California School Boards Association

REQUIRES BOARD ACTION

Due: Mon. March 15—return ballot in enclosed envelope

January 29, 2021

MEMORANDUM

To: All Board Presidents and Superintendents — CSBA Member Boards
From: Suzanne Kitchens, CSBA President
Re: 2021 Ballot for CSBA Delegate Assembly — **U.S. Postmark Deadline is Mon. March 15**

Enclosed is the ballot material for election to CSBA's Delegate Assembly from your region or subregion. It consists of: 1) the ballot (on red paper), the reverse side of which contains the names of ALL current members of the Delegate Assembly from your region or subregion; and 2) the required candidate biographical sketch form and, if submitted, a resume. In addition, provided is a copy of the ballot on white paper to include with your board agenda. **Only the ballot on red paper is to be completed and returned to CSBA. It must be postmarked by the U.S. Post Office on or before Monday, March 15, 2021.**

Your Board may vote for up to the number of vacancies in the region or subregion as indicated on the ballot. For example, if there are three vacancies, the Board may vote for up to three candidates. However, your Board may cast no more than one vote for any one candidate. The ballot also contains a provision for write-in candidates; their name and district must be clearly printed in the space provided.

The ballot must be signed by the Superintendent or Board Clerk and returned in the enclosed envelope; if the envelope is misplaced, you may use your district's stationery. Please write **DELEGATE ELECTION** prominently on the envelope along with the region or subregion number on the bottom left corner of the envelope (this number appears at the top of the ballot).

If there is a tie vote, a run-off election will be held. All re-elected and newly elected Delegates will serve two-year terms beginning April 1, 2021 – March 31, 2023. Following the election, an updated list of all Delegates will be available on CSBA's website no later than April 1, 2021. The next meeting of the Delegate Assembly takes place on Saturday, May 15 and Sunday, May 16, 2021. Please do not hesitate to contact Jamille Peters at jpeters@csba.org should you have any questions.

Encs: Ballot on red paper and watermarked "copy" of ballot on white paper
List of all current Delegates on reverse side of ballot
Candidate(s)' required Biographical Sketch Forms and optional resumes
CSBA-addressed envelope to send back ballots

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This complete, **ORIGINAL** Ballot must be **SIGNED** by the Superintendent or Board Clerk and returned in the enclosed envelope postmarked by the post office No later than **MONDAY, MARCH 15, 2021**. Only ONE Ballot per Board. Be sure to mark your vote "**X**" in the box. *A PARTIAL, UNSIGNED, PHOTOCOPIED, OR LATE BALLOT WILL NOT BE VALID.*

OFFICIAL 2021 DELEGATE ASSEMBLY BALLOT
SUBREGION 7-B
(Alameda County)

Number of vacancies: 3 (Vote for no more than 3 candidates)

Delegates will serve two-year terms beginning April 1, 2021 - March 31, 2023

**denotes incumbent*

☐ Dianne Jones (Fremont USD)

☐ Sara Prada (Hayward USD)

☐ Diana Prola (San Leandro USD)*

_____ _____
Provision for Write-in Candidate Name *School District*

_____ _____
Signature of Superintendent or Board Clerk *Title*

_____ _____
School District Name *Date of Board Action*

See reverse side for list of all current Delegates in your Region.

REGION 7 – 19 Delegates (14 elected/5 appointed◈)

Director: Yolanda Peña Mendrek (Liberty Union HSD)

Below is a list of all the current Delegates.

Subregion 7-A (Contra Costa)
Elizabeth (Liz) Bettis (Walnut Creek ESD), term expires 2021
Rachel Hurd (San Ramon Valley USD) ◈, appointed term expires 2022
Linda Mayo (Mt. Diablo USD)◈, appointed term expires 2021
Meredith Meade (Lafayette SD), term expires 2021
Marina Ramos (John Swett USD), term expires 2022
Mary Rocha (Antioch USD), term expires 2022
Pauline Rivera Allred (Liberty Union HSD), term expires 2022
Richard Severy (Moraga ESD), term expires 2021

Subregion 7-B (Alameda)
James Aguilar (San Leandro USD), term expires 2022
Linda Canlas (New Haven USD), term expires 2021
Ann Crosbie (Fremont USD) ◈, appointed term expires 2021
Jody London (Oakland USD) ◈, appointed term expires 2021
Diana Prola (San Leandro USD), term expires 2021
Monique Tate (San Leandro USD), term expires 2022
Jeff Wang (New Haven USD), term expires 2021
Anne White (Livermore Valley Joint USD), term expires 2022
Jamie Yee (Pleasanton USD), term expires 2021
Gary Yee (Oakland USD) ◈, appointed term expires 2022

