

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

MINUTES

Regular Meeting

Board of Education

August 14, 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 and Kelly Reyes.

**ROLL CALL**

President Anaida Colon-Muniz

**ABSENCES**

Excused absence(s):

- 1. Javier Rivera Carbone
- 2. Kristy Ollendorff

Unexcused absence(s):

- 1. None

The Board unanimously approved the consent calendar with a 3-0 vote

Moved:	Colon-Muniz		Patel	X	Reyes	
Seconded:	Colon-Muniz		Patel		Reyes	X
Ayes:	Colon-Muniz	X	Patel	X	Reyes	X
Noes:	Colon-Muniz		Patel		Reyes	

Abstain:	Colon-Muniz		Patel		Reyes	
Final Vote:	Ayes	3	Noes	0		

The Board unanimously approved the El Sol Board Minutes with a 3-0 vote

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

**ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION**

*Conference with Labor Negotiators*

*Agency designated representative: Monique Daviss*

*Employee organization: Educadores Unidos SOLidaridad*

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

The Board opened the floor for public comment. The following individuals addressed the Board:

- Guadalupe Cruz, middle school teacher
- Cecilia Hernandez, middle school teacher
- Aura Carrillo, middle school teacher

No written comments were submitted.

**REPORT OF ACTION IN OPEN SESSION**

The Board unanimously approved El Sol’s initial proposal for negotiations by a 3-0 vote

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

1. The Board unanimously approved the Independent Study Policy for the 2025–26 school year by a 3-0 vote

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

2. The Board unanimously approved the amended Suicide Prevention Policy for the 2025–26 school year by a 3-0 vote

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

3. The Board unanimously approved the Expanded Learning Handbook for the 2025–26 school year by a 3-0 vote

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

4. The Board unanimously voted (3-0) to table the consideration and approval of the El Sol Family Handbook for the 2025–26 school year to the September Board meeting

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

5. The Board unanimously voted (3-0) to table the consideration and approval of the 2025–26 Vendor List to the September Board meeting

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

**COMMENTS**

Mrs. Daviss provide updates:

- **Current Enrollment:** We currently have 987 students enrolled, slightly below our budgeted projection of 1,001.
- **First Day of School:** Today, August 14, 2025, marked a successful first day of the school year.
- **Recognitions:** We recently received two notable recognitions in Campus and Community Welfare:
  - *Social and Emotional Learning (SEL)*
  - *Healthier Generations – America’s Healthiest Schools, achieving recognition in all 9 areas.*
- **Construction Update:** Progress continues steadily, with full project completion expected in early October.
- **Playground Equipment:** A separate vendor is providing our playground equipment, which will be installed after the main project is completed.
- **Amphitheater Canopy:** The canopy is scheduled to arrive next week.
- **Project Completion Access:** We are currently awaiting full clearance from the company before accessing the completed construction site.
- **New Staff:** We welcomed several new teachers this year, including one alumna and a returning alum who has joined us as a counselor.

**ADJOURNMENT**

President Anaida Colon-Muniz adjourned the meeting at 4:18 PM as no further business was presented.