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# Board Minutes
## June 13, 2026

Pursuant to a written notice delivered to the Board of Directors of the California Association for Bilingual Education held a regular Board meeting via Zoom.

**Board Members Present**
Dr. Bárbara Flores, Director of Financial Affairs; Maryanna Lee, Director of Parent Affairs; Dr. Karling Aguilera-Fort; President Elect; Mary Helen Ybarra, Director of State/Legislative Affairs; Marissa Lazo-Necco, Director of Community Affairs; Maryanna Lee, Director of Parent Relations: Dr. Annie BichLoan Duong, Region I Representative; Dr. Angélica Hurtado, Region VI Representative, and Dr. Sarah Zepeda, Region V Representative.

**Staff Members and Consultants**
Cynthia Vásquez Petitt, Interim CEO; Maria Villa, Deputy Director; Delma Chwilinski-Sheridan, Director of Programs and Events; Joshua Jauregui, Director of Administrative Systems; Norma Rocha, Director of ITCD; Yvette Chong-Coontz, Accounting and Financial Management Consultant; Laurie Miles, Communication Manager; and Aida Madison, Executive Assistant.
**Legal Counsel/Partners/Guests:** Jennifer Baker, Legislative Advocate

**SESSION ONE: Opening**
1.1 Call to Order
1.2 Roll Call
1.3 Observer: Dr. Sarah Zepeda Timekeeper: Rosa Armstrong
1.4 Adoption of the Agenda
MOTION #1- TO APPROVE THE AGENDA FOR June 13, 2026.
Move: Marissa Lazo-Necco Second: Dr. Angélica Hurtado Approved: unanimously

MOTION #2 - APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF February 28, 2026
Move: Dr. Sarah Zepeda Second: Dr. Annie BichLoan Duong Approved: Unanimously

**8:15 – 10:45 AM - CLOSED SESSION**

**10:45 – 11:00 AM – BREAK**

**SESSION TWO: REPORTS**
2.1 Report out from Closed Session
Dr. Karling Aguilera-Fort reported that the Boad approved the preliminary budget as presented with one amendment to ensure that the funds from the Sobrato Foundation are allocated. Dr. Aguilera-Fort also reported that the Board approved extending Interim CEO, Cynthia Vásquez Petitt's contract for additional

three months, with the possibility of further extension. In addition, Dr. Aguilera-Fort reported that the Board approved the Executive Committee to work with the Sobrato Foundation to select one of the search firms recommended by the Foundation. The Board also approved the audit firm.

2.2 Board of Director's and Region Representative's Reports – All the reports are linked to the agenda

2.3 CEO Report

Cynthia Vásquez Petitt stated that her report was included in the agenda packet. She shared that she has been meeting with staff as part of her transition into the Interim CEO role and commended the team for their collaboration, critical thinking, care, and cohesiveness during a challenging period. She expressed confidence that the organization is moving in the right direction and thanked the staff for their continued dedication and support while the search for a new CEO is underway.

2.4 Legislative Update

Jennifer Baker presented the State May revision 2026-2027 Budget.
$349.9 billion overall budget, $246.6 billion General Fund, $16.5 billion additional revenue than projected. $29.9 billion in combined reserves: $15.1 billion in the Rainy-Day Fund, $10.3 billion in Public School System Stabilization Account, $4.5 billion in the Special Fund for Economic Uncertainties.

2.5 CFA Report

A written report was provided.

**11:40 AM SESSION THREE: Action Items**

**3.1 April Financials (PPT)**

MOTION #3 - The Board approved the April 30, 2026, Financials as presented.
Yvette Chong-Coontz stated as of April 30, 2026, and 2025, the financial assets available for general expenditures, totaled $2,894,875 and $2,835,089, respectively. This represents an increase of $59,787, or 2.1%. As of April 30, 2026, and 2025, other assets totaled $370,477 and $405,029, respectively. Overall, liabilities and net assets decreased by $130,649 or 2.1%, from $6,190,304. Yvette Chong-Coontz stated that the forecasted revenue and expenses for April 1 to June 30, 2026. 1) Revenue - $1,106,770 (Added additional revenue of $146,850 from Riverside Regional Conference. 2) Expenses - $1,317,927

Moved: Mary Helen Ybarra Second: Marissa Lazo-Necco Approved: Unanimously

**3.2 CABE Holiday and Office Schedule 2026-2027**

MOTION #4 – The Board approved the 2026-2027 Holiday dates as presented.

Moved: Marissa Lazo-Necco Second: Dr. Barbara Flores Approved: Unanimously

**3.3 CABE Board of Directors' Meeting Dates 2026-2027**

MOTION #5 – THIS ITEM IS TABLED.

