

**CHATOM UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
Chatom Elementary Room #32 and Zoom Platform  
October 14, 2025**

Tuesday, October 14, 2025

Closed Session: 6:30 p.m.

Public Session: 7:00 p.m.

(Public can obtain access to the Zoom meeting by contacting the District Office at 209-664-8505 or at [www.chatom.k12.ca.us](http://www.chatom.k12.ca.us) by clicking on the calendar)

Board Member Trustee attending via Zoom will be located at the following:

Anthony Avila – 4918 Christofferson Road, Turlock, CA 95380

**Any writings or documents that are public records** and are provided to the Governing Board regarding an open session item on this agenda will be made available for public inspection in the District Office located at 7201 Clayton Road, Turlock, CA, during normal business hours.

**The Chatom Union School Board of Trustees welcomes you** to its meetings which are regularly scheduled on the second Tuesday of each month. Your interest is encouraged and appreciated. There are two procedures for public comment. They are:

Commenting on Items Not on the Agenda

California law prohibits the Board from taking action on any matter which is not on the posted agenda unless it is determined to be an emergency by the Board of Trustees.

The audience may comment on items that are not on the agenda during the Public Comments section, only. Public comments are limited to three (3) minutes maximum.

Commenting on Agenda Items

Procedures

1. Prior to the meeting, fill out a 3x5 agenda comment card. Wait for the Item to be announced.
2. Item Announced
3. Board Motion/Second
4. Public Comment (3 minute maximum)
5. Close of Public Comments
6. Board Discussion
7. Board Vote

**Consent Calendar**

Items listed under the Consent Calendar are considered to be routine and are acted on by the Board of Trustees in one motion. There is no discussion of these items before the vote unless a Board member, staff or public requests specific items be discussed and/or removed from the Consent Calendar. It is understood that the administration recommends approval on all Consent Items. Each item approved by the Board shall be deemed to have been considered in full and adopted as recommended.

**The District welcomes Spanish and other language speakers** to Board meetings. Anyone planning to attend and needing an interpreter should call (209) 664-8505, 24 hours in advance of the meeting, so arrangements can be made for an interpreter. *El Distrito da la bienvenida a las personas que hablan español a las juntas de la Mesa Directiva. Si planea asistir y necesita interpretación llame al (209) 664-8505, 24 horas antes de la junta, para poder hacer arreglos de interpretación.*

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

**6:40 pm**

1.1 Roll Call

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Anthony Avila | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Alison Carvalho  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Karen Macedo  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Steve Soderstrom |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rob Santos               |  |

1.2 Public Comment on Closed Session Agenda Items

1.3 Adjourn to Closed Session

APPROVED

Motion: Anthony Avila      Second: Karen Macedo  
Vote   Ayes 4                Noes 0                Abstentions 0

**2. CLOSED SESSION**

*Disclosure of Items Discussed in Closed Session (Gov. Code 54947.7)*

2.1 Public Employee Appointment

(Gov. Code 54957 and 54954.5 (e))

2.1.1 Paraeducator (ELOP) 1.0 hour (2:00 p.m.- 3:00 p.m.)

Lucia DaSilva

APPROVED

Motion: Alison Carvalho      Second: Karen Macedo

Vote   Ayes 4                Noes 0                Abstentions 0

2.1.2 Paraeducator (ELOP) 1.5 hours (3:00 p.m.- 4:30 p.m.)

The position is still open.

2.1.3 Paraeducator (ELOP) 2.0 hours (2:00 p.m.- 4:00 p.m.)

The position is still open.

2.1.4 Paraeducator 2.75 hours

Sara Azevedo

APPROVED

Motion: Alison Carvalho      Second: Karen Macedo

Vote   Ayes 4                Noes 0                Abstentions 0

2.1.5 Paraeducator (Art and Music Experience)

- Up to 25 hours per week with Possible Job Share

April Mailloux - 15 hrs/week

Abigail Sebastian - 10 hrs/week

APPROVED

Motion: Alison Carvalho      Second: Karen Macedo

Vote   Ayes 4                Noes 0                Abstentions 0

2.2 Public Employees

Discipline/Dismissal/Release/Non-re-election/Leaves of

Absence/Resignation/Retirements

And Resolution Regarding Reduction or Discontinuance of Source

(Gov. Code 44949 (e) and Gov. Code 44955)

2.3 Negotiations

2.4 Adjournment Back to Public Session

APPROVED

Motion: Anthony Avila      Second: Karen Macedo

Vote   Ayes 4                Noes 0                Abstentions 0

**3. OPEN SESSION: CALL TO ORDER**

**7:11 pm**

3.1 Roll Call

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Anthony Avila | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Alison Carvalho  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Karen Macedo  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Steve Soderstrom |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rob Santos               |  |

3.2 Flag Salute led by Board President, Steve Soderstrom

3.3 Report from Closed Session

The Board approved the following public employee appointments: Lucia DaSilva as Paraeducator (ELOP) 1.0 hour, Sara Azevedo as Paraeducator 2.75 hours, and April Mailloux & Abigail Sebastian for the job share of the Art and Music Experience Paraeducator position. The Paraeducator (ELOP) 1.5 hours & Paraeducator (ELOP) 2.0 hours are still open.

