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## Element Education

# Minutes

## Governing Board Meeting

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### Date and Time

Friday January 30, 2026 at 12:00 PM

### Location

1441 Montiel Road #145  
Escondido, CA 92026

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The Governing Board (“Board”) will assemble in person at 1441 Montiel Road, Ste 145, Escondido, CA 92026. Employees of Element Education who will be presenting and anyone wishing to speak during public comment may do so in person or via the MS Teams platform by clicking on the link provided below.

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## **PURPOSE**

The purpose of Element Education, Inc. (EEI) is to develop and operate charter schools which create avenues for “new instruction, new management, and new governance in public schools.” The organization operates from a place of Servant Leadership in supporting the elements of personalized learning.

## **VISION**

The vision of EEI is to create model programs for deep and meaningful learning and attract and develop innovative and effective educators who instill the mindset and skills for developing agency in, and ownership of, life-long learning.

## **MISSION**

The mission of its schools and programs is to promote a culture of mastery, autonomy, and purpose for all stakeholders through personalized learning plans developed with insight and experience of learning styles, appropriate resources, and learning networks for success in work, life, and citizenship.

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### **Directors Present**

A. Schaner, B. Rohrer, C. Nunley, L. Cavazos, S. Subramanya, T. Breckenridge

### **Directors Absent**

*None*

### **Guests Present**

S. Michaels, T. Novacek

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## **I. Opening Items**

### **A. Call the Meeting to Order**

C. Nunley called a meeting of the board of directors of Element Education to order on Friday Jan 30, 2026 at 12:02 PM.

### **B. Record Attendance**

### **C. Pledge of Allegiance**

Board Member Subramanya led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **D. Approval of Agenda**

T. Breckenridge made a motion to approve the agenda.

B. Rohrer seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

**Roll Call**

S. Subramanya Aye  
A. Schaner Aye  
B. Rohrer Aye  
C. Nunley Aye  
L. Cavazos Aye  
T. Breckenridge Aye

**E. Oath of Office: Board Member Leila Cavazos**

Ms. Novacek administered the Oath of Office to Ms. Cavazos.

**II. Recognitions and Presentations**

**A. Staff Recognition**

Mr. Otte recognized Ms. Lucido, Ms. Bolanos, Mr. Evanko, and Mr. Clark for their dedication and hard work.

Ms. Novacek recognized Ms. States for her work implementing Power Traits with students.

**B. School Presentation-Community Montessori**

Mr. Otte presented updates and activities within CM.

**C. Student Recognition/Presentation-Community Montessori**

Liliana Green and Vera Chase, CM upper elementary school students, shared a Montessori presentation with the Board.

**D. Local Control and Accountability Plan Mid-Year Presentation-Community Montessori**

Mr. Otte shared a mid-year LCAP presentation with the Board.

**E. School Presentation-Dimensions Collaborative School**

Mr. Johnson presented updates and activities within DCS.

**F. Local Control and Accountability Plan Mid-Year Presentation-Dimensions Collaborative School**

Mr. Johnsson shared a mid-year LCAP presentation with the Board.