County Delegate:
Amber Childress (Alameda COE), term expires 2021

Counties

Contra Costa (Subregion A)
Alameda (Subregion B)

Regional County Delegate & CCBE Board of Directors Biographical Sketch Form for 2021 Election

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Deadline: Thursday, January 7, 2021 | No late submissions accepted

This form is required. An optional, one-page, single-sided, résumé may also be submitted. Do not state "see résumé." Do not re-type this form. It is the candidate's responsibility to confirm that CSBA has received nomination materials prior to the deadline. Please submit completed form via e-mail to nominations@csba.org no later later than 11:59 p.m. on January 7, 2021. Forms may also be submitted via mail to CSBA's Executive Office at 3251 Beacon Blvd., West Sacramento, CA 95691, with a postmark of no later than January 7, 2021.

Your signature indicates your consent to have your name placed on the ballot to serve as a CSBA Delegate and as a member of the California County Boards of Education (CCBE) Board of Directors, if elected.

Signature: Dianne Jones **Date:** 1/4/21

Name: Dianne Jones **CSBA Region & subregion #:** 7-B

District or COE: Fremont Unified School District **Years on board:** 2

Profession: _____ **Contact Number (☑ Cell ☐ Home ☐ Bus.):** 510-612-1869

Primary E-mail: djones@fusdk12.net

Are you an incumbent Delegate? ☐Yes ☑No **If yes, year you became Delegate:** _____

Why are you interested in becoming a Delegate? Please describe the skills and experiences you would bring to the Delegate Assembly.

My decades of experience as a parent volunteer, PTA leader, substitute teacher, and now school board trustee have afforded me a deep understanding of the challenges public schools face and the need for coordinated action at the state and national level to address them. I have experience with legislative advocacy and have built relationships with local legislators and other Bay Area trustees. I'm dedicated and diligent in my efforts to serve the diverse student community in our district and State.

Please describe your activities and involvement on your local board, community, and/or CSBA.

I have served on a wide range of district committees both as a parent volunteer and now as a trustee. Working as substitute teacher in our district has given me an invaluable understanding of some of the challenges our students and educators face. Serving as PTA president and on our Council PTA board allowed me to build coalitions to serve our students and families as well engage in policy advocacy. I was a presenter at the 2019 CSBA AEC and have complete MIG training. I have been a regular attendee at ACSBA meetings, ACOE meetings, and meetings with ACPHD.

What do you see as the biggest challenge facing governing boards and how can CSBA help address it?

Currently, our biggest challenge is managing the impact of the COVID pandemic on our students not only academically but also emotionally and socially. The pandemic has laid bare the disparities and lack of equity our communities face. Decades of underfunding education have magnified these inequities and have shown a spotlight on the dire need to pursue Full and Fair Funding for public education so we have the resources to meet the growing needs of our students. We must address challenges in new an innovative ways with skilled and sustained advocacy building coalitions with other education partners (CTA, ACSA, NSBA, SEIU, and CSEA). I would be honored to serve on CSBA's Delegate Assembly to lead these efforts.

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Signature: Diana K Prola Date: 11-4-2020

Name: Diana Prola

CSBA Region & subregion #: 7B

District or COE: San Leandro USD

Years on board: 14

Profession: teacher (retired) Contact Number (☐ Cell ■ Home ☐ Bus.): 510-483-0744

Primary E-mail: dprola@yahoo.com

Are you an incumbent Delegate? ☑Yes ☐No If yes, year you became Delegate: 2010

Why are you interested in becoming a Delegate? Please describe the skills and experiences you would bring to the Delegate Assembly.

. My interest in CSBA is to bring ideas and experiences to my Board when we deal with the variety of issues that confront an urban school district. Especially in this difficult time, I find it valuable to share and hear the ideas of other Board members who have faced similar problems.

Please describe your activities and involvement on your local board, community, and/or CSBA.

I was elected in 2008 , when we replaced 4 members of a 7-member disfunctional Board . have served as president of my local Board 3 times and have been an elected delegate to CSBA for 10 years.

I am an active Democrat, a retired teacher (experience in elementary, HS, and community college, and have also been an elementary principal.) I have given teacher workshops for many years, and have presented 4 times at the CSBA Conference.

What do you see as the biggest challenge facing governing boards and how can CSBA help address it?

Probably the biggest challenge this year is the virtual classrooms required by the pandemic. I think this would be a dynamic topic for the Delegate Assembly this year. It would be valuable to exchange ideas and see how other Boards have addressed the problems. Even if the conference and D.A. are virtual this year, we could still break into chat rooms, hear speakers, and brainstorm