



## GOVERNING BOARD AGENDA SPECIAL MEETING – Board Actions

Tuesday, July 28, 2026 at 4:30 p.m.

Duffy Community Center Multipurpose Room

5145 E. Fifth Street Tucson, AZ 85711

### 1. SCHEDULE EXECUTIVE MEETING - 4:30 p.m.

#### 1.1 Roll Call

*4:31 p.m. Board Member attendance was established via roll call. Those in attendance were Jennifer Eckstrom, Natalie Luna Rose [via phone], and Ravi Shah. Val Romero and Sadie Shaw were not present for roll call.*

#### 1.2 Motion to Convene Executive Meeting

*4:32 p.m.*

Motion to go into executive meeting at this time to consider one or more of the following matters:

Moved by: Ravi Shah; seconded by: Jennifer Eckstrom

**Yes:** Jennifer Eckstrom, Natalie Luna Rose, Ravi Shah

**Not Present at Vote:** Val Romero, Sadie Shaw

**Motion Passed 3-0**

#### 1.3 Student Matters

#### 1.4 Personnel Matters

#### 1.5 Discussion or Consultation with Attorney(s)

#### 1.6 Negotiations with Employee Groups

#### 1.7 Adjourn Executive Meeting and Reconvene Regular Meeting

### 2. RECONVENE SPECIAL MEETING - CALL TO ORDER - 5:30 p.m.

#### 2.1 Roll Call

*5:51 p.m. Board Member attendance was established via roll call. Those in attendance were Val Romero, Sadie Shaw, Jennifer Eckstrom, Natalie Luna Rose, and Ravi Shah.*

#### 2.2 Land Acknowledgement Statement

*5:52 p.m. Andrija Rios, 12<sup>th</sup> grader at Tucson High Magnet School, read the Land Acknowledgement Statement.*

*5:54 p.m. – Ravi Shah announced that we had Spanish interpreter services for those that needed services.*

2.3 Pledge of Allegiance

*5:54 p.m. Pledge led by Andrija Rios, 12<sup>th</sup> grader at Tucson High Magnet School.*

2.4 Agenda Adjustments

*5:55 p.m. Ravi Shah recommended moving all Action items and item 9.1 to follow Call to the Audience and to pull item 7.3 from the agenda. By unanimous consent to move all Action items and item 9.1 to follow Call to the Audience and to pull item 7.3 from the agenda.*

**3. AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS**

3.1 Awards and Recognitions

*5:56 p.m. Details are available via the video and audio recordings on Diligent Community at <https://tusd1-schooldesk.community.highbond.com/Portal/>.*

**4. BOARD MEMBER ACTIVITY REPORTS**

4.1 Board Member Activity Reports

*6:09 p.m.*

**5. CALL TO THE AUDIENCE**

5.1 Guidelines to Address the Board

*6:17 p.m.*

*Ravi Shah closed the Call to the Audience at 6:48 p.m.*

**6. CONSENT AGENDA (All items listed will be considered as a group with one motion. There will not be separate discussion of these items unless a Board Member so requests, in which case the item will be removed from the consent agenda and considered as a separate item.)**

6.1 Approval of Consent Agenda Items 6.2 through 6.8

*9:11 p.m.*

Dr. Trujillo recommends approval of the Consent Agenda items 6.2 through 6.8.

Sadie Shaw requested to pull item 6.5 to be addressed separately.

Resolution: Consent agenda items 6.3, 6.4, and 6.6 through 6.8 were approved. Item 6.5 was pulled and addressed separately.

Moved by: Ravi Shah; seconded by: Natalie Luna Rose

**Yes:** Val Romero, Sadie Shaw, Jennifer Eckstrom, Natalie Luna Rose, Ravi Shah

**Motion Passed 5-0**

- 6.2 Approval of the Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) between Tucson Unified School District Holladay Fine Arts Elementary Magnet School and the Arizona Professional Learning Series (AZPLS) of the AZ Department of Education

9:22 p.m.

Motion to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) between Tucson Unified School District Holladay Fine Arts Elementary Magnet School and the Arizona Professional Learning Series (AZPLS) of the AZ Department of Education as presented.

