



# PERRIS UNION

## HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

### MINUTES

#### REGULAR MEETING OF THE CALIFORNIA MILITARY INSTITUTE August 21, 2024

### ROLL CALL

#### **Present:**

Trustee Edward Garcia, Jr., President  
Trustee Steve Campos, Vice President  
Trustee Anthony T. Stafford, Sr., Clerk  
Trustee David Nelissen, Member  
Trustee Elizabeth Vallejo, Member

#### **Administrative Staff Present:**

Joseph Williams, Interim Superintendent & Assistant Superintendent — Innovation and Technology Services; Candace Reines, Deputy Superintendent — Business Services; Kindy Mackamul, Interim Assistant Superintendent — Educational Services; Dian Martin, Director — Learning Support Services; Charles Tippie, Director — Learning Support Services; Dr. Shannyn Cahoon, Director — Curriculum and Instruction; Amil Alzubaidi, Director — Special Education; Marvin Atkins, Director — Pupil Services; Sylvia Hinojosa, Director — Purchasing; Hector Gonzalez, Director — Facilities; Maribel Escobar, Director — Human Resources; Audrey Mitchell, Director — Nutrition Services; Adam Estrada, Director — Risk Management/Environmental Safety; Dr. Pauline Garcia, Director on Assignment (Adult Education); James Heckman, Assistant Director — Technology; Lindsay Chavez, Principal — Heritage High School; Dr. Erika Tejada, Principal — Liberty High School; Julie Blied, Principal — Paloma Valley High School; Juan Santos, Principal — Perris High School; ChaKwan Jones, Principal — Pinacate Middle School; Lee Alfred, Principal — Perris Lake High School; Dr. Michael Dodson, Principal — California Military Institute; Miles Henderson, Executive Officer — California Military Institute; and Dr. Jennifer Thomasian, Principal on Special Assignment — Perris High School

#### **Others Attending:**

Jason Miller, Helen Stimach, Angel Behrens; Rosa Galvan, Christina Sanchez, Heather Peterson; Kevin Reyes, Rose Cook, Ernesto Gomez, Cynthia Navarro; Sarah Rico, Anna Fetzner, and others

## PUBLIC NOTICE

**1.1 PUBLIC NOTICE: The writings, documents, or public records described in SB No. 343 are available at the District Office, currently located at 155 East Fourth Street, Perris, CA 92570**

## CALL TO ORDER

**2.1 CALL TO ORDER: The President of the Board of Trustees Will Call the California Military Institute Meeting to Order**

The President of the Board of Trustees called the meeting to order at 5:41 p.m.

## REVISION/ADOPTION/ORDERING OF AGENDA

**3.1 REVISION/ADOPTION/ORDERING OF AGENDA: August 21, 2024**

### **ORIGINAL - Motion**

Member **(David Nelissen)** moved, member **(Anthony T. Stafford, Sr.)** seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion, "It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve any revision/adoption/ordering of the Agenda of the Regular Meeting of the California Military Institute for August 21, 2024."

Steve Campos	Yes
Edward Garcia, Jr.	Yes
David Nelissen	Yes
Anthony T. Stafford, Sr.	Yes
Elizabeth Vallejo	Yes

## ORAL REPORTS

**4.1 CMITA President Angel Love-Behrens**

**CMITA President Angel Love-Behrens shared the following statement**

"Good evening Trustee Nelson, Trustee Vallejo, Trustee Stafford, Trustee Compos, Trustee Garcia, Interim Superintendent Mr. Williams and Cabinet.

It is a joy to be back here for the 24-25 school year. Our members are missing Dr. Milos but wish him the world of luck in his new journeys. We did not get to say a formal goodbye over the summer, but we wish him all the luck with that.

It is my privilege to welcome Dr. Michael Dodson as our new principal to his first charter board meeting. Myself, as well as our members, look forward to a productive and positive mindset-driven year under his leadership.

