres, Stephanie Nardi, Stacie Swartz, Petra Kester, Julie Borunda, Angie Krenkel, Stephen Torres, Hannah Perez, Andrea Dale, Cindy Bradley, Robert Altavilla, Rosemary Reyes, Leticia Valenzuela, Elizabeth Camu, Isaura Bencomo, Yvette Ortiz, Jennifer Quirk, Brenda Torres, Ariana Leal, Sandra Mata
Approve Agenda	There was a motion made by Mr. Montoya, seconded by Ms. Perez, to approve the agenda for August 11, 2026, as presented. Final Resolution: Motion Carries Yea: Ms. Perez, and Mr. Montoya
Pledge of Allegiance	Ms. Perez asked Dr. Halpert to lead the Pledge of Allegiance
Approval of Minutes	There was a motion made by Mr. Montoya, seconded by Ms. Perez, to approve the minutes for: ● July 7, 2026 Regular Meeting Final Resolution: Motion Carries Yea: Ms. Perez, and Mr. Montoya
PRESENTATIONS	There were no presentations.
COMMENTS/CALL TO THE PUBLIC	There were no Public Comments.

ACTION ITEMS

Recommendation to Approve the District Revised Organizational Chart	There was a motion made by Mr. Montoya, seconded by Ms. Perez, to Approve the Action Item as presented. Final Resolution: Motion Carries Yea: Ms. Perez, and Mr. Montoya
Recommendation to Approve the Hiring of Matt Stewart for the Principal at Tuscano Elementary	There was a motion made by Mr. Montoya, seconded by Ms. Perez, to Approve the Action Item as presented. Final Resolution: Motion Carries Yea: Ms. Perez, and Mr. Montoya
Recommendation to Accept the Resignation of Kendra Johnson Without Liquidated Damages	There was a motion made by Mr. Montoya, seconded by Ms. Perez, to Approve the Action Item as presented. Final Resolution: Motion Carries Yea: Ms. Perez, and Mr. Montoya
Recommendation to Accept the Resignation of Anthony Michael C. Ezegbulam Without Liquidated Damages	There was a motion made by Mr. Montoya, seconded by Ms. Perez, to Approve the Action Item as presented. Final Resolution: Motion Carries Yea: Ms. Perez, and Mr. Montoya
Recommendation to Waive Policy GCQE and Approve the Retirement of Ms. Rosemary Reyes effective November 30, 2026	There was a motion made by Mr. Montoya, seconded by Ms. Perez, to Approve the Action Item as presented. Final Resolution: Motion Carries Yea: Ms. Perez, and Mr. Montoya
Recommendation to Approve Updates to the District's Local Wellness Policy	There was a motion made by Mr. Montoya, seconded by Ms. Perez, to Approve the Action Item as presented. Final Resolution: Motion Carries Yea: Ms. Perez, and Mr. Montoya
Recommendation to Approve the Second Reading of ASBA Policy Advisories 961 – 1037	Mr. Gary Holland, Director of Finance made a correction for the record to reflect the request to approve the second reading of ASBA Policy Advisories 961-1046 as presented.. There was a motion made by Mr. Montoya, seconded by Ms. Perez, to Approve the Action Item as presented with the correction to reflect Policy Advisories 961-1046 as presented. Final Resolution: Motion Carries Yea: Ms. Perez, and Mr. Montoya
Recommendation to Approve the Designated Student Treasurer	There was a motion made by Mr. Montoya, seconded by Ms. Perez, to Approve the Action Item as presented. Final Resolution: Motion Carries Yea: Ms. Perez, and Mr. Montoya

Recommendation to Approve the Student and Parent Handbook for FY2026-2027	There was a motion made by Mr. Montoya, seconded by Ms. Perez, to Approve the Action Item as presented. Final Resolution: Motion Carries Yea: Ms. Perez, and Mr. Montoya
Recommendation to Approve the Employee Handbook for FY 2026-2027	There was a motion made by Mr. Montoya, seconded by Ms. Perez, to Approve the Action Item as presented. Final Resolution: Motion Carries Yea: Ms. Perez, and Mr. Montoya
Recommendation to Approve Western Valley Middle School's Request to Participate in California Forum Music Festival Scheduled May 13, 2027 through May 15, 2027	There was a motion made by Mr. Montoya, seconded by Ms. Perez, to Approve the Action Item as presented. Final Resolution: Motion Carries Yea: Ms. Perez, and Mr. Montoya
Recommendation to Approve the School Fundraisers for the 2026 – 2027 School Year	There was a motion made by Mr. Montoya, seconded by Ms. Perez, to Approve the Action Item as presented. Final Resolution: Motion Carries Yea: Ms. Perez, and Mr. Montoya
Recommendation to Approve the Updated FY2026 – 2027 Employee Work Calendar	There was a motion made by Mr. Montoya, seconded by Ms. Perez, to Approve the Action Item as presented. Final Resolution: Motion Carries Yea: Ms. Perez, and Mr. Montoya
Recommendation to Approve the Revised Check Signers for FY2026 – 2027	There was a motion made by Mr. Montoya, seconded by Ms. Perez, to Approve the Action Item as presented. Final Resolution: Motion Carries Yea: Ms. Perez, and Mr. Montoya
Recommendation to Approve the Vendor Contracts Agreements, including Sole-Source Vendors for FY2026-2027	There was a motion made by Mr. Montoya, seconded by Ms. Perez, to Approve the Action Item as presented. Final Resolution: Motion Carries Yea: Ms. Perez, and Mr. Montoya
Recommendation to Approve Conference Registration Fees, and if needed, Travel, and related Costs for Participation in the 50 th ASBA Law Conference September 9 th -11 th , 2026 held at JW Marriott Scottsdale Camelback Inn, attendees: Dr. Michael Halpert, Superintendent, Ms. Lisa Perez, Governing Board Member	There was a motion made by Mr. Montoya, seconded by Ms. Perez, to Approve the Action Item as presented. Final Resolution: Motion Carries Yea: Ms. Perez, and Mr. Montoya

