

**SAN DIEGO COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
SAN DIEGO COUNTY COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL DISTRICT ORGANIZATION**

Minutes of the Special Meeting - August 30, 2017 – 6 p.m.  
San Marcos Unified School District  
255 Pico Avenue  
San Marcos, CA 92069

**1. OPENING PROVISIONS**

**1.a. Call to Order and Roll Call at 6 p.m.**

Members present: Donnellon, González, Muñoz, Shea  
Absent: Powell  
Secretary: Gothold  
Recording secretary: Aguilar

**1.b. Pledge of Allegiance**

**1.c. Approval of Agenda**

MSC (Donnellon/Muñoz) to approve the agenda. Motion passed by unanimous vote (4-0)

**2. CONVENE A MEETING OF THE COUNTY COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL DISTRICT ORGANIZATION**

President Shea convened the County Committee on School District Organization and opened the public hearing.

**2.a. PUBLIC HEARING - Proposed Change of Election System and Establishment of Trustee Areas for the Governing Board of the San Marcos Unified School District**

**2.a.1. Review of Guidelines for Public Hearing**

President Shea welcomed the audience and reviewed the guidelines to be followed during the public hearing and the order of speakers.

**2.a.2. Background Information on Public Hearing**

On August 9, 2017, resolutions of the San Marcos Unified School District Governing Board to change to a by-trustee-area election system and approving a trustee area plan were transmitted to the County Board of Education, acting as the County Committee on School District Organization.

When considering a district's proposal to adopt an alternative method of electing governing board members and to establish trustee areas, Education Code section 5019(c) requires a county committee to call and conduct at least one public hearing in the district. On August 9, 2017, the County Committee approved the date, time, and location for this public hearing. The public hearing will be conducted in accordance with the attached guidelines approved by the County Committee.

**2.a.3.** Spokesperson(s) for San Marcos Unified School District

Superintendent Melissa Hunt and Legal Counsel Jonathan Salt spoke to the steps taken and process followed by San Marcos Unified School District to change to a by-trustee-area election system and to establish trustee areas. He responded to questions presented by the Board. Mr. David Ely, demographer, also addressed the Board.

**2.a.4.** Public Comments - Individual Speakers called from Public Speaker Cards

No comments.

**2.a.5.** County Committee Questions and Discussion

President Shea announced action will be taken at the Regular Board meeting on September 13, 2017.

**2.a.6.** Close of Public Hearing

President Shea closed the public hearing.

**3 RECONVENE SPECIAL BOARD MEETING - ADJOURNMENT**

MSC (Donnellon/González) to adjourn at 6:21 p.m. Motion passed by unanimous vote (4-0).