Folsom Cordova
Unified School District

Special Joint Meeting Between FCUSD, City of Rancho Cordova, and City of Folsom (In-Person Only)
04/29/2026 - 05:30 PM
Open Session: 5:30 p.m.
Education Services Center, Boardroom / 1965 Birkmont Dr., Rancho Cordova, CA 95742
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MEETING MINUTES

FCUSD BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERS
Jennifer Laret, President
YK Chalamcherla, Vice President
David Reid, Clerk
Chris Clark, Board Member
Kara Lofthouse, Board Member
Addie Luong, Student Board Member
Eveleen Lopez Patraca, Student Board Member

CITY OF RANCHO CORDOVA COUNCIL MEMBERS
Garrett Gatewood, Mayor
Linda Budge, Vice Mayor
David M. Sander, PH.D., Council Member
Joe Little, Council Member
Siri Pulipati, Council Member

CITY OF FOLSOM COUNCIL MEMBERS
Justin Raithel, Mayor
Anna Rohrbough, Vice Mayor
Sarah Aquino, Council Member
Mike Kozlowski, Council Member
Barbara Leary, Council Member

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FCUSD VISION: Empowering all students to thrive through educational excellence.

FCUSD MISSION: FCUSD is committed to providing excellence in educational programs that carry high expectations for each student's success. In collaboration with our community, the mission of FCUSD is to ensure all students demonstrate high levels of learning through our commitment to continuous cycles of improvement, transformative social emotional learning, and engaging, culturally responsive instruction.

Protocol for Agenda Items: (published agenda times are approximate and subject to change)

1. Staff Presentation
2. Board Questions of Staff
3. Comments from Public
4. Board Final Comments and Direction

For information, contact Rochelle Dagnall, Administrative Assistant @ 916-294-9000 ext 104412

Attendance

Attendance taken at 5:41 PM.
Present:
Jennifer Laret, Board President
YK Chalamcherla, Board Vice President
David Reid, Board Clerk
Chris Clark, Board Member
Kara Lofthouse, Board Member

Addie Luong - Advisory Vote, Student Board Member
Absent:
Eveleen Lopez Patraca - Advisory Vote, Student Board Member

City of Rancho Cordova Council, Present:
Garrett Gatewood, Mayor
Linda Budge, Vice Mayor
David M. Sander, PH.D., Council Member
Joe Little, Council Member
Other:
David Kwong, Assistant City Manager
Persephonie Riley, Assistant City Clerk
Adam Lindgren, City Attorney
Absent:
Joe Little, Council Member
Siri Pulipati, Council Member
Attendance Updated:
Joe Little, Council Member, was present at 6:04 PM.

City of Folsom Council, Present:
Justin Raithel, Mayor
Anna Rohrbough, Vice Mayor
Sarah Aquino, Council Member
Barbara Leary, Council Member
Other:
Bryan Whitemyer, City Manager
Absent: Mike Kozlowski, Council Member
Attendance Updated:
Justin Raithel, Mayor, was absent at 6:54 PM.

I. 5:30 PM OPEN SESSION

a. Call to Order

Meeting convened at 5:41 PM. Board President Laret called the meeting to order.

Change of Order:
Item c. Roll Call was facilitated during this time.

Ms. Dagnall took roll for Folsom Cordova Unified USD Board of Education. Student Board Member Eveleen Lopez Patraca, was absent.

Persephonie Riley, Assistant City Clerk, took roll for the City of Rancho Cordova Council. The following council members were absent: Siri Pulipati and Joe Little.

Bryan Whitemyer, City Manager, took roll for the City of Folsom Council. The following council member was absent: Mike Kozlowski.

b. Land Acknowledgement and Pledge of Allegiance

Board Members read the Land Acknowledgement Statement. Board President Laret led the flag salute.

c. Roll Call

Roll Call was taken during the call to order.

II. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion Passed: Approve agenda.