CONSENT ITEMS:

Personnel Changes Summary of Report:	• Twenty-nine (29) <i>New Employee</i> was processed • Twenty-six (26) Employees <i>Separated</i> from employment • Fifty-four (54) Supplementals for <i>Additional Duties</i> or <i>Stipends</i>
Payroll and Expense Vouchers	Payroll vouchers FY26 & FY27 Expense vouchers FY26 & FY27
Budget and Expenditure	The Budget and Expenditure Report was provided to the Governing Board for approval. By approving the report monthly, the Board approves any minor changes between programs that the Finance Department may make as needed.
Student Activities and Fundraising Activities	The Student Activity Reports and their planned Activities through July 2026.
Donations	There were no Donations.
Disposal of District Property	The District has determined that the attached list of district property no longer holds service value or is broken or obsolete. There was a motion made by Mr. Montoya, seconded by Ms. Perez, to Approve consent items 1 through 6 as presented. Final Resolution: Motion Carries Yea: Ms. Perez, Ms. Montoya

E. INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

Food Service Reports	The Food Services report covers July 2026. All are presented for information purposes only.
Head Start Monthly Report	The Fowler Elementary School District Head Start Monthly Report for July 2026 was presented for information purposes only.

Request for Future Agenda Items

Ms. Perez, made her 5th request to know why we are not able to live stream our board meetings. Ms. Perez said her previous requests were to see if we had the capabilities, but she feels with recent technology upgrades that we do have the capabilities. DR. Halpert will look into Ms. Perez and her request.

REPORTS:
Superintendent

Summary of Current Events

Superintendent's Report – Dr. Harpert

Dr. Halpert shared his appreciation for the opportunity to serve as the new Superintendent of the Fowler Elementary School District. He highlighted recent activities, including the district's first leadership retreat with directors and district leaders, the arrival of new teachers, the return of veteran teachers, and the successful start of the school year. Dr. Halpert expressed appreciation to school and district staff for their support during the transition to the new administration and acknowledged the work of the administrative team and Mr. Medina in preparing for the transition. He also noted his appreciation for Mr. Medina's professionalism and integrity while serving as Acting Superintendent. Dr. Halpert concluded by looking forward to the upcoming Governing Board retreat and the opportunity to work together on the District's mission, vision, and future.

GOVERNING BOARD
MEMBERS

Ms. Perez expressed her gratitude to the staff and administrators in attendance, as well as to the Fowler community, as she addressed the many changes the District has undergone in recent months. She thanked everyone for their patience and acknowledged that meaningful change takes time. Ms. Perez also offered reassurance and expressed her appreciation for everyone's continued support and understanding.

Mr. Montoya first of all thanked everyone in attendance for a great start to the school year. He shared, there is a certain vibe around the community and within the campuses. It's a vibe that is positive with a lot of excitement. Mr. Montoya congratulated Dr. Halpert, administrators and staff in attendance for a great first few days of school. Mr. Montoya wished the administrators, staff and the community a wonderful school year.

Adjournment

There was a motion made by Mr. Montoya, seconded by Ms. Perez, to adjourn the meeting.

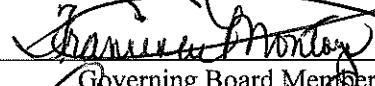
Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Ms. Perez and Mr. Montoya

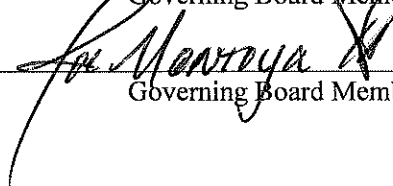
Ms. Montoya adjourned the meeting at 4:59 p.m.



Governing Board Member



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Date