
**AZUSA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
SPECIAL BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
Tuesday, December 19, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.**

The Azusa Unified School District Board of Education met at the Administrative Offices at 546 S. Citrus Ave. for the Special Board of Education Meeting.

To view the entire meeting, click here:

<https://www.youtube.com/live/LXzkzaW8ZrI?si=wjiBTIgu-c0yUOFK>

1.0 Preliminary

1.1 Call to Order

The Board President will call the Special Board of Education Meeting of the Azusa Unified School District to Order.

1.2 Roll Call

The Board of Education President will conduct roll call.

THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS WERE PRESENT:

Gabriela Arellanes

Sandra Benavides

Sabrina Bow, Ed.D.

Adrian Greer

Yolanda Rodriguez-Peña

1.3 Approval of Agenda

Recommendation: It is recommended the Board of Education approve agenda.

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member (**Gabriela Arellanes**) Moved, Member (**Adrian Greer**) Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'It is recommended the Board of Education approve agenda'.

Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **5** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 5 - 0**

Gabriela Arellanes Yes

Sandra Benavides Yes

Sabrina Bow, Ed.D. Yes

Adrian Greer Yes

Yolanda Rodriguez-Peña Yes

1.4 Pledge of Allegiance

The Board President led the audience in the pledge of allegiance.

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

2.0 Public Hearing

2.1 Public Hearing to Consider and Take Action on the Charter Petition to Establish the Top-Notch STEAM Academy

To view the entire Public Hearing click here:

<https://www.youtube.com/live/LXzkzaW8ZrI?si=8fOo0EpkAyW7IXIu&t=250>

Board President Rodriguez-Peña opened the Public Hearing at 7:04 p.m.

To view the entire District Presentation click here:

https://www.youtube.com/live/LXzkzaW8ZrI?si=IAy_OgYWRSe31myA&t=677

To view the entire Top-Notch STEAM Academy Presentation click here:

<https://www.youtube.com/live/LXzkzaW8ZrI?si=C4nNrMa3jT5BN4PP&t=1763>

Public Comment

Mary Wong

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<https://www.youtube.com/live/LXzkzaW8ZrI?si=U0m3Em9-Gr0Bdv-1&t=2915>

- Urged the Board of Education to approve the Top-Notch STEAM Academy Charter School petition

Genesis Li

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Andrew Kleger

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Ron Tressel

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Jorge Urquiza-Toledo

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- Urged the Board of Education to reject the Top-Notch STEAM Academy Charter School petition

Esther Campos-Ball

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Natalya Villa

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Jacqueline Santana

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Hector Hernandez

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Phillip Villa

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Tai-din Woo

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Jim Chen

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Louise Huang

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Arturo Garcia

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Cecilia Ford

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Andrew Tse

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Eva Ortiz

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Meg Savella

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Charlotte Ruiz

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Emily Ruiz

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Sarah Serrano Luna

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Savannah Rudder

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Kevin Davis

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Amber Fish

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Sachiko

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- Urged the Board of Education to reject the Top-Notch STEAM Academy Charter School petition

The rationale for agenda item 2.1 is attached.

Recommendation: It is recommended the Board of Education conduct a public hearing to consider and take action on the charter petition to establish the Top-Notch STEAM Academy.

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member **Adrian Greer** Moved, Member **Sandra Benavides** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'It is recommended the Board of Education conduct a public hearing to consider and take action on the charter petition to establish the Top-Notch STEAM Academy'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **5** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 5 - 0**

Gabriela Arellanes	Yes
Sandra Benavides	Yes
Sabrina Bow, Ed.D.	Yes
Adrian Greer	Yes
Yolanda Rodriguez-Peña	Yes

3.0 Adjournment

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Recommendation: It is recommended the Board of Education approve adjournment of the Regular Board of Education Meeting.

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member **Gabriela Arellanes** Moved, Member **Adrian Greer** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'It is recommended the Board of Education approve adjournment of the Regular Board of Education Meeting'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **5** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 5 - 0**

Gabriela Arellanes	Yes
Sandra Benavides	Yes
Sabrina Bow, Ed.D.	Yes
Adrian Greer	Yes
Yolanda Rodriguez-Peña	Yes

The Special Board of Education Meeting adjourned at 10:03 p.m.

Clerk