

## New Haven Unified School District

# Board Briefs

December 7, 2021

## Board Elects New President, Clerk, and Vice-President, a First

At its annual Reorganizational Meeting, the Board on Tuesday night elected a new President, Clerk, and, for the first time ever, a Vice-President.

Trustee Mel Shuen-Mallory was elected as Board President and will discharge those duties for the next year. President Shuen-Mallory was first elected to the Board in 2020 and served this past year as the Clerk of the Board. President Shuen-Mallory has served in a number of capacities in our community including as Chair of union City's Human Relations Commission and as a member of the city's Policing and Community Engagement Committee.

Trustee Sarabjit Kaur Cheema was elected by her peers as the Clerk of the Board. Clerk Cheema was first elected to the Board in 2010 and is most recently the Board President, serving in that capacity from December of 2020 until now. Clerk Cheema has served the city and the community in a number of different roles over the years.

Trustee Michael Gonzáles was elected on Tuesday to serve as the Board's first ever Vice-President. Like President Shuen-Mallory, Vice-President Gonzáles was first elected to the Board last year. A Union City native, Vice-President Gonzáles spent a number of years as a teacher in the Los Angeles Unified School District before moving back north to become an elementary teacher in neighboring Hayward Unified. He served his community in the Los Angeles area serving on neighborhood councils and as chair of the Educational Committee.

**The Board Briefs are a summary of the December 7, 2021, Board Meeting and Links to Documents**



### Board Members

Mel Shuen-Mallory, President  
Michael Gonzáles, Vice-President  
Sarabjit Kaur Cheema, Clerk  
Linda Canlas, Member  
Lance Nishihira, Member

### Watch the Meeting

[Click here](#) to watch a recording of December 7, 2021, Meeting of the Board of Trustees.

### Meeting Agenda

[Click here](#) to see the full agenda for the December 7, 2021, meeting. Then click on the Tuesday, December 7, 2021, AGENDA link.

### Meeting Information

For the 21-22 school year, meetings will be held in person at 34200 Alvarado-Niles Road. Community members may also view and participate virtually through Zoom. More information can be found on our website, [mynhusd.org](http://mynhusd.org)

Open session begins at 6:30 p.m.



## Board Receives First Interim Budget Report

Chief Business Officer Annette Heldman presented the First Interim Budget update, which takes all financial activities from July 1 through October 31, and updated revenue projections and expenditure estimates through the end of this fiscal year plus the two subsequent years, 2022/23 and 2023/24.

The First Interim budget update reflects deficit spending and a budget shortfall of \$1.3 million in 2023/24. The District's projected unrestricted ending balance of \$20.7 million allows the District to balance its finances for this year and the next. Ms. Heldman also noted that while the District appears to have sufficient reserves to balance its budget through 2023/24, waiting until then to address the shortfall would mean severe cuts in one single year. With that said, the First Interim report assumes on-going reductions of \$1.0 million in 2022/23, which, all things being equal, would eliminate the budget gap in 2023/24.

The next State update is expected in January when the governor releases his initial budget proposals.

[Link to the Budget Presentation](#)

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### Upcoming Meetings

January 18, 2022

February 1, 2022

February 15, 2022

March 1, 2022

March 8, 2022

April 19, 2022

May 3, 2022

May 17, 2022

June 7, 2022

June 21, 2022