

El Sol Science & Arts Academy  
328 W. Halesworth  
Santa Ana, CA 92701-3408

MINUTES

Regular Meeting

Board of Education

October 9, 2025

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 3:39 p.m. by President Anaida Colon-Muniz. The other members in attendance were Suraj Patel, Sandy Barba, and Javier Rivera Carbone.

**ROLL CALL**

President Anaida Colon-Muniz

**ABSENCES**

Excused absence(s):

- 1. Kristy Ollendorff

Unexcused absence(s):

- 1. None

The Board unanimously approved the El Sol Minutes with a 2-0 vote

Moved:	Colon-Muniz		Patel	X	Rivera Carbone	
Seconded:	Colon-Muniz		Patel		Rivera Carbone	X
Ayes:	Colon-Muniz	X	Patel	X	Rivera Carbone	
Noes:	Colon-Muniz		Patel		Rivera Carbone	
Abstain:	Colon-Muniz		Patel		Rivera Carbone	X

Final Vote:	Ayes	2	Noes	0	Abstain	1
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**REPORT OF ACTION IN OPEN SESSION**

1. The Board unanimously approved (3-0) the consideration and approval of New Board Member, Sandy Barba

Moved:	Colon-Muniz		Patel	X	Rivera Carbone	
Seconded:	Colon-Muniz		Patel		Rivera Carbone	X
Ayes:	Colon-Muniz	X	Patel	X	Rivera Carbone	X
Noes:	Colon-Muniz		Patel		Rivera Carbone	
Abstain:	Colon-Muniz		Patel		Rivera Carbone	
Final Vote:	Ayes	3	Noes	0	Abstain	0

2. The Board unanimously approved (4-0) the consideration and approval of El Sol's financials for August 2025.

Moved:	Colon-Muniz		Patel		Rivera Carbone	X	Barba	
Seconded:	Colon-Muniz		Patel	X	Rivera Carbone		Barba	
Ayes:	Colon-Muniz	X	Patel	X	Rivera Carbone	X	Barba	X
Noes:	Colon-Muniz		Patel		Rivera Carbone		Barba	
Abstain:	Colon-Muniz		Patel		Rivera Carbone		Barba	
Final Vote:	Ayes	4	Noes	0	Abstain	0		

3. The Board unanimously approved (4-0) the consideration and approval of El Sol School Handbook 25-26

Moved:	Colon-Muniz		Patel	X	Rivera Carbone		Barba	
Seconded:	Colon-Muniz		Patel		Rivera Carbone		Barba	X
Ayes:	Colon-Muniz	X	Patel	X	Rivera Carbone	X	Barba	
Noes:	Colon-Muniz		Patel		Rivera Carbone		Barba	
Abstain:	Colon-Muniz		Patel		Rivera Carbone		Barba	
Final Vote:	Ayes	4	Noes	0	Abstain	0		

## **COMMENTS**

Mrs. Daviss provided the following updates:

### **Facilities & Organizational Update**

- Permanent Fencing: The contractor for the permanent fencing did not arrive today as planned but is now scheduled for tomorrow, October 10, 2025
- Site Progress: While there has been noticeable progress, several tasks remain incomplete.
- Silver Creek: Still has outstanding work to finish on site.
- Project Timeline: The latest timeline targets October 24, 2025, for completion of all current site work.
- Playground: Installation is scheduled for November.
- Comlock: Our master locksmith was unable to install a few missing components; this will be resolved within the next two weeks.
- Campus Tour: A walkthrough will be scheduled prior to the next Board Meeting.

### **General Updates**

- Leadership Report: No leadership report will be presented today.
- CAASPP Scores Released: As of October 9, 2025, state testing scores were made public.
  - El Sol significantly outperformed both State and Local District averages.
  - While recovery from pre-COVID disruptions is ongoing, our results reaffirm our mission to deliver high-quality educational outcomes.

### **Conferences & Strategic Planning**

- CSDC Conference: Mrs. Daviss attended the California School Development Conference.
  - According to projections by the state finance authority, SAUSD is expected to lose 29% of its student enrollment by 2034.

### **Upcoming Events**

- Foundation Dinner: Planned for May 2026, on campus.
  - Fundraising Goal: \$300,000–\$400,000 for student scholarships.
- Spring Donor Event: A smaller donor cocktail reception is being considered for March.
- Fall Festival: Scheduled for October 24, 2025.

### **Open Discussion**

- Javier suggested presenting the idea to Monique Daviss. As a reflective exercise, you may consider sharing one recent “win” and one “challenge.”

## **AJOURNMENT**

President Anaida Colon-Muniz adjourned the meeting at 4:55 PM as no further business was presented.