Moved by Ravi Shah; seconded by Natalie Luna Rose

**Yes:** Val Romero, Sadie Shaw, Jennifer Eckstrom, Natalie Luna Rose, Ravi Shah

**Motion Passed 5-0**

- 6.3 Approval of the Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) between Pima County Joint Technical Education District (JTED) and Tucson Unified School District for Innovation Tech High School at the JTED at The Bridges Innovative Learning Center

Motion to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) between Pima County Joint Technical Education District (JTED) and Tucson Unified School District for Innovation Tech High School at the JTED at The Bridges Innovative Learning Center.

Dr. Trujillo recommends approval of the Consent Agenda items 6.2 through 6.8.

Sadie Shaw requested to pull item 6.5 to be addressed separately.

Resolution: Consent agenda items 6.3, 6.4, and 6.6 through 6.8 were approved. Item 6.5 was pulled and addressed separately.

Moved by: Ravi Shah; seconded by: Natalie Luna Rose

**Yes:** Val Romero, Sadie Shaw, Jennifer Eckstrom, Natalie Luna Rose, Ravi Shah

**Motion Passed 5-0**

- 6.4 Approval of Agreements with the City of Tucson for Right-of-Way Easements and Purchases at Rincon-University High School, Howell Elementary School, and Sewell Elementary School, with Authorization for the Operations Program Manager to Execute the Agreements

Motion to approve acquisition by the City of Tucson, of easements and/or property at Rincon-University High School, Howell Elementary School, and Sewell Elementary School, with authorization for the Operations Program Manager to execute the agreements.

Dr. Trujillo recommends approval of the Consent Agenda items 6.2 through 6.8.

Sadie Shaw requested to pull item 6.5 to be addressed separately.

Resolution: Consent agenda items 6.3, 6.4, and 6.6 through 6.8 were approved. Item 6.5 was pulled and addressed separately.

Moved by: Ravi Shah; seconded by: Natalie Luna Rose

**Yes:** Val Romero, Sadie Shaw, Jennifer Eckstrom, Natalie Luna Rose, Ravi Shah

**Motion Passed 5-0**

- 6.5 Approval of Amendment III to the Lease with Verizon Wireless for the Cellular Tower at Catalina High School, with Authorization for the Operations Program Manager to Execute the Amendment

*9:12 p.m.*

Motion to approve the lease amendment with Verizon Wireless for the Cellular Tower at Catalina High School, with Authorization for the Operations Program Manager to execute the amended agreement.

Resolution: Motion to table the item.

Moved by Sadie Shaw; seconded by Val Romero

**Yes:** Val Romero, Sadie Shaw, Jennifer Eckstrom, Natalie Luna Rose

**No:** Ravi Shah

**Motion Passed 4-1**

- 6.6 Approval of the Settlement Agreement to Resolve Case#CRD-2026-0384/EEOC 35A-2026-0032, with Authorization for General Counsel to Execute the Agreement

Motion to approve the Settlement Agreement to Resolve Case#CRD-2026-0384/EEOC 35A-2026-0032 with Authorization for General Counsel to execute the agreement.

Dr. Trujillo recommends approval of the Consent Agenda items 6.2 through 6.8.

Sadie Shaw requested to pull item 6.5 to be addressed separately.

Resolution: Consent agenda items 6.3, 6.4, and 6.6 through 6.8 were approved. Item 6.5 was pulled and addressed separately.

Moved by: Ravi Shah; seconded by: Natalie Luna Rose

**Yes:** Val Romero, Sadie Shaw, Jennifer Eckstrom, Natalie Luna Rose, Ravi Shah

**Motion Passed 5-0**

- 6.7 Minutes of Tucson Unified School District Governing Board Meeting - July 14, 2026

Motion to approve the minutes of the Governing Board meeting held on July 14, 2026.

Dr. Trujillo recommends approval of the Consent Agenda items 6.2 through 6.8.

Sadie Shaw requested to pull item 6.5 to be addressed separately.

Resolution: Consent agenda items 6.3, 6.4, and 6.6 through 6.8 were approved. Item 6.5 was pulled and addressed separately.

Moved by: Ravi Shah; seconded by: Natalie Luna Rose

**Yes:** Val Romero, Sadie Shaw, Jennifer Eckstrom, Natalie Luna Rose, Ravi Shah

**Motion Passed 5-0**

- 6.8 Minutes of Tucson Unified School District Governing Board Meeting - July 21, 2026

Motion to approve the minutes of the Governing Board meeting held on July 21, 2026.