### ORAL REPORTS (cont.)

In amazement, we are opening the 2024-25 school year. I don't know how many of you thought back to when you were in school, and people were talking about the millennial. I remember being in junior high and hearing, okay, you're going to live to see 2000. I was in junior high; I was never going to be that old. We're now in 2025, amazing! Many staff members have been commenting on this being one of the smoothest starts of our school year that we have had. I want to give a big shout-out to all of our CMI office staff, CSOs, custodial staff, admin, and teachers. Only true teamwork can make this happen. In addition to a shout-out to our CMI staff, I want to give a huge shout-out to M&O, Miss Candace, and whoever else was involved in getting the desperately needed repairs done on CMI's campus. The exterior wall on our six will not be leaking water in the rain. No more unexpected critters under the building in the R section. The fact that my classroom door and many other doors open and close smoothly, no matter what the temperature is outside, is amazing and a welcome comfort for the new school year. There are definitely far less concerns of trip hazards on the new blacktop between the G and the R buildings, so we want to send a very big thank you.

The request has been made for dates to complete a renewal of our CBA that expired on June 30th of this year. As you recall, we were not able to close out our negotiations in June, so we still have three undecided articles. Once these three articles regarding pay stipends and leaves have been completed and ratified, we'll be leaning into the standard two articles of sunshine for this year, as well as pay and benefits for next. We look forward to having a new up to, up-to-date CBA for more clarity for both the charter as well as our members as we look to the second week of school.

We look at another year of collaboration, meetings, greets, new bulletin boards, Avid strategies, and Back-to-School night, which is tomorrow. Hopefully, we'll see you all, extra duties, conversations with parents, empty tissue boxes, broken pencils, long meetings, and who can forget grades. Before we all know it, we will be closing this year wondering where the time went and did we accomplish enough for the sake of our students. As with every year, the answer will be yes. We've accomplished enough for our students with your support. Thank you.

#### 4.2 CSEA President Rosa Galvan

##### **CSEA President Rosa Galvan shared the following statement:**

Good evening Board of Education, Interim Superintendent Mr. Joseph Williams, and others here today. My name is Rosa Galvan, the chapter president of the California Military Institute, Chapter 770 of the California Schools Employees Association.

Recently, I had the opportunity to attend this year's 98th annual conference in San Jose, California. The conference provided a wealth of insights and trends relevant to our field. As always, it's a pleasure to be able to participate, learn new things, and meet new people. I also had the privilege of visiting CSEA's headquarters, and I must say I was truly amazed. The scale and scope of the facilities are impressive. But what stood out even more were the people and the culture. Seeing firsthand the environment in which they operate and the passion that they entail together and represent is key. Today will mark a historic day in CMI's history as the Board officially votes to approve CMI's very first-ever collective bargaining agreement. We are not here to only leave a legacy for today but to leave a legacy and leadership for the future. I stand before you today with

## **ORAL REPORTS (cont.)**

immense gratitude and appreciation. As we gather here, I want to take a moment to reflect on the journey we've shared and express my heartfelt thanks for your unwavering support and collaboration. I want to thank each and every one of you who was part of this huge accomplishment. Over the past, we have faced challenges, celebrated milestones, and worked together towards common goals. Your dedication, insight, and expertise have been instrumental in steering us through these times. Each decision made, each strategy crafted, and each initiative launched has been a testament to the collective effort and commitment on behalf of Chapter 778. Once again, we want to extend nothing but gratitude. Your willingness to engage, challenge, and support has been invaluable. The trust you've placed in each and every one of us has been both motivating and empowering. As we look ahead, I am confident we will continue our collaboration and pave the way for even greater success. Together, we have laid a solid foundation, and I am excited about the future we will build. Your vision and dedication will undoubtedly continue to drive us forward. Here's to our continued success and the many achievements yet to come. Lastly, I want to welcome Dr. Dodson to CMI. Thank you so much.

### **4.3 Principal's Update**

#### **Dr. Michael Dodson, Principal, shared the following statement:**

Good evening, Mr. President, Board of Trustees, and Interim Superintendent, Mr. Williams. I just want to say it's a pleasure to be here at my first PUHSD board meeting for CMI. Before I get started, I only have a couple of things that I need to discuss. But what I would like to say first is just another heartfelt thanks. The school Board, Mr. Williams, the Cabinet, and the interview panel that selected me for this position. I am truly honored. It gives me an opportunity to put both of my careers together, both my educational career and my military career. We will have our Back-to-School night tomorrow, and you're all invited.

The second thing is that CMI started off with 1,043 students enrolled. Two were no-shows, so we are contacting students from the waiting list to come in. We know there are students who are chomping at the bit to get into CMI, and we certainly want to welcome them as well. As the speakers have said before me, this has truly been a smooth opening. And I know that when you have new leadership on board, things can be a little rocky, a little chaotic. But with this staff behind me, they made this whole transition period just the finest that I know that I've been at in any of my previous positions. So I want to thank them, and they need a round of applause for the work that they have done to make this school opening such a smooth one. Thank you so much.

