

MINUTES
STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
MEETING

April 2, 2026
Conference Call

Chair Petty called the meeting to order at 10 a.m. The following members were present: Vice Chair Magar, Dr. Grazie Christie, Layla Collins, Daniel Foganholi, Erika Fritz-Ochs, and Luis Fuste.

ACTION ITEMS

Approval of Appointment of Financial Emergency Board to Provide Support and Financial Oversight to the District School Board of Glades and Union County

Chair Petty recognized Suzanne Pridgeon, Deputy Commissioner for Finance and Operations, for an overview of the item. Ms. Pridgeon shared that According to Florida law, Glades and Union County School Districts have reported fund balances below 2 percent and anticipate remaining below this threshold for the current fiscal year. The conditions of these districts are deteriorating, resulting in a declaration of a State of Financial Emergency. Consequently, the State Board of Education is required to approve a Financial Emergency Board to assist in resolving this financial situation. This board will review the districts' operations, management, and finances, making recommendations for recovery. The volunteers proposed for the Financial Emergency Board are Vickie DePratter as chair, along with members Randy Beach and Kathy Sneads, pending state board approval.

Chair Petty called for a motion to appoint Vickie DePratter as Chairman and Randy Beach and Kathy Sneads as members of the Financial Emergency Board to provide support and financial oversight to the Glades and Union County School Districts, pursuant to s. 218.503 and 101.051 F.S., as well as authorizing the Commissioner of Education to make technical adjustments. Mr. Fuste made the motion with a second by Ms. Collins. The motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business, Chair Petty announced that the next meeting would be in Naples, Florida, on April 17, 2026, and adjourned the meeting of the State Board of Education at 10:06 a.m.