Moved: Dr. Barbara Flores Second: Dr. Angélica Hurtado Approved: Unanimously

**3.4 CABE Board of Directors' Election**

MOTION #6 – The Board ratified the CABE 2027 newly elected Board of Directors and Election Results.
New Board Members: Dr. MariaElena Esquer, President-Elect; Olivia Yahya, Vice President; Dr. Angélica Hurtado, Director of State and Legislative Affairs; Maryanna Lee, Director of Parent Relations; Nestor Henrríquez, Region 2 Representative; Ana Donovan, Director of Paraprofessional Affairs; and Dr. Carlos Ulloa, Region 4 Representative.

Moved: Dr. Annie Duong Second: Rosa Armstrong Approved: Unanimously

**3.5 CABE 2027 Artwork**
MOTION #7 – The Board approved the CABE 2027 Artwork by Artist Eliza Clemens

Moved: Dr. MariaElena Esquer Second: Dr. Barbara Flores Approved: Unanimously

**3.6 CABE 2027 Theme**
MOTION #8 – The Board approved the CABE 2027 Theme – Embracing Multilingualism: Shaping the Future-Every Language, Every Student

Moved: Mary Helen Ybarra Second: Dr. Sarah Zepeda Approved: Unanimously

**3.7 CABE Mileage Increase**
MOTION #9 – The Board approved the mileage increase from $.70/mile to $.72.5/mile effective July 1, 2026.

Moved: Dr. Bárbara Flores Second: Dr. Sarah Zepeda Approved: Unanimously

**SESSION FOUR: INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

**4.1 CABE 2026**
Delma Chwilinski-Sheridan stated that the attendance for CABE 2026 was 3,493, compared to 2025 attendance was 5,105. The revenue for 2026 is $2.876M

**4.2 CABE Multilingual Shadowing Institute**
Rubí Flores stated that CABE LEADS the Multilingual Shadowing program. The inaugural institute will be on July 23 at the CABE Headquarters from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

**4.3 Department Reports (videos)**
**Programs and Events (P & E) -**
Delma Chwilinski-Sheridan presented updates for the Programs and Events department. She stated that the total revenue for the Community School One-Day conference on February 2, 2026 is $31,750.00. Total Attendance: 141. Delma Chwilinski-Sheridan stated the CABE 2026 was a great success. The One-Day Regional Conference in Riverside on May 12, 2026, attendance was 1,353. Delma also provided the dates for upcoming events/conference:

1) Central CA - Bakerfield Regional: September 29 for Teachers, Administrators, and Coaches; and October 29, for Parents and Paraeducators.

2) Northern CA – Santa Clara or Monterey: December 3, 2026
3) Southern CA – Riverside: April 27, 2027

**Learning, Engagement, Advocacy, Development (LEAD) –**

Rubí Flores stated that the LEAD department has presented 683 days of professional development, 80+ contracts, grants, and service agreements have been signed, 70+. Rubí Flores stated that the department is also supporting Family Community, Plaza Communitia, supporting grants, Community Schools engagement systems, BCN participation, working with Department of Education, and supporting various initiatives.

**Communications –**

Laurie Miles presented a video with updates and information.

**Information Technology & Creative Design (ITCD) –**

Norma Rocha presented a video with department updates.

**Administration & Membership**

Joshua Jarequi presented a video with Administrative Systems, Membership and Organization updates

**4.4 CABE 2027 Awards**

Cynthia Vásquez Petitt reminded the Board Awards recipients will be selected by the Board and shared a list of past Board Award recipient for reference.

**4.5 Acknowledgement of Donors**

Cynthia Vásquez Petitt acknowledged the generous support of the Sobrato Foundation and the Fidelity Charitable Foundation (in memory of Dr. Carol Brown), and **Eric Hall Construction Co**. In addition, she shared that, in honor of Ivannia Soto's memory, her family has made a donation to support the Teachership and the multilingual shadowing initiatives.

Dr. Karling Aguilera-Fort also acknowledged Dr. Barbara Flores for her donation to CABE last year. In addition, Dr. Karling Aguilera-Fort acknowledged Cynthia Vásquez Petitt for her family donation for the Coordinating Councill Retreat being held in July 2026.

**SESSION FIVE: ADJOURNMENT**

**5.1 Observer report:**

Dr. Sarah Zepeda said she observed: we are moving forward together with a strong sense of commitment to our multilingual communities. We reviewed the business of the organization with respect to all viewpoints. Dr. Zepeda also welcomed our new CABE Board members.

**5.2 Meeting is adjourned**

MOTION #10 – Meeting is adjourned at 2:07 p.m.

Move: Marissa Lazo-Necco Second: Maryann Lee Approved: Unanimously