



Semillas Sociedad Civil

MINUTES

SSC_COT 07.25.2025 Regular Meeting Council of Trustees

Date and Time

Friday, July 25, 2025, at 5:30 pm

Location

4970 Huntington Drive South, Los Angeles, CA 90032

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86734513278?pwd=RtbxdG6Q8Ss8ubY3rpXF515wZdJexk.1>

Remote locations:

1829 Sigma Chi, Albuquerque, NM 87131

Council of Trustees Present:

Arturo Rojas, Yvette Casas, Dr. Ernesto Colin

Online: Dr. Irene Vasquez

Council of Trustees Absent:

Ramon Avila, Dr. Reynaldo Macias

Personnel Present:

Minnie Ferguson, Marcos Aguilar, Trinidad Ruiz

Online: Jaemy Garcia-Matthews, John C. Lemmo, Scott Scoggins

I. Opening items:

A. Record attendance

B. Welcome & Call the meeting to order

Dr. Irene Vasquez called a meeting of the Council of Trustees of Semillas Sociedad Civil to order on Friday, July 25, 2025 at 6:05PM



- C. Yvette Casas moved to approve the minutes from [SSC_COT_Regular_Meeting_01.14.2025](#)

Dr. Ernesto Colin seconded the motion

The board VOTED to approve the motion

Roll Call Vote:

Yvette Casas	Yes
Arturo Rojas	Yes
Dr. Ernesto Colin	Yes
Dr. Irene Vasquez	Yes

- D. Yvette Casas moved to approve the minutes from [SSC_COT_Regular_Meeting_06.03.2025](#)

Dr. Ernesto Colin seconded the motion

The board VOTED to approve the motion

Roll Call Vote:

Yvette Casas	Yes
Arturo Rojas	Yes
Dr. Ernesto Colin	Yes
Dr. Irene Vasquez	Yes

- E. Yvette Casas moved to approve the minutes from [SSC_COT_Regular_Meeting_06.24.2025](#)

Dr. Ernesto Colin seconded the motion

The board VOTED to approve the motion

Roll Call Vote:

Yvette Casas	Yes
Arturo Rojas	Yes
Dr. Ernesto Colin	Yes
Dr. Irene Vasquez	Yes

- F. Yvette Casas moved to approve the minutes from [SSC_COT_LCAP_Hearing_Minutes_06.24.2025](#)

Dr. Ernesto Colin seconded the motion

The board VOTED to approve the motion

Roll Call Vote:

Yvette Casas	Yes
Arturo Rojas	Yes
Dr. Ernesto Colin	Yes
Dr. Irene Vasquez	Yes



II. Academic

- A. Approval of the updated school bell schedules and minutes of instruction for the [Elementary Bell Schedule](#) and the [Middle & High School Bell Schedule](#).

Yvette Casas made a motion to approve the updated school bell schedules for the Elementary, Middle and High School Bell Schedules.
Dr. Irene Vasquez seconded.

The board VOTED to approve the motion

Roll Call Vote:

Yvette Casas	Yes
Arturo Rojas	Yes
Dr. Ernesto Colin	Yes
Dr. Irene Vasquez	Yes

- B. Recommendation to approve a [State of California Commission on Teacher Credentialing Declaration of Need for Fully Qualified Educators](#).

Dr. Ernesto Colin made a motion to approve the State of California Commission on Teacher Credentialing Declaration of Need for Fully Qualified Educators.
Arturo Rojas seconded.

The board VOTED to approve the motion

Roll Call Vote:

Yvette Casas	Yes
Arturo Rojas	Yes
Dr. Ernesto Colin	Yes
Dr. Irene Vasquez	Yes

III. Council of Trustees Governance

- A. Recommendation to approve 2025 - 2026 Council of Trustees [calendar of meetings](#).

Arturo Rojas made a motion to approve the 2025 - 2026 Council of Trustees calendar of meetings.
Dr. Ernesto Colin seconded.

The board VOTED to approve the motion

Roll Call Vote:

Yvette Casas	Yes
Arturo Rojas	Yes
Dr. Ernesto Colin	Yes
Dr. Irene Vasquez	Yes



B. Review of Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) Annual 2024-2025 School Year Performance-Based Oversight Visit Report.