3.4 Approval of Agenda

APPROVED

Motion: Anthony Avila      Second: Alison Carvalho

Vote    Ayes 4            Noes 0            Abstentions 0

**4. CONSENT CALENDAR**

4.1 Board Minutes

4.2 Fiscal Services – Warrants/Payroll

4.3 Declaration of Obsolete Items

4.4 Collection of Developer Fees (if any)

APPROVED

Motion: Karen Macedo      Second: Alison Carvalho

Vote    Ayes 4            Noes 0            Abstentions 0

**5. PUBLIC COMMENT/RECOGNITION/COMMUNICATION**

**6. INFORMATION**

6.1 Calendar of Events

Reviewed by Superintendent, Cherise Olvera

6.2 Board Financial Summary Report

Reviewed by Business Manager, Kelly Machado, via Zoom.

6.3 Communication from Stanislaus County Office of Education Regarding its Review of the 2025-2026 Adopted Budget and Local Control Accountability Plan

6.4 Program Reports:

Chatom Elementary School Principal, Sara Cruz, reported that Chatom successfully launched its expanded learning after-school

programs this month, including a new STEM class and additional days added to the highly popular cooking class. She also shared that the new portable classroom/ELOP room is now in use and has been a great addition. Principal Cruz announced the start of the Every Day Counts attendance campaign and noted that this month's character trait focus is courage. She concluded with a brief overview of upcoming events, including Red Ribbon Week, Family Game Night, and an awards assembly.

Mountain View Middle School Principal, Lauren Lanum, shared that small student support groups began on Monday. She also highlighted the addition of a new Bilingual Paraeducator who has already made a positive impact on campus. Principal Lanum reviewed upcoming events, including Summit Day, Red Ribbon Week, a Halloween Dance, and the 8th-grade math and science field trip to Levi's Stadium. She also noted the start of Girls' Soccer and Boys' Basketball seasons.

Chatom State Preschool Director, Sandra Nunes, reported that the current enrollment is 19 students in the morning session and 12 students in the afternoon session. She shared that a parent meeting was held on October 1, which focused on child development and milestones. Director Nunes also noted that conferences are approaching and that students will be sent home with items to help parents support their child's developmental growth.

Superintendent, Cherise Olvera, provided an overview of the results from the Williams Facility Inspection. She expressed her gratitude to the Chatom PTC for their commitment and efforts in coordinating a successful Halloween Carnival. Superintendent Olvera also noted that Food Service Director Kasidi Barcelos recently conducted a student survey to gather feedback on possible new menu offerings.

6.5 2025 California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP) Raw Scores

Mrs. Olvera reviewed the initial CAASPP raw scores through a PowerPoint presentation. The presentation included results from the English Language Arts and Mathematics assessments, as well as the English Language Proficiency Assessment for California (ELPAC). The data was presented by subject, grade level, subgroups, and by cohorts. She also shared that the California Dashboard is expected to be released in November this year.

## 7. ACTION

7.1 Consider Approval of Chatom Union School District 2026-2027 Instructional Calendar

APPROVED

Motion: Anthony Avila      Second: Alison Carvalho

Vote   Ayes 4      Noes 0      Abstentions 0

- 7.2 Consider Approval of California State Preschool Program Resolution #10-14-25-01 to Designate Facility Responsibility and Authorized Signers for all Chatom State Preschool Related Documents

APPROVED

Motion: Karen Macedo      Second: Alison Carvalho  
Vote   Ayes 4                Noes 0                Abstentions 0

- 7.3 Consider Approval of California State Preschool Program Resolution #10-14-25-02 to Change the State Licensing Ages Served from 3-5 Years Old to 2-5 Years Old

APPROVED

Motion: Alison Carvalho      Second: Anthony Avila  
Vote   Ayes 4                Noes 0                Abstentions 0

- 7.4 Consider Approval of California State Preschool Program Continued Funding Application for Fiscal Year 2026-2027 and Resolution #10-14-25-03

APPROVED

Motion: Karen Macedo      Second: Alison Carvalho  
Vote   Ayes 4                Noes 0                Abstentions 0

- 7.5 Consider Approval of Revised Form CA and Form CEA of the 2024-2025 Unaudited Actuals

APPROVED

Motion: Anthony Avila      Second: Alison Carvalho  
Vote   Ayes 4                Noes 0                Abstentions 0

- 7.6 Consider Approval of Arts, Music, and Instructional Materials (AMIM) Discretionary Block Grant Plan

APPROVED

Motion: Karen Macedo      Second: Anthony Avila  
Vote   Ayes 4                Noes 0                Abstentions 0

**8. ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION**

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

**7:55 pm**

APPROVED

Motion: Alison Carvalho      Second: Karen Macedo  
Vote   Ayes 4                Noes 0                Abstentions 0