Motion made by: Chris Clark
Motion seconded by: YK Chalamcherla

> ***Voting results:*** Unanimously approved
> Yes: Chris Clark
> Yes: David Reid
> Yes: Jennifer Laret
> Yes: Kara Lofthouse
> Yes: YK Chalamcherla
> Yes: Addie Luong - Advisory Vote

City of Rancho Cordova, Motion Passed: Approve agenda.
Motion by Council Member Sander, second by Mayor Gatewood.
Council Members Siri Pulipati and Joe Little, were absent.
AYES: 3/0

City of Folsom, Motion Passed: Approve agenda.
Motion by Mayor Raithel, second by Vice Mayor Rohrbough.
Council Member Kozlowski, was absent.
AYES: 4/0

III. RECESS/RECEPTION

Open session recessed at 5:45 PM.

Superintendent Swanson acknowledged the Vista del Lago High School Orchestra students, under the direction of Elicia Masztal, for their outstanding performance during the reception. He further recognized Cordova High School's Culinary students and their instructor, Grace Stockert-Saechao, for preparing and catering for this evening's reception, noting their professionalism and hospitality.

IV. 6:00 PM RESUME OPEN SESSION

a. Call Back to Order

Open session reconvened at 6:02 PM. Board President Laret called the meeting to order.

V. DISCUSSION

a. Career Technical Education (CTE) in FCUSD

Superintendent Swanson introduced Shanan Spears, Coordinator of Career Technical Education, to present this item.

Ms. Spears presented *From Classroom to Career, Designing Industry Aligned Pathways for Student Success* covering the following topics:

- Evolution of Vocational Education to CTE

- California's Career Technical Education—Preparing students for the 21st Century and Beyond: Industry Sectors and Key Components of CTE Pathways.
- CTE in FCUSD-Enrollment: 3,765 CTE Students 6th-12th grade; 37% HS and 20% MS students enrolled; 19 CTE Pathways in 11 Industry Sectors.
- CTE Pathway Completers data for 2024-2025: 388 students completed a pathway; 20 students completed two pathways by graduation.
- Expanded and New Potential CTE Pathways: Industrial Arts, Construction/Electrical/HVAC/Welding/Manufacturing, Emergency Medical Response, and AI/Data Science/Computer Sciences.

A request was made to provide all members with a chart outlining FCUSD's CTE programs at each high school. This information will be distributed electronically.

b. Artificial Intelligence (AI) in our Region

Superintendent Swanson introduced JP Morgan, Chief Innovation Officer for Human Machine Collaboration Institute (HMCI), to present this item.

Mr. Morgan presented *Leading Together, FCUSD's AI Exploration and the Regional Pathway It's Building* covering the following topics:

- What FCUSD is Exploring in AI
- From AI Exploration to a K-Career Vision
- Preparing Students for Diverse Career Paths
- What Regional Partnership Makes Possible

c. Early Literacy

Superintendent Swanson introduced Dr. Channa Pitt, Assistant Superintendent of Student Services, to present this item.

Dr. Pitt presented *Folsom Cordova READS, Literacy for All. Literacy for Life* covering the following topics:

- Our Why
- ELA CAASPP: FCUSD x County x State
- ELA CAASPP by Student Group
- ELA CAASPP by Race
- Strong Foundation in Our Schools
- This is Bigger than Schools Alone — Your Role in Folsom Cordova READS
- Current Non-Profit Partners
- Community Readers program — Volunteer Today (short video was shared)

VI. INFORMATION

a. Community Service Days

Superintendent Swanson shared that there was interest from the City of Folsom and City of Rancho Cordova knowing each others Community Service Days to partner the efforts within both cities.

- City of Rancho Cordova: Saturday, May 16, 2026 - Spring Service Day
- City of Folsom: Saturday, September 19, 2026 - Folsom Community Service Day

VII. 7:00 PM ADJOURNMENT

Board President Laret conveyed appreciation to those in attendance at the special joint meeting and acknowledged the thoughtful and robust discussion that took place.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:33 PM.

Jennifer Laret, Board President

David Reid, Board Clerk