



*Mountain View Los Altos Union High School District
Minutes for the Board of Trustees Special Session
On Monday, April 21, 2025, at the
District Office Board Room
1299 Bryant Avenue, Mountain View, CA 94040
6:15 PM Special Session – Trustee Boundary Map*

Members Present: Catherine Vonnegut
Thida Cornes
Esmeralda Ortiz
Vadim Katz
Alex Levich
Members Absent: None

1.0 Call to Order

President Ortiz called the meeting to order at 6:17 p.m.

2.0 Preliminary Business and Approval of the Agenda

2.1 Roll Call and Pledge of Allegiance

The Board President will lead the Pledge of Allegiance and conduct Roll Call.

Recommendation: For information.

President Ortiz took roll noting all members present. (Student Trustees were not present.)

2.2 Approval of the Meeting Agenda

The Board will review and approve the meeting agenda.

Recommendation: Approve the meeting agenda.

Catherine Vonnegut	Yes
Thida Cornes	Yes
Esmeralda Ortiz	Yes
Vadim Katz	Yes

The Board adopted the agenda as presented.

3.0 Public Comment

3.1 Public Comment on Item(s) on Special Board Meeting Agenda

Anyone wishing to address the Board on the topics listed on the Special Session agenda should make a request to the Board President by completing a request to be heard form and present it to the Superintendent's Executive Assistant. The President will recognize those who desire to speak during the particular agenda item. Each speaker is allocated a maximum of 3 minutes. Please be advised that the Board members may ask brief questions for clarification, but may not otherwise discuss the issue. The Board values constructive community comments and suggestions and welcomes your participation in the democratic process.

Recommendation: Listen to public comment.

No public comment was made.

4.0 Public Hearing

4.1 Public Hearing: Trustee Boundary Map Areas and and consider input regarding the sequencing of elections

This presentation illustrates several options for the District to draw maps with balanced populations for each of the trustee areas. The general guidelines for drawing trustee boundaries include: -Equal Populations, Contiguous -Communities of Interest, Census designated places -Natural and artificial barriers -Geographical Compactness for each scenario, there are maps showing the boundaries for each trustee area, a table showing the population in each trustee area and the variance from the ideal population. The peak deviation of the total population must be less than 10% for the maps to meet the legal requirements. Finally, details of the racial/ethnic populations are provided.

Recommendation: For Information

Trustee president Dr. Ortiz opened the public hearing at 6:18 PM and closed it at 6:19 PM. No comment or questions were made.

5.0 Business/Action Items

5.1 Consider Approval of Resolution 2024/25-39: Recommending that the Santa Clara County Committee on School District Organization Approve and Establish Trustee Areas from which the Mountain View Los Altos Union High School District Trustees will be Elected in a By-Trustee Area Election Process

The District has initiated the process of establishing trustee areas and changing the method of electing members of the Board, in order to ensure compliance with the California Voting Rights Act of 2001. The Board intends to change the method of electing members of the Board, to take effect commencing with the November 2026 election. One method of transition from an at-large electoral system to a by trustee area electoral system is for the school district board of education to petition the local and county committee on school district organization by resolution to initiate the

transition under the California Education Code section 5019(c)(1). The Santa Clara County Committee on School District Organization has indicated that it will initiate this process on behalf of the District at the District's request, and will consider any recommendation on specific trustee areas made by the District.

Recommendation: Approve resolution #24/25-39: recommending that the Santa Clara County Committee on School District Organization Approve and Establish Trustee Areas from which the Mountain View Los Altos Union High School District Trustees will be Elected in a By-Trustee Area Election Process

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member (Catherine Vonnegut) Moved, Member (Alex Levich) Seconded to approve the ORIGINAL motion 'Approve resolution #24/25-39: recommending that the Santa Clara County Committee on School District Organization Approve and Establish Trustee Areas from which the Mountain View Los Altos Union High School District Trustees will be Elected in a By-Trustee Area Election Process'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 5 Nay: 0. The motion Carried. 5 - 0

Catherine Vonnegut	Yes
Thida Cornes	Yes
Esmeralda Ortiz	Yes
Vadim Katz	Yes
Alex Levich	Yes

6.0 Adjournment

President Ortiz adjourned the meeting at 6:33 PM.

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Board of Trustees Minutes for **April 21, 2025 at 6:15 PM.**
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*Minutes approved on **April 21, 2025:***

Dr. Esmeralda Ortiz, President

Alex Levich, Clerk

Eric Volta, Secretary