

Kern County School Boards INCUMBENT REVIEW -2026

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Incumbent	Elementary	High School	KCBOE	Community College	Oversight/ Challenger
Green: Elected in 2026					
Gray: No election 2026					
Kyle Carter				KCCD 1	
Christina Scrivner				KCCD 2	
Nan Gomez-Heitzeberg				KCCD 3	
Danny Diaz (new)				KCCD 4	
John Corkins				KCCD 5	
Yovani Jimenez				KCCD 6	
Kay Meek				KCCD 7	
Michael Eveland				WKCCD 1	
Jeremy Gregory				WKCCD 2	
Kathy Garner Orrin				WKCCD 3	
Dawn Cole				WKCCD 4	
Billy White				WKCCD 5	
Julie Beechinor			KCBOE 1		Jonathan Hudson
Joe Marcano			KCBOE 2		
Mary Little			KCBOE 3		
Jose Gonzalez			KCBOE 4		Ernesto Garay
Lori Eskew (new)			KCBOE 5		
Jim Robinson (new)			KCBOE 6		
Lori Cisneros			KCBOE 7		
Derek Tisinger		KHSD 1			
Steve Rodrigue		KHSD 2			Otilia Curiel
David Manriquez		KHSD 3			Penny Lepisto
Kathy Scrivner		KHSD 4			
Brian Batey		KHSD 5			
Michael Eggart (new)	BCSD 1				Brandon Holladay
Anthony Fuentes	BCSD 2				
Chris Cruz-Boone	BCSD 3				
Laura Guerrero-Salgado	BCSD 4				
Brooke Malley Ault	BCSD 5				

Stacey James Hofman	Beardsley
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Gina Rasmussen	Beardsley
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Robert Arreola	Edison 1
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Toby Tootle	Edison 2	verify district number
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Allison Kitchen	Edison 3	verify district number
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Israel Flores	Edison 4
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Oscar Delgado	Edison 5	verify district number
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Antonio Tapia (new appointed)	Fairfax 1
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Jeffrey Crisler	Fairfax 2
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Cora Cazares	Fairfax 3
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Virginia Lawson (not clear)	Fairfax 4
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Mario Barron	Fairfax 5
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Stan Greene	Fruitvale 1
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Andrew Bransby	Fruitvale 2
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William Jager	Fruitvale 3
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Tina Stout	Fruitvale 4
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Richard Traynor	Fruitvale 5
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Melinda Long	Greenfield A
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Hortencia Cabral	Greenfield B
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Mercy Pena (new)	Greenfield C
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Mike Shaw	Greenfield D
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Sandra Saldana	Greenfield E
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Alan Banducci	Lakeside 1	verify district number
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Tamara Jones	Lakeside 2
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Russell Robertson	Lakeside 3	verify district number
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Mario Buoni III	Lakeside 4
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Darin Buoni	Lakeside 5	verify district number
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Ernesto Garay	Lamont at large
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Elizabeth Cisneros (new)	Lamont at large
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Sue Dodgin	Norris 1
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Jim Bowles	Norris 2
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Steph Thisius-Sanders	Norris 3
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Amanda Frank	Norris 4
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Don Bertrand	Norris 5
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Bryan Easter	PBVUSD 1
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PaulaVan Auken	PBVUSD 2
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Keith Wolaridge	PBVUSD 3
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Tiffany King (new)	PBVUSD 4
Linda Garcia	PBVUSD 5

Richgrove

Tammy Criswell	Richland 1
Melissa DeWitt	Richland 2
Deanna Rodriguez Root	Richland 3
Cain Maldonado	Richland 4
Tony Aguirre	Richland 5

Shelley Cauzza	Rio Bravo-Greeley 1
Russell Shipley	Rio Bravo-Greeley 2
Katie Young	Rio Bravo-Greeley 3
Heath Williams (new)	Rio Bravo-Greeley 4
Gordon Walter	Rio Bravo-Greeley 5

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Mike Spickler	Rosedale 1
Patty Young	Rosedale 2
Laurel Sheffield	Rosedale 3
Leigh Ann Cook	Rosedale 4
Gary Moore	Rosedale 5

Faith Darling

Merriellen Cohrs (new)	Standard 1
Salvador Arias	Standard 2
Charles Steve Clark (new)	Standard 3
Karen Odle	Standard 4
Palela Jacobsen	Standard 5

Tracy Kelly	Tehachapi 1
Cassandra Sweeney	Tehachapi 2
Jackie Wood	Tehachapi 3
Dana Christensen (new)	Tehachapi 4
Wayne Cooper	Tehachapi 5
Paul Kaminski	Tehachapi 6
Tyler Napier	Tehachapi 7

Joe Wallek

Carlo Acevedo