



BOARD MINUTES
Meeting of the Board of Directors
University High School Meeting
December 10, 2025
Room 108

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5:00 PM Open Session

MEMBERS PRESENT: Xuanning Fu (Chair), Brent Woodward (Vice Chair), Rajee Amarasinghe (Treasurer), Nichole Walsh, and Lori Hamada

MEMBERS ABSENT: Saul Jimenez-Sandoval, Dominic Dizon (Secretary)

1. Call to Order/Recognize Visitors

The meeting was called to order at 5:02pm by Dr. Xuanning Fu, Chair.

2. Approval of the Agenda

The agenda was unanimously **APPROVED** as submitted.

Woodward - motion, Walsh - second

3. Public Comment

Public comment on any item of interest to the public that is within the Board's jurisdiction will be heard. At this time, anyone present may speak for up to three minutes. Those who wish to speak may **voluntarily** sign in on the Sign-In sheet.

4. Executive Reports

a. **Student Report** - ASB President Leo Jimesanagnos shared various events from November and December (Winter Wonderland at The Vineyards, Canned Food Drive results, fall concerts) as well as upcoming events: Winter Intersession, Ice Cream Bowl, Finals, and Winter Formal. He finished by saying that there is a very positive vibe around campus.

b. **Superintendent/Principal (Hickman):** Superintendent Hickman shared the enrollment numbers: 9th/135, 10th/130, 11th/116, 12th/ 117 = 498. She shared about past events in November and December, including having Thanksgiving week off, Fall concerts, and Winter Wonderland with The Vineyards Armenian Home.

Superintendent Hickman also shared about faculty awards. Superintendent Hickman stated that she had inadvertently missed announcing that Mrs. Deena Klein was named as the Fresno charter schools' nominee as Classified Employee of the Year for the Fresno County Superintendent of Schools annual recognition. She also reminded the Board that Mr. Armando Murillo, UHS math teacher, will be recognized as a Finalist for the CA League of Educators Educator of the Year on Monday, December 15, at Fort Washington Country Club.

Lastly, Superintendent Hickman gave the Board the date of the annual Phoenix Phling, put on by our parent group, Phoenix Alliance: Saturday, March 14, 2026.

- c. **Budget Review (Bryson):** CFO Bryson presented the current budget for the month and the 5-year budget. She explained that UHS is in very good shape, with a good amount of cash on hand. CFO Bryson said that the Governor will release his budget revise on January 10, so she will have more to report at our February meeting. She said that there is a little bit of concern statewide due to little or no downturn in the state's economy.

5. Consent Agenda

All consent agenda items are considered routine by the Board of Governors and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of items unless a Board member or citizen so requests, in which event, the item(s) will be considered following approval of the Consent Agenda.

- a. Approve the Minutes from the November 6, 2025 Meeting
- b. Total Payments Report
- c. CRMA Annual Coverage forms (UHS & Phoenix Alliance)

The consent agenda was unanimously APPROVED as submitted.
Walsh - motion, Hamada - second

6. Discussion Items (Including Potential Action Items)

- a. **SARC: School Accountability Report Card (voting item):** Superintendent Hickman explained the various pages of the annually required SARC and answered questions in regards to data listed.
The UHS SARC was unanimously APPROVED as submitted.
Woodward - motion, Walsh - second

- b. **Behavioral Health Referral Policy (voting item/Hickman):** Superintendent Hickman explained that this Student referral policy is a new requirement (SB 153) and that schools must have a plan to refer students for any behaviors health issues that may arise.

The Student Behavioral Health Referral Policy was unanimously APPROVED as submitted.
Hamada - motion, Walsh - second

- c. **Civility Policy (voting item/Hickman):** Superintendent Hickman explained that there have been numerous issues with parents this year acting negatively towards staff and that the Fresno County Superintendent of Schools office recommended that we adopt a civility policy.

The Civility Policy was unanimously APPROVED as submitted.
Walsh - motion, Woodward - second

- d. **MOU with Fresno Unified for 2025-2030 (voting item/Hickman):** Superintendent Hickman shared that this MOU was over a year in the making, due to FUSD's change in legal representation, as well as numerous points that had to be addressed. The legal team from Young, Minney, and Corr represented UHS in this endeavor. There were a few items that were discussed, mostly centered around Ed Code items.

The MOU with Fresno Unified for 2025-2030 was unanimously APPROVED As submitted.
Hamada - motion, Walsh - second.

- e. **2025 Dashboard Information (discussion item/Hickman):** Superintendent Hickman explained about the state Dashboard and shared the 2025 results for UHS. UHS scored in the "blue" area (highest) for Suspension Rate, Graduation Rate, and College/Career. UHS scored in the "green" area (second highest) for English Language Arts and Mathematics. The blue and green areas are the two indicators of being on target, according to the CA Department of Education.

- f. Board Member updates (discussion item/Hickman):** Dr. Fu shared that due to his retirement from Fresno State, he will be coming off the UHS Board in June, 2026. Superintendent Hickman explained the process and timeline for vetting a new Board member, which will begin after the new year.
- g. Other:** There were no additional items added to the agenda.

8. Future Meetings: No January meeting, February 5, March 5, April 9, May 7, and June TBA.

9. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6.04pm by Dr. Xuanning Fu, Chair.