## **INVITATION TO ADDRESS THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

### **5.1 INVITATION TO ADDRESS THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES: Non-Agendized Items**

There were no requests to address the Board of Trustees.

## **CONSENT CALENDAR**

### **6.1 CONSENT CALENDAR: Approval of Consent Calendar Items**

### CONSENT CALENDAR (cont.)

#### **ORIGINAL - Motion**

Member **(David Nelissen)** moved, member **(Steve Campos)** seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion, "It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve the items listed under the Consent Calendar categories of General Functions, Curriculum, and Business."

Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **5** Nay: **0**. The motion **PASSED 5 - 0**.

Steve Campos	Yes
Edward Garcia, Jr.	Yes
David Nelissen	Yes
Anthony T. Stafford, Sr.	Yes
Elizabeth Vallejo	Yes

#### **6.2 GENERAL FUNCTIONS: Minutes of the Special Board Meeting of the California Military Institute for June 3, 2024**

The Board of Trustees approved the special minutes of the California Military Institute board meeting of June 3, 2024.

#### **6.3 GENERAL FUNCTIONS: Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of the California Military Institute for June 12, 2024**

The Board of Trustees approved the regular minutes of the California Military Institute board meeting of June 12, 2024.

#### **6.4 CURRICULUM: Revised Middle School English Language Art Course: Language Arts 8**

The Board of Trustees adopted the revised Middle School English Language art course: Language Arts 8.

#### **6.5 CURRICULUM: Revised VAPA Courses: Art I and Art II (meets A-G requirement "G")**

The Board of Trustees adopted the revised VAPA courses: Art I and Art II.

#### **6.6 CURRICULUM: New Dual Enrollment Social Science Course: Human Development Psyc103 DE (meets A-G requirement "GA")**

The Board of Trustees adopted the new Dual Enrollment Social Science course: Human Development Psyc103.

#### **6.7 CURRICULUM: New Math Course: Mathematical Reasoning With Connections (meets A-G requirement "C")**

The Board of Trustees adopted the new Math course: Mathematical Reasoning with Connections.

**6.8 CURRICULUM: Overnight Field Trip for California Military Institute Cadets to Attend the California Cadet Corps Leadership Conference at Camp San Luis Obispo, California, September 13-15, 2024 (funded through CONSENT CALENDAR (cont.)**

**the Charter Local Control Accountability Plan Supplemental and Concentration Fund at a total cost not to exceed \$1,000, not the Charter General Fund)**

The Board of Trustees approved the overnight field trip for California Military Institute cadets to attend the California Cadet Corps Leadership conference at Camp San Luis Obispo, California, September 13-15, 2024.

**6.9 CURRICULUM: Overnight Field Trip for California Military Institute Cadets to Attend the Non-Commissioned Officers Academy at the California Military Institute, September 27-28, 2024 (funded through the Charter CMD-MOU Fund at a total cost not to exceed \$1,000, not the Charter General Fund)**

The Board of Trustees approved the overnight field trip for California Military Institute cadets to attend the Non-Commissioned Officers Academy at the California Military Institute, California, September 27-28, 2024.

**6.10 CURRICULUM: Overnight Field Trip for California Military Institute Cadets to Attend the California Cadet Corps Community Emergency Response Team Training at Camp San Luis Obispo, California, October 31 through November 3, 2024 (funded through the California Cadet Corps Military Department Headquarters and the Charter CMD-MOU Fund at a total cost not to exceed \$1,000, not the Charter General Fund)**

The Board of Trustees approved the overnight field trip for California Military Institute cadets to attend the California Cadet Corps Community Emergency Response Team training at Camp San Luis Obispo, California, October 31 through November 3, 2024.

**6.11 BUSINESS: Report of Purchases - June 2024**

The Board of Trustees approved the Report of Purchases for June 2024.

**6.12 BUSINESS: Report of Purchases - July 2024**

The Board of Trustees approved the Report of Purchases for July 2024.

**WRITTEN REPORTS**

**7.1 DISCIPLINE: June 2024 Monthly Suspension Report**

The Board received for its review the June 2024 monthly Suspension report.

