

Wilmar Union Elementary School District Meeting of the Board of Education Minutes

Wednesday, June 24, 2026, at 1:00 PM

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Public Access to Board Meeting (AB 2449 / Brown Act Compliance)

This meeting will be conducted in person with a virtual option for public access. Members of the public may attend in person or join via Zoom using the link below.

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Meeting ID: 995 156 8233

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Members of the public may provide comment in person or via Zoom. Instructions for public comment will be provided at the beginning of the meeting.

Teleconference Participation

In accordance with the Brown Act (AB 2449), board members may participate remotely with Board approval due to just cause or emergency circumstances and may fully participate, including voting.

Call to order and Flag Salute: 1:05

Board Members present: Andrea Balf, Renee Waters, and Kendra Benson

- 1.0 Approval of the Agenda:** (If anyone is present for a particular agenda item, the Board may wish to bring that item forward at this time.) Motion to approve agenda.

Motion: Kendra Benson Second: Renee Waters Ayes: 3 Noes: 0

2.0 Public Comment:

At this time members of the public may address the Board on any items, that are not on the agenda, but are of interest to the public and that are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Board. Members may address the Board on particular items on the agenda as they come up during the meeting. In accordance with Board Bylaw 9323, visitors are allowed to address the Board for up to three (3) minutes per individual and up to 20 minutes per topic. The Board President may increase or decrease the time allowed for public comment. The Board values public comments, but by the Brown Act, the Board shall not act upon, respond to, or comment on the merits of any item presented during this period. The Board may ask clarifying questions of the presenter or refer the presenter to a District procedure, if appropriate.

No public comment

5.1

3.0 Public Hearings:

- Public Hearing on the Wilmar District 2026-27 Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) and Supplement to Annual Updates for 2025-26 LCAP (p.2)
- 2026-27 Proposed Budget (p.134)
- Reserve for Transparency Disclosure (p.222)

- Projected 2026-27 Expenditures for the Education Protection Account (p.223)

4.0 Reports/presentations:

4.1 Superintendent/Principal: LCAP

LCAP Presentation

Superintendent Hospodar presented an overview of the data used to develop the 2026–27 Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP). The presentation highlighted positive trends in school culture and student engagement, as reflected in the YouthTruth survey results.

Superintendent Hospodar also reviewed student achievement data, noting that after four consecutive years of growth, both English Language Arts (ELA) and Mathematics CAASPP scores have plateaued. He shared that a primary focus for the 2026–27 school year will be exploring and implementing a new mathematics curriculum that is better aligned with the California State Standards and Curriculum Frameworks to support continued academic growth.

Additionally, Superintendent Hospodar informed the Board that the Arts & Letters English Language Arts curriculum will be purchased over the summer and implemented during the 2026–27 school year. The curriculum was selected because of its strong alignment with the California English Language Arts Framework, its emphasis on critical thinking, and its alignment with the skills and rigor assessed on the CAASPP.

Board members asked several clarifying questions following the presentation and expressed general agreement with the direction and priorities outlined in the proposed 2026–27 LCAP.

4.2 Business Manager: Budget

2026–27 LCAP Budget Presentation

Chief Business Official (CBO) Jolene Hale presented the proposed 2026–27 LCAP Budget, demonstrating how the financial plan aligns with the priorities and goals outlined in the Superintendent's vision for the 2026–27 Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP).

Mrs. Hale reviewed several proposed updates included in the Governor's May Revision and discussed their anticipated impact on the District's budget. Highlights included the proposed 4.31% statutory cost-of-living adjustment (COLA), an increase in Special Education funding from approximately \$917 to \$1,340 per student, and the proposed Paid Pregnancy Leave program. She explained the projected financial impact of the new leave requirement and noted that the Governor's budget includes one-time funding intended to assist districts with implementation costs.

Mrs. Hale also shared projected enrollment for the 2026–27 school year of 271 students, reflecting continued enrollment growth. She reviewed the District's major revenue sources, noting projected increases in Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF) revenue, federal funding, and local revenue, while state revenue is anticipated to decrease slightly.

Board members asked several clarifying questions regarding the proposed budget and expressed support for the budget as presented and its alignment with the District's LCAP priorities.

4.3 Reports from Board Members: No reports

5.0 Information/Discussion

5.1 (p.224) First Reading of Board Policies

June:

BP 5141.4	AR 5141.4	DELETE BP 5141.7	BP 5141.75	BP 5142	AR 5142
BP 5145.6	BP 5148	AR 5148	BP 5148.3	AR 5148.3	BP 7110

6.0 Approval of the Consent Agenda by Consolidated Motion:

- 6.1** (p.231) Approval of the Minutes of May 14, 2026.
6.2 (p.233) Approve the Wilmar Board of Education meeting dates for 2026-27.
6.3 (p.234) Approve Title III County Consortium Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) Federal Addendum.

Motion: Kendra Benson Second: Renee Waters Ayes: 3 Noes: 0

7.0 Action Items:

- 7.1** (p.239) **Approve the Board Payment Report from May 27, 2026 through June 24, 2026.** Recommended Motion: That the Board approve the Board Payment Report from May 7, 2026 through June 24, 2026.

Motion: Renee Waters Second: Kendra Benson Ayes: 3 Noes: 0

- 7.2** (p.243) **Approve the 2026-27 Spring Release Consolidated Application.** Recommended Motion: That the Board approve the 2026-27 Spring Release Consolidated Application.

Motion: Kendra Benson Second: Renee Waters Ayes: 3 Noes: 0

- 7.3** (p.257) **Approve the Board Policy BP 5141.8, Student Cardiac Emergency Response and Extreme Weather Response:** Recommend Motion: That the Board approve the Board Policy BP 5141.8, Student Cardiac Emergency Response and Extreme Weather Response:

Motion: Kendra Benson Second: Renee Waters Ayes: 3 Noes: 0

- 7.4** (p.263) **Approve the Legal Contract with School and College and Legal Services of California.** Recommend Motion: That the Board approve the Legal Contract with School College and Legal Services of California.

Motion: Kendra Benson Second: Renee Waters Ayes: 3 Noes: 0

8.0 Next Board Meeting: Monday, June 29, 2026, 2:00 p.m.

Topics for that meeting:

- 2026-27 LCAP approval
- Budget 2026-27 approval
- Projected 2026-27 Education Protection Account approval
- Budget updates

9.0 Adjournment: _____ (Followed by signing of papers of routine nature.)

Approved by _____
Andrea Christensen, Board Clerk