Minnie Ferguson, Director of Education, reviewed the LAUSD Annual 2024-2025 School Year Performance-Based Oversight visit report in detail with the Council of Trustees who were present in the meeting. Discussion and reflection were led by Minnie Ferguson. The Council of Trustees were provided the full report for additional review on their own time.

No additional action taken.

IV. Finances

A. Authorization of the acquisition of a line of credit with Legacy Bank as necessary for a maximum of \$1,000,000.

Arturo Rojas made a motion to authorize the line of credit with Legacy Bank for a maximum amount of \$1,000,000.
Yvette Casas seconded.

The board VOTED to approve the authorization

Roll Call Vote:

Yvette Casas	Yes
Arturo Rojas	Yes
Dr. Ernesto Colin	Yes
Dr. Irene Vasquez	Yes

B. Recommendation to approve emergency loans for the 2024 - 2025 and 2025 - 2026 fiscal years from Tzicatl Community Development Corporation (CDC) in the amounts of \$100,000 and \$400,000.

Dr. Ernesto Colin made a motion to approve the emergency loans from the 2024 - 2025 and 2025 - 2026 fiscal years from Tzicatl CDC in the amounts of \$100,000 and \$400,000 to Semillas Sociedad Civil.
Arturo Rojas seconded.

The board VOTED to approve the motion

Roll Call Vote:

Yvette Casas	Yes
Arturo Rojas	Yes
Dr. Ernesto Colin	Yes
Dr. Irene Vasquez	Yes



- C. [Recommendation to approve 2024-2025 School Support Service Agreement for Food Sovereignty Knowledge & Training from Tzicatl Community Development Corporation \(CDC\) in the amount of \\$70,000](#)

Dr. Ernesto Colin made a motion to authorize the 2024 - 2025 School Support Service Agreement of Food Sovereignty Knowledge & Training from Tzicatl CDC in the amount of \$70,000.

Dr. Irene Vasquez seconded.

The board VOTED to approve the authorization

Roll Call Vote:

Yvette Casas	Yes
Arturo Rojas	Yes
Dr. Ernesto Colin	Yes
Dr. Irene Vasquez	Yes

- D. [Resolution to approve an application for funding from the Youth Community Access Grant \(Prop 64\) in the amount of \\$900,000 over three years](#)

Dr. Ernesto Colin made a motion to approve the application for funding from the Youth Community Access Grant (Prop 64) in the amount of \$900,000 over three years.

Arturo Rojas seconded.

The board VOTED to approve the application for funding

Roll Call Vote:

Yvette Casas	Yes
Arturo Rojas	Yes
Dr. Ernesto Colin	Yes
Dr. Irene Vasquez	Yes

- E. Recommendation to approve the Service Provider Agreement Authorizing Anawakalmekak to provide professional services to the Native Ways 2 College Program for the Anawakalmekak IndigeNations Scholars Early College Summer Program and other services in the amount \$895,000 effective 2024 - 2025

Dr. Ernesto Colin made a motion to approve the Service Provider Agreement Authorizing Anawakalmekak to provide professional services to the Native Ways 2 College Program for the Anawakalmekak IndigeNations Scholars Early College Summer Program and other services in the amount of \$895,000 effective 2024 - 2025.

Dr. Irene Vasquez seconded.

The board VOTED to approve the application for funding

**Roll Call Vote:**

Yvette Casas	Yes
Arturo Rojas	Yes
Dr. Ernesto Colin	Yes
Dr. Irene Vasquez	Yes

V. Public Comment

Yvette Casas officially resigned from the Council of Trustees. This will be Ms. Casas' last meeting.

VI. Closed Session

A. Public Employee Performance Evaluation (§ 54957) - Executive Evaluations

B. Conference with Real Property Negotiations (§ 54956.8)

Property leases for school facilities:

- 4990 Huntington Drive South
- 4970 Huntington Drive South
- 4736 Huntington Drive South
- Chief Ya'anna Village, 4500 Via Marisol

C. Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation (§ 54956.9):
Notice to Cure.

VII. Adjourn meeting

Dr. Irene Vasquez motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 pm.

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