

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING AND EXECUTIVE SESSION  
FOR THE FOWLER SCHOOL DISTRICT #45  
1617 SOUTH 67<sup>TH</sup> AVENUE  
PHOENIX, ARIZONA  
February 27, 2026**

**Members Present:** Ms. Francisca Montoya, Ms. Lisa Perez and Mr. Montoya was present via google meets

**Others Present:** Ms. Denise Lowell-Britt (Legal Counsel) via google meets, Chad Ostrom, Michelle Berg, Gary Holland, Vinh Hoang, Andrea Dale, Cindy Bradley, Vincent Medina, Elizabeth Camu, Natalie Barragan, Natalie Zavala, Teresa Najera, Patricia Partida, Miguel Picazo, Melissa France, Stephanie Nardi, Nicole Orton, Stacie Swartz, Caleb Willow, Isaura Bencomo, Yvette Ortiz, Brenda Torres, Cindy Bradley, and Laura Lozoya the recorder of minutes

The Governing Board meeting was called to order by Ms. Montoya at 3:31 p.m.

Ms. Montoya led the Pledge Allegiance

There was a motion made by Mr. Montoya, seconded by Ms. Perez, to approve the *agenda* for February 27, 2026, as presented

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Ms. Montoya, Ms. Perez and Mr. Montoya

Ms. Montoya led the *Pledge of Allegiance*

There was a motion made by Mr. Montoya, seconded by Ms. Perez, to *open the Executive Session* at 3:34 p.m.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Ms. Montoya, Ms. Perez and Mr. Montoya

Mrs. Lozoya recited applicable statutes under which the executive session convened and the caution required by A.R.S. 431.03 regarding confidentiality of discussions during executive sessions.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

1. The Governing Board may vote to convene an executive session pursuant to A.R.S. 38-431.03(A)(3) and/or (A)(4) for discussion or consultation with the Board's attorney and/or to consider its position and instruct its attorney regarding administrator and Superintendent Contract matters.

*(Executive Session Minutes Confidential)*

There was a motion made by Mr. Montoya, seconded by Ms. Perez, to *reconvened* into Public Session at 5:37 p.m.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Ms. Montoya, Ms. Perez and Mr. Montoya

**Action to Approve Leave of Absence for Superintendent Nora Ulloa effective at the end of the work day on March 4, 2026 and continuing through June 30, 2026 and authorize the Board President to sign confirmation of the same to Ms. Ulloa**

There was a motion made by Mr. Montoya, seconded by Ms. Montoya, to approve action item

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Ms. Montoya and Mr. Montoya

Ney: Ms. Perez

**Action to Approve Vincent Medina as Acting Superintendent for the District, effective March 5, 2026**

There was a motion made by Mr. Montoya, seconded by Ms. Montoya, to approve action item

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Ms. Montoya and Mr. Montoya

Ney: Ms. Perez

**Action to Approve Acting Superintendent Agreement for Vincent Medina’s 2025-2026 Notice of Indefinite Term Appointment, thereby approving Mr. Medina as Acting Superintendent effective March 5, 2026**

There was a motion made by Mr. Montoya, seconded by Ms. Montoya, to approve action item

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Ms. Montoya and Mr. Montoya

Ney: Ms. Perez

**Ms. Perez stated the following for the record:**

*Opposition to Process:* Expressed a firm lack of support for the process regarding the non-renewal of Superintendent Ulloa’s contract, as well as the terms of her leave of absence.

*Support for Interim Leadership:* Clarified that the "No" vote is a reflection of disappointment in the administrative process and is not a personal or professional reflection on Mr. Medina or his previous work in Early Childhood Education. The member expressed a desire for Mr. Medina to succeed and flourish in the position as Superintendent.

*Focus on Continuity:* The member emphasized the critical importance of protecting continuity for both students and teachers through the end of the school year, and remains opposed to the manner in which this leadership change was initiated.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Ms. Montoya, Ms. Perez and Mr. Montoya

Special session adjourned at 5:41 p.m.

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