

**Yuma Elementary School District No. One  
Governing Board  
Public Hearing 2025-2026 Budget Revision**

The Governing Board for Yuma Elementary School District No. One held a Public Hearing, **December 9, 2025**, at **5:30 p.m.** in the District Office Board Room, 450 West Sixth Street, Yuma, Arizona.

**Members present:** **Mr. Keith Ware, President; Mr. David Ibarra, Vice President; Mrs. Cori Rico, Member; Mrs. Lisa Anderson, Member; and Mr. Jeff Stoner, Member**

**Absent Member:** **None**

**Others present:** **Mr. Denis Ponder, Superintendent; Other members of the District Administrative Staff**

**Call to Order:**

The Public Hearing was called to order at 5:30 p.m. The purpose of the hearing was to present a summary of the 2025–2026 Revised Budget and to allow for public comment.

Mrs. Jamie Walden began her presentation by explaining that this was the first budget revision for the fiscal year and that the budget remained unchanged.

**Student Enrollment (ADM):**

The revised budget reflects an increase in Average Daily Membership (ADM) compared to the previous revision. The increase is due to additional student enrollment and the statewide recalculation, which contributed to increased funding for the current year. To remain conservative, the budget continues to assume a 1.5% increase.

**Group B**

The initially adopted budget totaled \$14.7 million. The Budget Revision #1 was based on state-provided calculations and updated enrollment data, resulting in an increase in Exceptional Student Services (ESS) and the free and reduced-price lunch population. Mrs. Walden also presented a detailed breakdown of each weighting to illustrate the comparisons.

**Impact- M&O**

The beginning balance for M&O was \$72.9 million. Following Revision #1, the balance increased to \$76.1 million, reflecting an increase of \$3,224,445. This increase is due to the FY25 rollover and growth in Exceptional Student Services (ESS) and the free and reduced-price lunch count.

**Impact -DDA/Capital**

Mrs. Walden reported that the originally adopted DDA/Capital budget totaled \$7.3 million. With the revision, the budget increased to \$9.3 million, reflecting an increase of nearly \$2.0 million due to prior-year funds carried forward.

**Budget Impact Overview**

The initial budget totaled \$71.9 million for Maintenance and Operations (M&O) and \$5.8 million for Capital, with budget limits of \$72.9 million for M&O and \$7.3 million for Capital. Following the budget revision, M&O increased to \$75.1 million and Capital to \$8.2 million, with revised budget limits of \$76.1 million for M&O and \$9.3 million for Capital. The overall change reflects an increase of \$3.2 million.

Mr. Keith Ware invited Board members to ask questions regarding the budget revisions; however, no questions or discussion occurred. He then opened the floor for public comment, and no comments were received.

**Adjournment:** The Public Hearing adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Monica Navarro, Secretary to the Board

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Keith Ware, President

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David Ibarra, Vice President

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Cori Rico, Member

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Lisa Anderson, Member

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Jeff Stoner, Member