Dr. Trujillo recommends approval of the Consent Agenda items 6.2 through 6.8.

Sadie Shaw requested to pull item 6.5 to be addressed separately.

Resolution: Consent agenda items 6.3, 6.4, and 6.6 through 6.8 were approved.

Item 6.5 was pulled and addressed separately.

Moved by: Ravi Shah; seconded by: Natalie Luna Rose

**Yes:** Val Romero, Sadie Shaw, Jennifer Eckstrom, Natalie Luna Rose, Ravi Shah

**Motion Passed 5-0**

## **7. ACTION ITEM(S)**

- 7.1 Administrative Appointments, Reassignments, and Transfers - Interim Principal, Mary Meredith K-12 School

*6:48 p.m.*

Motion to approve the selected candidate to serve as Interim Principal of Mary Meredith K-12 School.

Dr. Trujillo recommended Jeffrey Damon Lovato to serve as the Interim Principal of Mary Meredith K-12 School for the remainder of the 2026-2027 School Year.

Moved by: Ravi Shah; seconded by: Natalie Luna Rose

**Yes:** Val Romero, Sadie Shaw, Jennifer Eckstrom, Natalie Luna Rose, Ravi Shah

**Motion Passed 5-0**

- 7.2 Administrative Appointments, Reassignments, and Transfers - Interim Principal, Pueblo High School

*6:52 p.m.*

*6:55 p.m. Recessed meeting for pictures.*

*6:58 p.m. Reconvened meeting.*

Motion to approve the selected candidate to serve as Interim Principal of Pueblo High School.

Dr. Trujillo recommended Alma Mejia-Garcia to serve as the Interim Principal of Pueblo High School for the remainder of the 2026-2027 School Year.

Moved by: Natalie Luna Rose; seconded by: Jennifer Eckstrom

**Yes:** Val Romero, Sadie Shaw, Jennifer Eckstrom, Natalie Luna Rose, Ravi Shah

**Motion Passed 5-0**

- 7.3 Administrative Appointments, Reassignments, and Transfers - Interim Assistant Principal, Palo Verde High Magnet School

*ITEM PULLED*

- 7.4 Approval of Mansfeld STEM+ Middle Magnet School Student Uniform Options for the 2026-2027 School Year

*6:58 p.m.*

Motion to approve the Mansfeld STEM+ Middle Magnet School student uniform options for the 2026-2027 School Year.

Moved by: Sadie Shaw; seconded by: Jennifer Eckstrom

**Yes:** Val Romero, Sadie Shaw, Jennifer Eckstrom, Natalie Luna Rose, Ravi Shah

**Motion Passed 5-0**

- 7.5 Review, Approve, and Adopt the 2026-2028 Memorandum of Understanding for Blue Collar Employees (AFSCME MOU) between Tucson Unified School District (TUSD) and American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME)

*7:09 p.m.*

Motion to review, approve, and adopt the 2026-2028 Memorandum of Understanding for Blue Collar Employees (AFSCME MOU) between TUSD and AFSCME.

Moved by: Sadie Shaw; seconded by: Jennifer Eckstrom

**Yes:** Val Romero, Sadie Shaw, Jennifer Eckstrom, Luna Rose, Ravi Shah

**Motion Passed 5-0**

- 7.6 Approval to Appoint a New Alternative Education Advisory Committee Member for a Four-year Term ending July 28, 2030

*7:14 p.m.*

Motion to appoint the recommended candidate to serve a four-year term on the Alternative Education Advisory Committee.

The Board approved Lindsay Brown to serve as a member on the Alternative Education Advisory Committee.

Moved by: Sadie Shaw; seconded by: Natalie Luna Rose

**Yes:** Val Romero, Sadie Shaw, Jennifer Eckstrom, Natalie Luna Rose, Ravi Shah

**Motion Passed 5-0**

- 7.7 Approval to Appoint New Bond Oversight Committee Members for a Two-year Term ending July 28, 2028

*7:16 p.m.*

Motion to appoint the recommended candidates to serve a two-year term on the Bond Oversight Committee.

The Board approved Laura Freeman Cenegy and Dilan Lopez Tapia to serve as members on the Bond Oversight Committee.