**ACTION ITEMS**

**8.1 PERSONNEL: Certificated Personnel Action Items**

**ACTION ITEMS** (cont.)

**ORIGINAL - Motion**

Member **(Anthony T. Stafford, Sr.)** moved, member **(Elizabeth Vallejo)** seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion, "It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve the Certificated Personnel Action Items as presented."

Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **4** Nay: **1**. The motion **PASSED 4 - 1**.

Steve Campos	Yes
Edward Garcia, Jr.	No
David Nelissen	Yes
Anthony T. Stafford, Sr.	Yes
Elizabeth Vallejo	Yes

**8.2 PERSONNEL: Classified Personnel Action Items**

**ORIGINAL - Motion**

Member **(Anthony T. Stafford, Sr.)** moved, member **(Steve Campos)** seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion, "It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve the Classified Personnel Action Items as presented."

Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **4** Nay: **0** Abstain: **1**. The motion **PASSED 4 - 0 - 1**.

Steve Campos	Yes
Edward Garcia, Jr.	Abstain
David Nelissen	Yes
Anthony T. Stafford, Sr.	Yes
Elizabeth Vallejo	Yes

**8.3 PERSONNEL: Collective Bargaining Agreement Between the California Military Institute and the California School Employees Association, and its California Military Institute Chapter #778**

**ORIGINAL - Motion**

Member **(Steve Campos)** moved, member **(Elizabeth Vallejo)** seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion, "It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve the Collective Bargaining Agreement Between the California Military Institute and the California School Employees Association and its California Military Institute Chapter #778."

Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **5** Nay: **0**. The motion **PASSED 5 - 0**.

Steve Campos	Yes
Edward Garcia, Jr.	Yes
David Nelissen	Yes
Anthony T. Stafford, Sr.	Yes
Elizabeth Vallejo	Yes

**ACTION ITEMS** (cont.)

**8.4 PERSONNEL: Memorandum of Understanding Agreement Between the California Military Institute and the California School Employees Association, and its California Military Institute Chapter #778 Regarding Permanent Change in Hours for Custodial Staff**

**ORIGINAL - Motion**

Member **(David Nelissen)** moved, member **(Edward Garcia, Jr.)** seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion, "It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve the Memorandum of Understanding Agreement between the California Military Institute and the California School Employees Association and its California Military Institute Chapter #778 regarding Permanent Change in Hours for Custodial Staff."

Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **5** Nay: **0**. The motion **PASSED 5 - 0**.

Steve Campos	Yes
Edward Garcia, Jr.	Yes
David Nelissen	Yes
Anthony T. Stafford, Sr.	Yes
Elizabeth Vallejo	Yes

**8.5 CURRICULUM: Resolution No. 01:24-25 Public Hearing and Resolution for Pupil Textbook and Instructional Materials Compliance Regarding the Williams Act Materials Sufficiency for Fiscal Year 2024-25**

The Board of Trustees held a Public Hearing at 5:57 p.m. to receive comments regarding the 2024-25 Pupil Textbook and Instructional Materials Compliance. There were no public comments received. The Public Hearing was closed at 5:58 p.m.

**ORIGINAL - Motion**

Member **(David Nelissen)** moved, member **(Anthony T. Stafford, Sr.)** seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion, "It is recommended that the Board of Trustees adopt Resolution No. 01:24-25 - Pupil Textbook and Instructional Materials Compliance Regarding the Williams Act Materials Sufficiency for Fiscal Year 2024-25."

Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **5** Nay: **0**. The motion **PASSED 5 - 0**.

Steve Campos	Yes
Edward Garcia, Jr.	Yes
David Nelissen	Yes
Anthony T. Stafford, Sr.	Yes
Elizabeth Vallejo	Yes

**8.6 BUSINESS: Authorization for Purchase Orders Above \$50,000 - August 2024**

**ORIGINAL - Motion**

Member **(Edward Garcia, Jr.)** moved, member **(Steve Campos)** seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion, "It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve the Authorization for Purchase Orders above \$50,000 - August 2024."



### **ACTION ITEMS (cont.)**

Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **5** Nay: **0**. The motion **PASSED 5 - 0**.

Steve Campos	Yes
Edward Garcia, Jr.	Yes
David Nelissen	Yes
Anthony T. Stafford, Sr.	Yes
Elizabeth Vallejo	Yes

### **INFORMATION ITEMS**

#### **9.1 CURRICULUM: Revised Elective Course: Peer Tutoring (does not meet A-G requirements)**

The Board of Trustees received, for its review and consideration, as part of the first reading, the revised Elective course: Peer Tutoring.