**III. Approval of Consent Items**

**A. Approval of Closed Board Meeting Minutes on December 5, 2025**

B. Rohrer made a motion to approve the minutes Executive Session on 12-05-25.

S. Subramanya seconded the motion.  
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

**Roll Call**

S. Subramanya Aye  
L. Cavazos Aye  
C. Nunley Aye  
B. Rohrer Aye  
T. Breckenridge Aye  
A. Schaner Aye

**B. Approval of Regular Board Meeting Minutes on December 5, 2025**

B. Rohrer made a motion to approve the minutes from Governing Board Meeting on 12-05-25.

S. Subramanya seconded the motion.  
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

**Roll Call**

L. Cavazos Aye  
B. Rohrer Aye  
T. Breckenridge Aye  
C. Nunley Aye  
S. Subramanya Aye  
A. Schaner Aye

**C. Approval of Check Run for November 2025**

B. Rohrer made a motion to Approve the Check Run for November.

S. Subramanya seconded the motion.  
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

**Roll Call**

L. Cavazos Aye  
B. Rohrer Aye  
S. Subramanya Aye  
A. Schaner Aye  
C. Nunley Aye  
T. Breckenridge Aye

**D. Approval of Check Run for December 2025**

B. Rohrer made a motion to Approve the Check Run for December 2025.

S. Subramanya seconded the motion.  
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

**Roll Call**

L. Cavazos Aye  
C. Nunley Aye

**Roll Call**

T. Breckenridge Aye

S. Subramanya Aye

A. Schaner Aye

B. Rohrer Aye

**IV. Information Item-Chief Business Officer Report**

**A. Financial Position of Schools**

Mr. Miller presented current financial information for Community Montessori and Dimensions Collaborative School.

**B. Technology Report**

Mr. Miller reported on recent technology projects and updates.

**V. Information Item-Director of Human Resources Report**

**A. Employment Activity**

Ms. Sihota reviewed her written report on recent hires and current openings.

**B. Professional Learning Activity (external)**

Ms. Sihota reviewed her written report on employees who engaged in formal professional learning since the last board meeting.

**VI. Information Item-Chief Operations Officer Report**

**A. Facilities Update**

Mr. Yung reported on the status of recent facility improvements.

**B. Resource Management**

Mr. Yung shared a report on resource management projects and improvements.

**VII. Executive Director Report**

**A. Legislative Update**

Ms. Novacek reported that Assemblymember Darshana Patel has been appointed Chair of the Assembly Education and shared that planning has begun for Spring Forward and SOaR, a virtual Spring Wellness Event for the learning community to be held on Friday, April 10, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

**B. Strategic Planning Update**

Ms. Novacek reported that Thrive, an organization that partners with nonprofits to develop strategic plans, surveyed staff, facilitated a workshop with 21 committee members, and prepared a report that was presented to the Board for feedback; the results will be reviewed with Thrive to determine next steps.

### VIII. Action Items-Element Education

#### A. Consideration of Board Policy and Administrative Procedures Policy.

A. Schaner made a motion to Approve Administrative Procedures Policy.

T. Breckenridge seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

##### Roll Call

T. Breckenridge Aye  
A. Schaner Aye  
L. Cavazos Aye  
C. Nunley Aye  
B. Rohrer Aye  
S. Subramanya Aye

#### B. Consideration of Student Behavioral Health Policy

S. Subramanya made a motion to Approve Student Behavioral Health Policy.

L. Cavazos seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

##### Roll Call

T. Breckenridge Aye  
C. Nunley Aye  
S. Subramanya Aye  
B. Rohrer Aye  
A. Schaner Aye  
L. Cavazos Aye

### IX. Action Items-Community Montessori

#### A. Consideration of First Interim Budget

A. Schaner made a motion to Approve First Interim Budget.

S. Subramanya seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

##### Roll Call

L. Cavazos Aye  
C. Nunley Aye  
S. Subramanya Aye  
T. Breckenridge Aye  
B. Rohrer Aye

**Roll Call**

A. Schaner      Aye

**X. Action Items-Dimensions Collaborative School**

**A. Consideration of First Interim Budget**

B. Rohrer made a motion to Approve First Interim Budget.

T. Breckenridge seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

**Roll Call**

B. Rohrer      Aye

T. Breckenridge Aye

A. Schaner      Aye

C. Nunley      Aye

S. Subramanya Aye

L. Cavazos      Aye

**XI. Closing Items**

**A. Adjourn Meeting**

B. Rohrer made a motion to Adjourn the meeting.

A. Schaner seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

**Roll Call**

L. Cavazos      Aye

B. Rohrer      Aye

C. Nunley      Aye

T. Breckenridge Aye

S. Subramanya Aye

A. Schaner      Aye

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 1:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

C. Nunley

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