Moved by: Natalie Luna Rose; seconded by: Jennifer Eckstrom

**Yes:** Val Romero, Sadie Shaw, Jennifer Eckstrom, Natalie Luna Rose, Ravi Shah

**Motion Passed 5-0**

- 7.8 Approval of the Alternative Education Advisory Committee Recommendations regarding Transportation, Homeschooling Information, Additional Staffing, and Credit Recovery to all Students

*7:18 p.m.*

1. Motion to approve the Alternative Education Advisory Committee's recommendation to provide Transportation to DAEP, Project MORE High School, and Teenage Parent High School.
2. Motion to approve the Alternative Education Advisory Committee's recommendation to distribute information to homeschool families on how to concurrently enroll in classes.
3. Motion to approve the Alternative Education Advisory Committee's recommendation for additional staffing at Project MORE High School.
4. Motion to approve the Alternative Education Advisory Committee's recommendation for additional Ambassadors and Dropout Prevention staff and to offer Credit Recovery to all students.

Resolution: Motion to approve the administrative recommendation on transportation; Number 2 how to distribute information to homeschool families including potential tuition structure development; along with recommendation from the board to strategize on how to use our Fine Arts department a little more effectively so that we can offer visual arts to our alternative education students including DAEP, Project MORE, TAP, and potentially Mary Meredith as well if appropriate; as well as looking at counselor ratios to ensure that we have the appropriate needs met for some of these high risk students.

Moved by: Ravi Shah; seconded by: Sadie Shaw

**Yes:** Val Romero, Sadie Shaw, Jennifer Eckstrom, Natalie Luna Rose, Ravi Shah

**Motion Passed 5-0**

- 7.9 Approval of the Internal Audit Charter, the Internal Audit Plan, and the Independence of Internal Audit Statement

*8:08 p.m.*

1. Motion to approve the Internal Audit Charter.
2. Motion to approve the Independence of Internal Audit Statement.
3. Motion to approve the Internal Audit Plan for School Year 2026-2027.

Resolution: Motion to approve the Internal Audit Charter, Internal Audit Statement and Internal Audit Plan for School Year 2026-2027.

Moved by: Ravi Shah; seconded by: Jennifer Eckstrom

**Yes:** Val Romero, Sadie Shaw, Jennifer Eckstrom, Natalie Luna Rose, Ravi Shah

**Motion Passed 5-0**

**8. STUDY/ACTION ITEM(S)**

- 8.1 Tucson Unified School District Employee Appreciation and Recognition Calendar for the 2026-2027 School Year

9:23 p.m.

Motion to approve the Tucson Unified School District Employee Appreciation and Recognition Calendar for the 2026-2027 School Year.

Moved by: Ravi Shah; seconded by: Natalie Luna Rose

**Yes:** Sadie Shaw, Jennifer Eckstrom, Natalie Luna Rose, Ravi Shah

**Not Present at Vote:** Val Romero

**Motion Passed 4-0**

- 8.2 Revision to Policy KF-E Rental Rates Exhibit to Provide Rental Rates for Community Use of the Facilities at the Cooper Center for Environmental Studies

9:25 p.m.

Motion to approve the proposed rental rates for the Cooper Center for Environmental Studies.

Moved by: Ravi Shah; seconded by: Jennifer Eckstrom

**Yes:** Val Romero, Sadie Shaw, Jennifer Eckstrom, Natalie Luna Rose, Ravi Shah

**Motion Passed 5-0**

**9. STUDY/INFORMATION ITEM(S)**

- 9.1 TUSD Pre-School and Community Schools Financial Update SY 2026-2027

8:20 p.m.

- 9.2 Curriculum and Instruction Division Update: Move on When Reading/Level Up Intervention Framework

*ITEM MOVED TO AUGUST 11<sup>TH</sup> AGENDA*

**10. FUTURE MEETING DATES and AGENDA ITEM(S)**

- 10.1 Future Meeting Dates and Agenda Item(s)

9:44 p.m. Ravi Shah proposed meeting on August 4<sup>th</sup> via Zoom, with open meeting to approve the appointment that they weren't able to approve today due to error on the agenda with a 5:00 p.m. start time. By unanimous consent to meet on August 4<sup>th</sup> via zoom beginning at 5:00 p.m.



## **11. ADJOURNMENT**

### **11.1 Adjourn Meeting**

*9:48 p.m. Ravi Shah adjourned the meeting.*