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"Biliteracy, Multicultural Competency, & Educational Equity for All"

DRAFT 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

MOTION #2 - APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF February 8, 2025

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 Board 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 CABA 2027 newly elected Board of Directors and Election Results.

New Board Members: Dr. MariaElena Esquer, President-Elect; Rosa Olivia Yahya, Vice President; Dr. Angélica Hurtado, Director of State and Legislative Affairs; Maryanna Lee, Director of Parent Relations; Nestor Henríquez, 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 CABA 2027 Artwork

MOTION #7 – The Board approved the CABA 2027 Artwork by Artist Eliza Clemens

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

3.6 CABA 2027 Theme

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

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

3.7 CABA 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 CABA 2026

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

4.2 CABA Multilingual Shadowing Institute

Rubí Flores stated that CABA LEADS the Multilingual Shadowing program. The inaugural institute will be on July 23 at the CABA 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 CABA 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 Comunitia, 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 CABA 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 CABA last year. In addition, Dr. Karling Aguilera-Fort acknowledged Cynthia Vásquez Petitt for her family donation for the Coordinating Council 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 CABA 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