

SSC Meeting 11/12/2025

Meeting was called to order at: 5:31pm

Attendees: Christy Boyd, Amy Hanna, Sandra Sequeira, Naga Ambadipudi, Paul Landshof, Cheryl Palladino, Maggie Rodriguez, Sarah Mock, Rogelio Ruiz

School Site Council — Meeting Minutes

1) Call to Order & Agenda

- Meeting called to order by Christy Boyd; agenda reviewed.
- Special meeting purpose noted (legal counsel presentation).

2) Required Legal Presentation — Transition to Trustee Area Elections

- The district received a February 2025 legal demand citing racially polarized voting under at-large Board elections.
- Multiple public hearings were held, and community feedback was gathered.
- Demographers were hired to draw several draft trustee-area maps.
- The Board adopted the final map on October 3, 2025, establishing five trustee areas of equal population.
- Independence High School is located in Trustee Area 4.

3) Election Sequencing & Waiver Overview

- 2026 elections: Trustee Areas 1, 2, and 4.
- 2028 elections: Trustee Areas 3 and 5.
- Due to voter turnout patterns, the district intends to request a one-time waiver allowing the 2026 Trustee Area 1 term to be two years (2026–2028).
- Beginning in 2028, Trustee Area 1 returns to the standard four-year election cycle.

4) Questions & Discussion

- Trustees Chavez, Herrera, and Van Le are up for election in the upcoming cycle.
- Confirmation that Independence High School falls fully within Trustee Area 4.

- If no candidate runs in a trustee area, the vacancy is filled through the appointment process.
- SSC does not vote on this waiver; this meeting documents distribution of information as required.
- No objections or concerns were voiced by members.

5) Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned at 5:55pm.