

**SACRAMENTO COUNTY COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL DISTRICT ORGANIZATION**  
**Minutes of the Meeting of September 9, 2021**  
**VIA ZOOM/TELECONFERENCE CALL**

- I. Call to Order and Roll Call
  - II. Pledge of Allegiance
  - III. Adoption of Agenda
  - IV. Visitor Presentations
    - A. General Public
  - V. New Business
    - A. Public Hearing and Action on Elk Grove Unified School District's Proposal Under Education Code Section 5019 to Change Election Methods and Establish Sequence of Elections; Action on Resolution No. CC-21-02
  - VI. Adjournment
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I. Chair Talamantes called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. via teleconference call in Sacramento, California. Board members present were Joanne Ahola, Al Brown, Heather Davis, Harold Fong, Paul Keefer, Bina Lefkovitz, and Karina Talamantes. Also present were David W. Gordon, Superintendent and Secretary to the County Committee; Teresa Stinson, General Counsel; other staff and visitors; and Wende Watson, Executive Assistant.

II. Committee Member Fong led the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. Committee Member Keefer moved, and Committee Member Brown seconded adoption of the agenda. Motion carried 7 ayes, 0 noes, 0 absent, 0 abstentions based on the following Roll Call vote:

Ms. Lefkovitz – yes  
Mr. Keefer – yes  
Mr. Fong – yes  
Ms. Davis – yes  
Mr. Brown – yes  
Ms. Ahola – yes  
Ms. Talamantes – yes

IV.A. General Public

There were no public comments.

V.A. Chair Talamantes announced the Sacramento County Committee on School District Organization will hold a public hearing on the Elk Grove Unified School District's proposal to change its method of electing governing board members and establish the sequence of elections.

Currently, Elk Grove's seven board members are elected under a "hybrid at-large" system, where one member residing within each of the seven currently existing trustee areas is elected by the registered voters of the entire school district. Elk Grove proposes, effective for the November 2022 election, to change its election method so

one board member residing within each trustee area will be elected by the registered voters residing in that trustee area (“by-trustee area” elections).

This public hearing will provide the opportunity for public comment and input regarding Elk Grove’s proposal to change election methods. At the conclusion of the public hearing, the County Committee may approve or deny Elk Grove’s proposal.

Chair Talamantes opened the Public Hearing at 6:35 p.m.

Tim Herrera read public comments from the following:

Scott Rafferty  
Joel Boyd

Chair Talamantes closed the Public Hearing at 7:05 p.m.

EGUSD’s proposal was presented by Dr. Crystal Martinez-Alire, Clerk, Elk Grove Unified School District Board of Education; Christopher R. Hoffman, Superintendent, Elk Grove Unified School District Board of Education; Robert Pierce, Deputy Superintendent, Business Services & Facilities, Elk Grove Unified School District; Douglas Johnson, President, National Demographics Corporation; and Michelle Cannon, Lozano Smith.

The EGUSD proposal and public comments were heard and considered, and the committee deliberated. Chair Talamantes then asked if there was a motion to approve or deny Elk Grove’s proposal.

Committee Member Davis moved, and Committee Member Brown seconded the motion to adopt Resolution No. CC-21-02 approving the Elk Grove Unified School District’s proposal to change to by trustee area elections. Motion carried 6 ayes, 1 no (Fong), 0 absent, 0 abstentions based on the following Roll Call vote:

Ms. Lefkovitz – yes  
Mr. Keefer – yes  
Mr. Fong – no  
Ms. Davis – yes  
Mr. Brown – yes  
Ms. Ahola – yes  
Ms. Talamantes – yes

VI. Committee Member Keefer moved, and Committee Member Davis seconded the motion to adjourn. Motion to adjourn which carried 7 ayes, 0 noes, 0 absent, 0 abstentions based on the following Roll Call vote:

Ms. Lefkovitz – yes  
Mr. Keefer – yes  
Mr. Fong – yes  
Ms. Davis – yes  
Mr. Brown – yes  
Ms. Ahola – yes  
Ms. Talamantes – yes

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

David W. Gordon  
Secretary to the County Committee

Date approved: