

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

MINUTES

Regular Meeting

Board of Education

September 11, 2025

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 3:37 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 El Sol 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

Staff Evaluations/Discipline/Privacy or Other Confidential Issues (Gov. Code Section 54957)

REPORT OF ACTION IN OPEN SESSION

1. The Board unanimously approved (3-0) the consideration and approval of the Board of Directors' Term Renewals and Expirations for 2025-2026. Kelly Reyes' term will expire on 9/11/2025, while Kristy Ollendorff will renew for another term.

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		

2. The Board unanimously approved (3-0) the consideration and approval of El Sol Financials

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 (3-0) the consideration and approval of Year-end Unaudited Actual (UA) Financials

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 approved (3-0) the consideration and approval of Prop 28: Arts and Music in Schools Fund Annual Report

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		

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

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		

6. The Board unanimously approved (3-0) the consideration and approval of Sapphire Lunch Contract 25-26

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		

7. The Board unanimously approved (3-0) the consideration and approval of Playground and Shelter – Dave Bang Associates

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 provided the following updates:

- The playground was initially included in the RFP, but we’ve decided to handle it separately.
- Dave Bang, a trusted vendor used by many local school districts, is projecting completion by November.
- Once the campus opens, we will return to our previous lunch schedule.
- Kemp Bros will be off-site by October 1st.
- Marshall Kaplan Amphitheatre updates will be shared soon.
- Enrollment: As of today, we have 1,000 students enrolled.
- Preschool begins in a few weeks for 3-year-olds (part-time).
- Teachers are conducting initial assessments (4 weeks in). We begin with the STAR Renaissance Test.
- Starting next week, we will administer DIBELS for K-5, which includes the dyslexia component.
- Initial Math curriculum assessments are being completed for grades 1-5.
- The state assessments from last year are complete. Tomorrow, we’ll receive a preview of results from other school districts.
- The test results from last year (2024-2025) will help guide our achievement goals for this year. Based on what we’ve seen, our students have made notable gains in their test scores.
- We are still in the process of hiring Expanded Learning and Substitute positions.
- We are also hiring a Music Aide.
- The middle school now has a full Musical Theatre program.
- Our dancers will be performing at Chapman’s *Heartbeat of Mexico*.
- This year, the MESA elective has been very popular, with students preparing for regional competitions in the Spring.
- We’ve successfully navigated the first four weeks of school.

ADJOURNMENT

President Anaida Colon-Muniz adjourned the meeting at 4:37 PM as no further business was presented.