



Berkeley Unified School District

SPECIAL MEETING
BOARD OF EDUCATION

Meeting Location:
1005 Parker Street
Berkeley, CA 94710
Wednesday, April 29, 2026
5:30-6pm

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Jasmina Viteskic
District Compliance Officer & Title IX Coordinator
2020 Bonar St., Room 117
Berkeley, CA 94702
Phone: 510.486.9352
Email: nondiscrimination@berkeley.net

1. Call to Order

The Presiding Officer will call the meeting to order at 5:30 pm

2. Approve the special meeting agenda of April 29, 2026

3. Public Testimony

Public Testimony related to closed session items is limited to 5 minutes with a 1-minute limit per speaker

4. Closed Session

The Board may recess into Closed Session before or after the public meeting under the authority of the Brown Act (including but not limited to Government Code sections 54954.5, 54956.8, 54956.9, 54957, 54957.6, as well as 35146) Under Government Code section 54954.3, members of the public may address the board on an item on the Closed Session agenda.

4.1	Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation (Government Code Section 54956 (a))
	4.1.1. OAH Case No. 202603029

5. Adjournment

GOVERNANCE TEAM COMMITMENTS

- Practice humility and self-reflection and ask for feedback;
- Create safe non-judgemental space to get to know each other as people;
- Be honest and candid with each other;
- Lead with curiosity (e.g., "Could you say more about what you mean by X?". Ask questions for deeper understanding so as to avoid assumptions;
- Prioritize direct communication with each other when there is a negative impact during a discussion or disagreement. Initiate 1:1 conversations via phone, email or text to request time via phone, video-chat, or in-person.) Use impact statements (e.g., "When you said X, I felt Y ...") ;
- Understand that our experiences, opinions, and perspectives are shaped by our positions and privilege in life, and be mindful of the impact the we have on others;
- Appreciate each others' strengths, experience and contributions, and the positive work carried out in the District;
- Embrace disagreement when respectfully articulated; this is a sign of a healthy governance team comprised of people with shared values but different perspectives;
- Commit to being a team player - be respectful about the way we discuss our colleagues and their views, even when we disagree. Strive to support each other, avoid disparaging each other publicly or privately and organizing against each other;
- Ensure clarity of our roles as they relate to Governance/Operations;
- Adhere to confidentiality of closed session discussions to comply with law, build trust with the governance team, and foster a safe space for candid discussion;
- Show public respect for the will of the Board even when in the minority on a decision;
- Be responsible and accountable to each other: do what you say you're going to do and acknowledge when expectations weren't met;
- Be responsive to all voices in the district and seek to elevate the voices heard less

frequently; and

- Emulate/model the values and culture we strive for in the District.