



Magnolia Public Schools

Regular Board Meeting

Date and Time

Thursday July 23, 2026 at 5:30 PM PDT

Location

Home Office: 250 E. 1st Street, Suite 1500, Los Angeles, CA 90012

Access to the Board Meeting

Teleconferencing locations are provided at each Magnolia Science Academy school site:

- Magnolia Science Academy-1 (18238 Sherman Way, Reseda, CA 91335)
- Magnolia Science Academy-2 (17125 Victory Blvd, Van Nuys, CA 91406)
- Magnolia Science Academy-3 (1254 E Helmick St, Carson, CA 90746)
- Magnolia Science Academy-4 (11330 W Graham Place, Los Angeles, CA 90064)
- Magnolia Science Academy-5 (18238 Sherman Way, Reseda, CA 91335)
- Magnolia Science Academy-6 (745 S. Wilton Ave, Los Angeles, CA 90005)
- Magnolia Science Academy-7 (18355 Roscoe Boulevard, Northridge, CA 91325)
- Magnolia Science Academy-8 (6411 Orchard Ave, Bell, CA 90201)
- Magnolia Science Academy-Santa Ana (2840 W 1st Street, Santa Ana, CA 92703)
- Magnolia Science Academy-San Diego (6525 Estrella Ave, San Diego, CA 92120)
- Magnolia Science Academy-Orange County Anaheim (412 W. Carl Karcher Way, Anaheim, CA 92801)

Any interested parties or community members from remote locations may attend the meeting at any Magnolia Science Academy school, or the addresses where Board Members are joining from.

6525 Estrella Ave, San Diego, CA 92120 (**Dr. Salih Dikbas**)

104 Kaanapali Shores Place, Lahaina, HI 96761 (**Mekan Muhammedov**)

Dialing information for this meeting is included below:

Dial in: 1-669-444-9171

Meeting ID: 978 5606 4990 - **Passcode:** 021250

Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/97856064990?pwd=MHhBZCtGT0xEMIZpNEZQZVJ3RDBPZz09>

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Please note that the agenda presenting times for when that item will be discussed, or taken action on, is subject to change on the day of the Board meeting to accommodate public speaker times indicated above.

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Board Members:

Mr. Mekan Muhammedov, Chair
Ms. Sandra Covarrubias, Vice-Chair
Dr. Umit Yapanel
Dr. Salih Dikbas
Ms. Diane Gonzalez
Mr. Serdar Orazov

Student Board Member:

Ms. Sofia Perez

CEO & Superintendent:Mr. Alfredo Rubalcava

Agenda

	Purpose	Presenter	Time
I. Opening Items			5:30 PM
Opening Items			
A. Call the Meeting to Order			1 m
B. Pledge of Allegiance			1 m
C. Record Attendance and Guests			1 m
D. Approval of Agenda	Vote		1 m
E. Public Comments			20 m
F. Announcements - CEO & Superintendent, Board, Student Board Member			5 m
G. Approval of Minutes from MPS Regular Board Meeting - June 17, 2026	Approve Minutes		1 m
II. Student Board Elections			6:00 PM
A. Approval of the 2026-27 Student Board Member	Vote	Meagan Wittek	10 m
III. Closed Session			6:10 PM
A. Public Announcement of Closed Session	FYI		1 m
B. Public Employee Performance Evaluation (§ 54957) - Title: CEO & Superintendent			60 m
C. Conference with Legal Counsel - Existing Litigation (§54956.9): 1 case			15 m
D. Conference with Legal Counsel - Anticipated Litigation pursuant to (§54956.9): 1 case			15 m

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E. Report Out of Closed Session	FYI		1 m
IV. Action Items			7:42 PM
A. Approval of Charter Renewal Board Resolution for Magnolia Science Academy-6	Vote	Andrew Zarnich	3 m
B. Approval of Charter Renewal Board Resolution for Magnolia Science Academy-7	Vote	Andrew Zarnich	3 m
C. Approval of Charter Renewal Board Resolution for Magnolia Science Academy-Santa Ana	Vote	Andrew Zarnich	3 m
D. Approval of Board Resolution Accepting Los Angeles County Office of Education Conditions of Authorization for Magnolia Science Academy-5	Vote	Andrew Zarnich	3 m
E. Approval of the 2026–27 School Safety Plan for the New Magnolia Science Academy-5 Campus at 7111 Winnetka	Vote	Meagan Wittek	5 m
F. Approval of Resolution to Approve a Merger of the Finance Committee and Audit/Facilities Committee into the Finance, Audit, Risk, and Facilities Committee, and Assign Membership	Vote	Alfredo Rubalcava	3 m
G. Approval of the 2026–27 Magnolia Public Schools Board Committee Meeting Calendar	Vote	Alfredo Rubalcava	3 m
H. Approval of the Required Three-Year Update to the Expanded Learning Opportunities Program Plan	Vote	Traci Lewin	3 m
I. Approval of the Adoption of Science Curriculum for Grades 3-8	Vote	Traci Lewin	5 m
J. Approval of the Revised 2026-27 Budget for Magnolia Science Academy Orange County and Adoption of the 2026-27 Budget for Magnolia Educational & Research Foundation (MERF)	Vote	Cafer Turan	5 m

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K. Approval of Construction Change Orders for the Magnolia Science Academy-5 (7111 Winnetka) Project	Vote	Patrick Ontiveros	10 m
V. Closing Items			8:28 PM
A. Adjourn Meeting			1 m