



# Press Release

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## Lynwood Unified Board Members Sworn into Office During Special Board Meeting

**LYNWOOD, CA** – Returning leaders of Lynwood Unified School District’s Board of Education took the Oath of Office during the Board reorganization meeting on Dec. 15.

The ceremony began with a lively holiday performance from Firebaugh High School students and was followed by an overview on this year’s achievements, including the \$250 million awarded by the state to rebuild Lynwood High School, increased COVID-19 support for staff and families and new social emotional learning tools for staff and students.

Board President Alfonso Morales, Esq., who has been serving on the Board since 2005, was re-elected and sworn in by Superintendent Dr. Gudiel Crosthwaite. He was additionally recognized with a Certificate of Recognition as an outstanding Board president on behalf of the office of Councilmember Nanette Barragán, newly elected city Mayor Oscar Flores and the Office of Assemblymember Mike Gipson.

Gary Hardie Jr., appointed in 2014, was selected to serve as the new vice president of the Board, and Dr. Alma Carina Castro, appointed in 2020, was selected as the new clerk.

Previous Vice President Julian Del Real-Calleros, who has served on the board since 2021, will continue serving the community as a member of the Board. He was sworn in by previous Mayor of Lynwood, Jose Casanova. Board member Maria G Lopez, who was appointed in 2003, will continue within her current roles for the next year.

The Board members and Cabinet were all recognized for their selfless efforts in keeping the District whole and ensuring students were provided with ample opportunities and resources to succeed. A dinner celebration was held after the ceremony in honor of a successful year at Lynwood Unified.

“This year was one of many trials, and we prevailed because we have an incredible team of individuals who care about our students first and foremost,” Crosthwaite said. “I’m incredibly honored to have worked alongside them all and look forward to collaborating more with them for another year. Great things lie ahead for our students and our District in 2023.”

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The **Lynwood Unified School District** is dedicated to offering students a world-class education to prepare them for success in college and career in the 21st century. Under its Achieving Greatness Initiative, the district is realigning all aspects of its organization to strengthen and expand instructional programs, enrichment and extracurricular activities, and support system for students and staff. For more information, visit [www.lynwood.k12.ca.us](http://www.lynwood.k12.ca.us).

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## PHOTO CAPTIONS:

**LUSD\_BOARD\_1:** (from left to right) Dr. Alma Carina Castro, Julian Del Real-Calleros, Alfonso Morales Esq. and Maria G. Lopez celebrate another successful year at Lynwood Unified during the Board reorganization meeting on Dec. 15.

**LUSD\_BOARD\_2:** Superintendent Dr. Gudiel Crosthwaite awards outgoing Board President Alfonso Morales, Esq. with a certificate of recognition at the Board reorganization meeting on Dec. 15.

**LUSD\_BOARD\_3:** Dr. Alma Carina Castro and Gary Hardie Jr. celebrate another successful year at Lynwood Unified during the Board reorganization meeting on Dec. 15.

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The mission of **Lynwood Unified School District**, the cultivator of innovative thinkers, is to ensure each student fearlessly achieves his or her highest academic and personal aspirations while contributing to the greater society through a unique system distinguished by:

- ★ People of great character who inspire and lead by example
- ★ The instilling of courage to be creative
- ★ The transformative uses of technology
- ★ Safe and clean environments
- ★ The honoring of all voices of our community