

**UNIVERSITY PREPARATORY SCHOOL BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**MARCH 11, 2026 MEETING MINUTES**

**5:30 PM**

**SLC BOARDROOM**

**2200 EUREKA WAY**

**REDDING, CA 96001**

1. Board President Damaris Stevens called the Regular Meeting of the University Preparatory School Board to order at 5:30 PM. Board Members Mike Stuart, Susan Saephanh and Sue Brix were present. Superintendent/Principal Monica Cabral and Director of Administrative Services Molly Schlange were also in attendance.
2. OPENING BUSINESS  
Board President Damaris Stevens led the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. STUDENT/STAFF HIGHLIGHTS
  - 3.1 World Language Department  
French and Spanish teacher Belen Patel introduced two junior high students, Ally M. and Ava D., who shared presentations from their French 1 coursework.
4. PUBLIC COMMENT  
There was no public comment.
5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA ITEMS/ORDER  
Motion - Brix  
Second – Stuart  
Ayes – Saephanh, Stevens  
Carried – 4-0
6. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA  
Motion - Brix  
Second – Saephanh  
Ayes – Stevens, Stuart  
Carried – 4-0
7. REPORTS
  - 7.1 SUPERINTENDENT/PRINCIPAL REPORT  
  
Superintendent/Principal Mrs. Cabral shared that the school was recognized as a 2026 California Distinguished School, earning honors for both Exemplary High Achievement and closing the achievement gap. She reported strong enrollment interest across grade levels and noted that the enrollment lottery was recently completed. Academic highlights included the high school Science Bowl team advancing to Washington, D.C. as regional champions and continued work toward adopting a new math curriculum aligned with state standards. Updates were also provided on upcoming changes to graduation requirements, including the addition of a personal finance course. Mrs. Cabral highlighted a variety of student activities and programs, including performing arts productions, student

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recognition in local art showcases, and expanded junior high athletics. She also shared updates on staff professional development, survey feedback, and preparations for upcoming state testing.

**7.2 BUSINESS REPORT**

Director of Administrative Services Molly Schlange reported that she has begun to work on the 2026-2027 Adopted Budget and Multi-Year Projections (MYP's). Mrs. Schlange continues to monitor the proposed changes by the governor to the Proposition 98 funding in 2026-2027 as well as the fiscal impact on potential policies in the current legislative cycle.

**8. ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**8.1 ADMINISTRATIVE – ACTION/DISCUSSION**

**8.1.1 Request Approval of Charter Renewal; July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2033**

**(DISCUSSION/ACTION)**

Motion - Brix

Second – Stuart

Ayes – Saephanh, Stevens

Carried – 4-0

**8.1.2 Request Approval of Agreement with UC Merced for Merced Automatic**

**Admissions Program (MAAP) (DISCUSSION/ACTION)**

Motion - Brix

Second – Stuart

Ayes – Saephanh, Stevens

Carried – 4-0

**8.1.3 Request Approval of Acceleration and Retention Policy (DISCUSSION/ACTION)**

Motion - Brix

Second – Stuart

Ayes – Saephanh, Stevens

Carried – 4-0

**8.1.4 Policy Regarding Immigration Enforcement Activity (DISCUSSION/ACTION)**

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Second – Saepanh  
Ayes – Stevens, Stuart  
Carried – 4-0

**8.2 BUSINESS - ACTION/DISCUSSION**

**8.2.1 Request Approval of 2nd Interim Budget Report (ACTION)**

Motion - Brix  
Second – Saepanh  
Ayes – Stevens, Stuart  
Carried – 4-0

**8.2.2 Form 700, Statement of Economic Interests, Conflict of Interests (INFORMATION)**

**9. SUGGESTED FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

The Board had no suggested future agenda items.

**10. CLOSING/OPPORTUNITY FOR BOARD COMMENTS**

The Board had no closing comments.

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

Board Member Sue Brix made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:28PM. Motion seconded by Susan Saepanh. Motion approved unanimously.