

# **Special Joint Meeting of the Lemon Grove School Board and the Lemon Grove City Council (Tuesday, July 29, 2025)**

## **School Board Members Present**

Dr. Javier Ayala, Cheryl Robertson, Jasmin Smith

## **School Board Members Absent**

Dorinda Miller

Yajaira Preciado

## **City Councilmembers Present**

Yadira Altamirano, Jessyka Heredia, Jennifer Mendoza, Allyson Snow (arrived at 6:40 pm)

### **1. OPENING FUNCTIONS**

#### **A. Call to Order**

#### **B. School Board: Roll Call and Establishment of Quorum**

A quorum was established

#### **C. City Council: Roll Call and Establishment of Quorum**

A quorum was established

#### **D. Pledge of Allegiance**

#### **E. Public Comment: Agendized Items**

Speakers, [click here](#) then click the video icon at the top of the agenda item to listen:

1. Cameron Faiai (agenda item 2.A., 2.B., 2.C.)
2. John L. Wood (agenda item 2.A., 2.C.)
3. Victoria Couch (agenda item 2.D.)
4. Derek Hadge (agenda item 2.D.)
5. Todd Brinkman (agenda item 2.D.)

#### **F. School Board: Approval of the Agenda**

Motion to approve agenda

Motion by Jasmin Smith, second by Cheryl Robertson

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Dr. Javier Ayala, Cheryl Robertson, Jasmin Smith

Absent: Dorinda Miller, Yajaira Preciado

#### **G. City Council: Approval of the Agenda**

Motion to approve agenda

Motion by Jessyka Heredia, second by Yadira Altamirano

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Yadira Altamirano, Jessyka Heredia, Jennifer Mendoza

Not Present at Vote: Allyson Snow

#### **H. Recognition: Moment of Silence in Memory of Sitivi "Steve" Faiai**

The Board, Superintendent, Councilmembers, and attendees took a moment to honor and remember the life of Sitivi "Steve" Faiai, a beloved member of our community. Steve was known for his deep commitment to family, service, and his positive impact on those around him. His presence and contributions will be greatly missed. The Board President lead a moment of silence in memory of Sitivi "Steve" Faiai.

#### **I. Recognition: Trustee Cheryl Robertson**

The Board, Superintendent, Councilmembers, and attendees took a moment to formally recognize Trustee Cheryl Robertson for her outstanding dedication and service to the community and families of the Lemon Grove School District. Cheryl's commitment has made a lasting impact on students, parents, and staff, reflecting her deep passion for education and community well-being. Her efforts have strengthened the district's connection with families and contributed significantly to a supportive and inclusive school environment.

## 2. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

### A. Lemon Grove School District: Overview (10 minutes)

Superintendent Marianna Vinson presented; [click here](#) then click the video icon at the top of the agenda item to hear.

### B. Lemon Grove School District: Facilities Update (15 minutes)

Facilities Project Director Carlos Avalos presented; [click here](#) then click the video icon at the top of the agenda item to listen.

### C. City of Lemon Grove: Overview (10 minutes)

City Manager Lydia Romero presented; [click here](#) then click the video icon at the top of the agenda item to hear.

### D. Artificial Intelligence Discussion (15 minutes)

Board President Dr. Javier Ayala presented; [click here](#) then click the video icon at the top of the agenda item to listen.

## 3. ADJOURNMENT

### A. School Board: Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 8:26 pm

### B. City Council: Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 8:26 pm

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Superintendent Marianna Vinson, Board Secretary

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Jasmin Smith, Board Clerk