

East Region Adult Education
Governing Board Meeting
August 21, 2026 | 8:00 AM – 9:00 AM
Grossmont Union High School District Office - Superintendent's Conference Room
1100 Murray Drive, El Cajon, CA 92020

Minutes

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 8:03am by ERAE Governing Board President Kirsten Vital Brulte.

The following ERAE Governing Board members were present:

Patrick Keeley, Lynn Neault, Jessica Robinson, Kristen Vital Brulte, and Rick Wilson.

Absent: GUHSD Assistant Superintendent of Ed Services -TBD

II. SPECIAL REPORTS/RECOGNITIONS

There were no reports/recognitions.

III. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were no communications from the public.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - April 16, 2026

Motion Passed: The minutes were unanimously approved as written. The first motion to approve the minutes as written was made by Rick Wilson and seconded by Lynn Neault.

- Absent GUHSD Assistant Superintendent - TBD
- Yes Patrick Keeley
- Yes Lynn Neault
- Yes Jessica Robinson
- Yes Kristen Vital Brulte
- Yes Rick Wilson

V. REMOVAL OF ITEMS FROM/CHANGES TO AGENDA

There were no changes to the agenda.

The agenda was unanimously approved as written. The first motion to approve was made by Lynn Neault and seconded by Patrick Keeley.

- Absent GUHSD Assistant Superintendent - TBD
- Yes Patrick Keeley
- Yes Lynn Neault
- Yes Jessica Robinson
- Yes Kristen Vital Brulte
- Yes Rick Wilson

VI. REPORTS/DISCUSSIONS

a. Annual Plan

- Consortium Manager, Joyce Liou shared an overview of accomplishments from the 2025 - 2026 annual plan:
 - Onboarding has been aligned to streamlining testing and placement, to include a digital literacy assessment, and to include Transition Services.
 - Marketing efforts continue with branding for Mt. Empire Adult Education
 - Pathway Development continues with the planning year for the ELL Healthcare Pathway grant, addition of a plumbing program at GAE, and explaining dual enrollment and community partnerships.
 - Lynn Neault asked Joyce for an update on student numbers for dual enrollment. Joyce will gather the most recent data and report back.
- Joyce highlighted 2026 - 2027 Annual Plan Activities which include:
 - Continuing to evaluate noncredit needs.
 - Developing new noncredit pathways.
 - Expanding dual enrollment.
 - Improving student access to pathways with visual pathways. maps, marketing and referral processes.
 - Using onboarding, assessment, and persistence data to drive continuous improvement.
 - Expanding IET (Integrated Education and Training) and career readiness into nonmedical CTE and community college noncredit.
 - Strengthening staff capacity in data management and effective use of referral processes.
 - Standardizing data sharing and data review as regular part of member and leadership council meetings.

b. Strong Workforce Projects Adult Learner Success Initiative

- Sally Cox shared highlights from the Strong Workforce Projects Adult Learner Initiative that align with noncredit pathway development.
- An exploratory meeting has taken place with Cuyamaca College and one is scheduled with Grossmont College. Sally Cox shared that the colleges are working to expand enhanced non-credit career training paths which aligns with our work as a consortium. Jessica Robinson shared that classes are filling up quickly and interest has really increased.
- ELL Healthcare Pathway Grant: Heather Peterson shared that the Program Coordinator position for this grant is posted and closing today. She shared that we are very excited to get the ELL Healthcare Pathway program up and running with this \$2,487,302 dollar grant and will be able to create a career training hub with the grant that can be used in the future to support the ongoing building of



career training pathways with intentional support for English Language Learners in all CTE areas, not just Healthcare. Sally Cox said that this program will help immigrant students who have been working in the medical field prior to coming to the United States. This program will bridge the requirement gap in medical classes to qualify for work in the health field here.

c. CFAD

- Sally Cox shared that we need to pass the CFAD annually and then revise as needed after the governor's May budget revise each year. The 2026-27 ERAE Apportionment Schedule shows that a 2.87% COLA was given to adult education and this percent increase has been allocated to each member as agreed upon.

VII. GOVERNANCE/ACTION ITEMS

- a. Motion to approve the ERAE Apportionment Schedule (CFAD) as written was made by Lynn Neault and seconded by Rick Wilson.
- b. 2026-2027 CFAD approval
 - Absent GUHSD Assistant Superintendent - TBD
 - Yes Patrick Keeley
 - Yes Lynn Neault
 - Yes Jessica Robinson
 - Yes Kristen Vital Brulte
 - Yes Rick Wilson

VIII. COMMUNICATION FROM BOARD MEMBERS

- Patrick Keeley: The Mountain Empire Unified bond will be Measure L on the upcoming ballot. If the bond passes it will qualify them for a financial hardship status which will then provide the needed funding to help rebuild multiple campuses. Mountain Empire Unified will have a 3 year window to access the funds.
- Rick Wilson: September 4, 2026 is the First Friday Breakfast event held at Cuyamacca College. The East County Chamber is working on the Highway 80 100th anniversary project. The 36th year of Leadership East County starts in September and the chamber is looking for those who would like to participate. The East County Chamber is launching a veteran program. The chamber does not support candidates but they do support issues. They will be hosting a "Politics in Paradise" in The Water Conservation Garden at Cuyamacca College. This is a large event to educate the community, not tell them what or who to vote for.
- Lynn Neault shared that classes start next week and enrollment is strong. The college district is working on getting the word out to encourage support for Proposition R. Lynn will also be attending the "Politics in



Paradise" in The Water Conservation Garden at Cuyamaca College.

- Kirsten Vital Brulte says GUHSD is 8 school days in, and enrollment is higher than projected this year. 2026-27 is the beginning of her second year with GUHSD. Strategic planning has resumed with Portrait of a Graduate. There will be 10 planning sessions during the school year. Three years of calendars are approved and on the GUHSD website.
- Jessica Robinson shared they just completed their professional development week or "Flex Week". It was exciting to see that staff participation was up this year. One of the goals this year is a focus on dual enrollment and career education.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 a.m.

The next ERAE Governing Board meeting is scheduled for January 14, 2027, location to be determined.