



**SCHOOLS LEGAL SERVICE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
NOTICE OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING AND AGENDA**

Date/Time: March 12, 2026, Noon

Place: Room 1A, City Centre, 1300 17th Street, Bakersfield, California

Notice of Teleconferencing Pursuant to Government Code section 54953(b). The Board will conduct this meeting in-person at the address listed above and via teleconference (internet-based service) with one or more board members participating from remote locations listed at the end of the agenda. Any requests for modification or accommodation from individuals with disabilities shall be received and addressed by sending an email to sls@kern.org prior to the meeting or calling 661.636.4830 during business hours (8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday). Voting at this meeting shall be by roll call.

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Agenda and Minutes of November 13, 2025 Meeting
3. Public Comment
4. Budget Report (*Medina/Auffant*)
 - Rate Structure
5. Students & Special Education Practice Group Update (*Allen*)
6. Labor & Employment Practice Group Update (*Vlahos*)
 - Update: March 15 Certificated/Classified Reduction Update
 - Sexual Harassment Prevention: 3/19/26; 5/14/26
7. Business Practice Group Update (*Fournier*)
8. Reports and/or Comments by General Counsel
 - Ethics In Governance: 3/25/26
 - Paralegal Position Update
 - Staffing Update
 - Technology Update – Electronic Signatures
 - Staffing Highlights
 - SLS Staff Anniversaries: March: Melissa Allen (6 Yrs.); April: Abby Auffant (6 Yrs.), Mark Pafford (4 Yrs.), Dina Lozano (8 Yrs.)
 - Total trained to date: 681
9. Information Items
10. Reports and/or Comments by Board Members

11. Adjournment

NEXT MEETING: May 14, 2026

Room 1A, City Centre Building, 1300 17th Street, Bakersfield, California

****The Schools Legal Service Board of Directors ("Board") welcomes comments from the public at appropriate times during the meeting. The public may address the Board concerning items on the agenda as those items are taken up prior to discussion and deliberation by the Board. The public may also address the Board on items not on the agenda, but within the jurisdiction of the Board, at the time designated. To conduct board business in an orderly and efficient manner and allocate available time, each speaker must fill out a speaker card at the beginning of the meeting stating the speaker's name and the subject to be addressed.**

Please wait to be recognized by the meeting chair. Comments should be addressed to the Board as a whole and not to individual board members or staff. Unless otherwise determined by the Board, each person is limited to 3 minutes per item. If multiple speakers wish to speak on a specific item, the total time allotted will be 20 minutes. Speakers should be aware that they remain legally liable for statements made at a board meeting. Public testimony is not immune or protected from claims for damages for libel or slander.

****Any materials required by law to be made available to the public prior to a meeting of the Board of Directors can be inspected at the offices of Schools Legal Service during normal business hours (1300 17th Street, 7th Floor, Bakersfield, California), or may be requested via telephone at 661.636.4830. For information regarding how, to whom, and when a request for disability-related modification or accommodation, including auxiliary aids or services, may be made by a person with a disability who requires a modification or accommodation to participate in the public meeting, please contact Ana Arias, 661.636.4830.**

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