

**Mountain View-Los Altos Union High School District  
Minutes for the Study Session of the Board of Trustees  
Monday, May 22, 2023, 4:00 p.m.  
District Office Board Room, 1299 Bryant Avenue, Mountain View, CA 94040**

**1.0 Call to Order**

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The Board President will call the meeting to order.

**Recommendation:** Call the meeting to order.

President Faillace called the Study Session to order at 4:06\* p.m.

**2.0 Preliminary Business and Approval of the Agenda**

**2.1 Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call**

The Board President will lead the Pledge of Allegiance and conduct Roll Call.

**Recommendation:** Information.

President Faillace led the Pledge of Allegiance and conducted Roll Call, noting that the following trustees were present: P. Faillace, S. Dave, E. Ortiz, T. Cornes, and C. Vonnegut.

**2.2 Approval of the Meeting Agenda**

The Board will review and approve the meeting agenda.

**Recommendation:** Approve the meeting agenda.

**ORIGINAL - Motion**

Member **(Sanjay Dave)** Moved, Member **(Catherine Vonnegut)** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'Approve the meeting agenda'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **5** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 5 - 0**

Sanjay Dave	Yes
Catherine Vonnegut	Yes
Phil Faillace	Yes
Thida Cornes	Yes
Esmeralda Ortiz	Yes

President Faillace announced that \*Public Comment would be heard between Items 4.1 and 4.2 within the agenda.

**4.0 Study Session**

**4.1 Ethnic Studies Course Units 4, 5, 6, and 7**

Staff will give a presentation on Units 4, 5, 6, and 7 of the MVLA Ethnic Studies course.

**Recommendation:** For information.

Teri Faught, Associate Superintendent of Educational Services, gave an overview of the process required to bring the Ethnic Studies course for approval (June 5, 2023). Teaching staff: Julie Yick, Nate Bowen, Katherine Orozco, Roger Kim, Anna Perry, Kevin Heiken gave an overview of Units 4, 5, 6, and 7 of the Ethnic Studies course and answered questions posed by Trustees.

### **\*3.0 Public Comment**

#### **\*3.1 Public Comment on Item(s) Listed on the Study Session Agenda**

Anyone wishing to address the Board on the topics listed on the agenda should make a request to the Board President by completing a request to be heard form and present it to the Superintendent's Executive Assistant. The President will recognize those who desire to speak during the particular agenda item. Each speaker is allocated a maximum of 3 minutes. The President may choose to limit any position or topic if substantial numbers of people wish to address the Board. Please be advised that the Board members may ask brief questions for clarification, but may not otherwise discuss the issue. The Board values constructive community comments and suggestions and welcomes your participation in the democratic process.

**Recommendation:** Listen to public comment.

Ella Omura shared a poem she wrote that summarized what she's learned (in Ethnic Studies).

### **4.2 Board Discussion**

**Recommendation:** For information.

The Board held a discussion and teaching staff answered questions posed by Trustees.

## **5.0 Adjournment**

### **5.1 Adjournment**

The study session meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Mountain View Los Altos High School District will adjourn.

**Recommendation:** Approve to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 5:53\* p.m.

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Minutes approved: June 9, 2023

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Nellie Meyer, Ed.D.  
Secretary

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Dr. Phil Faillace, Ph.D.  
President

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Esmeralda Ortiz  
Clerk