#### **9.2 CURRICULUM: New Career Technology Courses: RCOE Intermediate eSports and Game Design and RCOE Advanced eSports and Game Design (meets A-G requirement "G")**

The Board of Trustees received, for its review and consideration, as part of the first reading, the new Career Technology courses: RCOE Intermediate eSport and Game Design and RCOE Advanced eSport and Game Design.

### **OTHER ITEMS BY THE SUPERINTENDENT**

#### **10.1 OTHER ITEMS BY THE SUPERINTENDENT**

Mr. Williams noted that working with CMI while opening up for the school year has been a pleasure. He was able to tour the campus with Dr. Dodson. Mr. Williams noted that he appreciated the classified staff and communicated with them the trust the district administration has in their knowledge and how they plan to move forward. In addition, Mr. Williams thanked Assistant Principal Savan Prak for stepping in as Interim Principal. Lastly, Mr. Williams thanked the unions for their work, indicating they were able to meet and start having dialogue for the upcoming year.

### **OTHER ITEMS BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

#### **11.1 OTHER ITEMS BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Trustee Nelissen wished a great start to the new school year. He stated that he could not attend CMI's Back-to-School as his school is having theirs the same evening. He wished CMI a great school year and hopes to have the opportunity to visit the site later in the year.

**OTHER ITEMS BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES** (cont.)

Trustee Vallejo welcomed back staff and students and congratulated Dr. Dodson on his Principal position. She stated that she looks forward to having him get to know everyone at CMI and to create his own leadership continuing to lead the school in a positive direction.

Trustee Stafford also welcomed everyone back and congratulated Dr. Dodson. He stated that he would not be in attendance on the Back-to-School night but plans on coming to the site later on to meet with Dr. Dodson. Trustee Stafford did ask if the new AC units were in place yet. Hector Gonzalez, Director of Facilities, shared that they had not arrived yet but were scheduled to be there the following week. Trustee Stafford thanked Mr. Gonzalez for the update and looked forward to reviewing the item later in the regular agenda.

Trustee Campos thanked Interim Superintendent Joseph Williams for stepping in and helping to make a smooth transition during the recent Superintendent search. Trustee Campos thanked Rosa Galvan for her comments earlier. He was specifically impressed with her mention of leaving a legacy and wanting to make CMI a better place. He also thanked former principal, Dr. Milosavljevic, for his time serving at CMI. Lastly, Trustee Campos looks forward to an exciting year and to good things happening at CMI.

Trustee Garcia thanked everyone for their service and indicated that he has already received comments from different individuals stating how excited they are to start the new year with new leadership.

**ADJOURNMENT**

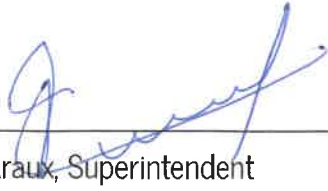
**12.1 ADJOURNMENT: Regular Meeting of the California Military Institute for August 21, 2024**

**ORIGINAL - Motion**

Member **(Anthony T. Stafford, Sr.)** moved, member **(David Nelissen)** seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion, "It is recommended that the Board of Trustees adjourn the August 21, 2024, Regular Meeting of the California Military Institute" at 6:08 p.m.

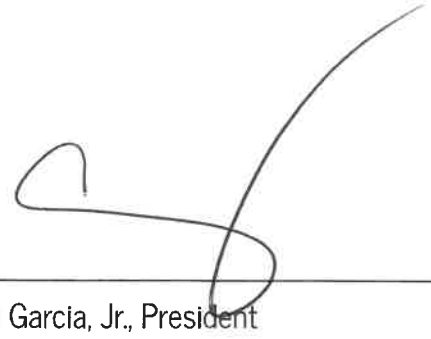
Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **5** Nay: **0**. The motion **PASSED 5 - 0**.

Steve Campos	Yes
Edward Garcia, Jr.	Yes
David Nelissen	Yes
Anthony T. Stafford, Sr.	Yes
Elizabeth Vallejo	Yes



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Dr. Jose Luis Araux, Superintendent



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Edward Garcia, Jr., President



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Anthony T. Stafford, Sr., Clerk