



**Board of Directors
Meeting Minutes
March 4, 2026
Time 6:00 – 7:30pm**

ROLL CALL

James Kyriaco, Board Chair called the meeting at 6:05pm. No quorum was established.

<u>Members present:</u>	<u>Members not present:</u>	<u>Staff present:</u>	<u>Guests present:</u>
Marina Owen	Angela Miller-Bevan	Patricia Keelean	Megan Salas
Alexander Saunders	Miguel Avila	Grant Carmichael	Rafael Gonzalez
Hilda Zacarias(Zoom)	Jeremy Ball	Jennifer Macdonald	Lucy Hernandez
James Kyriaco		Monica Logan	
Gloria Flores		Julie Weiner (Zoom)	
Oscar Gutierrez(Zoom)		Monica Moreno (Zoom)	
Roy Lee			

1. WELCOME & CALL TO ORDER

James Kyriaco, Board Chair called the meeting at 6:15 pm. No quorum was established.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT – Members of the public may speak up to 5 minutes each.

The public comment period is reserved for comments on matters within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Board of Directors. Each person may address the Board for up to three minutes at the discretion of the Chair, for a total public comment period of no more than 15 minutes.

The Board Chair asked if there were any public comments. None

3. CLOSED SESSION:

a. Legal Matter: Rafael Gonzalez, Mullen & Henzell.

4. APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES:

January 7, 2026

M/S/A

Item Tabled – No Quorum.

5. **RECITE COMMUNIFY MISSION STATEMENT/MISSION MOMENT – PAT KEELEAN, CEO:**

We serve Santa Barbara County’s most vulnerable populations through education and coordinated services so they may achieve economic stability, improve overall well-being and thrive.

6. **CEO REPORT:** Tabled

7. **CFO REPORT:** Tabled

8. **CONSENT AGENDA:**

All matters listed hereunder constitute a consent agenda and will be acted upon by a single roll call vote of the Board. Matters listed on the agenda will be read only on the request of a member of the Board or the Public, in which event the matter shall be removed from the consent agenda and considered as a separate item.

8a. Approval of Minutes:

8a – 1 Executive Committee Minutes

8a – 2 Planning Committee Minutes

8a – 3 Planning Committee Minutes

8a – 4 Personnel Committee Minutes

8a – 5 Ambassadors Committee (Head Starters) Minutes: 1/22/26

8a – 6 Ambassadors Committee (Head Starters) Minutes: 2/19/26

8b. Approval of Grants \$10,000 and Under/Renewal Contracts, MOUs, Resolutions, etc.:

8b – 1 Authorize **licensure of three additional infant and toddler classrooms at Guadalupe, Maple, and Goleta Centers**. This will include one Infant Classroom at the Guadalupe Center for six infants, one Infant and Toddler Classroom of six infants and nine toddlers at the Maple Center, and one Infant and Toddler Classroom of six infants and nine toddlers at the Center.

8b – 2 Approval of and authorization to submit a grant application to the **Goleta City grant program in the amount of \$10,000 to support the Seniors Safe at Home program**.

M/S/A - Items Tabled – No Quorum.

9. **ACTION ITEMS:**

9-A Approval of and authorization to submit a grant application to the **Santa Barbara Foundation's Community Grant Program for Behavioral Health/Health Care** services in the amount of \$60,000 (2-years) to support CommUnify's Behavioral Health programs.

9-B Staff recommends that the Board of Directors approve **Megan Salas**, FY 2026 Policy Council Chair, to serve as a **voting member of the CommUnify Board of Directors**, in accordance with Head Start governance requirements.

9-C Ratify the Executive Committee's approval authorizing the CEO to execute the **Letter of Intent for the purchase of 420 E. Fesler, Santa Maria**, and proceed with related due diligence and escrow actions as outlined.

9-D Staff recommends that the Board of Directors **review and approve CommUnify's Strategic Plan (FY 2026-28)** as presented.

M/S/A – All Action Items Tabled – No Quorum.

10. **PRESENTATIONS/TRAININGS:**

10a. **Head Start/Early Head Start Update**, Jennifer Macdonald, Children's Services Director - Tabled

10b. **2025 Fundraising Report**, Julie Weiner, Chief Development & Marketing Officer
Tabled

11. **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS: UPCOMING MEETINGS/EVENTS**

a. **Planning Committee Meeting:** 3/13/26 @ 9-10:30am (Zoom)

b. **Head Starters/Ambassador's Committee Meeting:** 3/16/26 @3-4pm (Zoom)

c. **Children's Services Policy Council Meeting:** 3/25/26 @5:30pm -7:30pm (Zoom)

d. **Finance Committee:** 3/27/26 @ 12-1pm (Zoom)

e. **Executive Committee Meeting:** 4/1/26 @ 12-1pm (Zoom)

f. **Board Meeting:** 5/6/26 @6 – 7:30pm (Location: The Landsby Hotel, Solvang)

g. **Champions Dinner:** 6/5/26 @ 5:30-8:30pm (Location: Hotel Corque, Solvang)

h. **Board Governance Training:** 6/18/26 @ 5:30 – 7:30pm (Zoom)

***See Board Calendar for complete list of upcoming meetings.**

12. **ADJOURN:**

Meeting adjourned at 7:00pm