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PUSD Lawyers Acknowledge Brown Act Violation in Tina Fredericks' Remote Board Meeting Attendance



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A screengrab of Tina Fredericks from the PUSD Board of Education Special Meeting, June 18, 2026 (File Photo – KLRN)

Pasadena Unified School District's outside lawyers have acknowledged that Board President Tina Fredericks' remote participation in a September board meeting did not follow California's open-meetings law. The concession comes as Fredericks

asks a Los Angeles judge to prevent the circulation of a recall petition that accuses her of Brown Act violations.

By Margaret Prietto

In an October 7 letter, attorney Scott D. Danforth of Atkinson, Andelson, Loya, Ruud & Romo wrote that "the District acknowledges that a mistake was made regarding President Fredericks' remote attendance" at a September 3 special meeting. The letter adds that "though a technical violation may exist," no formal action was taken at the meeting that would require the board to undo its work.

The letter responds to "cure and correct" demands stemming from the September 3 special board meeting, which Fredericks joined intermittently by teleconference from a private, undisclosed location that did not meet legal requirements. The agenda listed her address but omitted a condominium unit number. The site appeared to be behind a locked gate and was inaccessible to the public. The agenda was not physically posted there. The cure and correct demands alleged that Fredericks did not meet the Brown Act's "just cause" requirements for remote participation.

The meeting was a Committee of the Whole session where trustees edited a facilitator's draft definition of the "District Transformation Process." That process followed the district's halted school-consolidation effort.

Danforth wrote that board members "have been reminded of the various requirements for remote attendance" and that the district is "confident that no such error will occur in the future."

Michael Leon, a business representative of Teamsters Local 986 and co-chair of the recall campaign against Fredericks, commented:

"The district's own lawyers put it in writing: Tina Fredericks violated the Brown Act. After months of denial and suing her own constituents, she operated from behind locked gates to secretly advance her school-closure plans. PUSD deserves transparent leadership, not a trustee who literally hides to avoid public scrutiny. Tina Fredericks should resign."

In August, Leon said that closing schools "means local families lose jobs" and that PUSD needs "board leadership that recognizes the value of its employees."

The Brown Act violation acknowledgment comes as Fredericks faces new hurdles in her lawsuit against the recall. On July 2, she filed a petition in Los Angeles Superior Court asking the court to bar county election officials from approving and allowing the recall petition to circulate. She argues that the petition contains false and misleading statements about her role in attempting to close schools. She is representing herself.

The lawsuit returned to court on October 13, after a September hearing was postponed because Fredericks failed to give timely notice. After facing public condemnation for suing her own constituents, Fredericks filed an amended petition on September 2 that dropped the 124 recall signers she had originally named as "Doe" defendants. Fredericks claimed that her decision to sue her own constituents was a paperwork snafu. The case is No. 26STCP02505.

Alleged Brown Act violations are a central ground of the recall. The recall petition, which was approved by the County before the September 3 Brown Act violation, contends that Fredericks' actions violated the Brown Act by coordinating school-consolidation plans through serial private meetings, emails, and text messages. Fredericks drafted and advanced her own "Consolidation 2027" plan while portraying the process as independent, and secretly worked with a consultant before the consultant received a taxpayer-funded contract worth more than \$233,000. Without Fredericks' vote to approve the contract, it would not have passed. Fredericks has denied those allegations.

During the October 13 Trial Setting Conference, Los Angeles County Superior Court Judge Tiana J. Murillo concluded that Fredericks had once again failed to serve notice on Respondent Los Angeles County. Fredericks responded that she had not realized she was responsible for service. Judge Murillo also stated that the gist of Fredericks' petition was to prevent the County from approving and circulating the recall petition, but that the decision was not reviewable by a court and was moot because the recall petition had already been approved and was circulating. Judge Murillo indicated that Fredericks' petition did not state a valid basis for relief. She also noted broader constitutional issues with Fredericks' petition and said Fredericks would need the Court's permission to file any further amendment. Judge Murillo explained to Fredericks that it is not the Judge's "job to shepherd you through" the litigation process.

Because counsel for L.A. County had not received notice and was not present, the Court reset the Trial Setting Conference for December 1. It again ordered Fredericks to serve notice on counsel for L.A. County and indicated that it would decide then whether to permit Fredericks another attempt to correct the deficiencies in her amended petition against L.A. County.

Fredericks could not be reached for comment at the time of publication.

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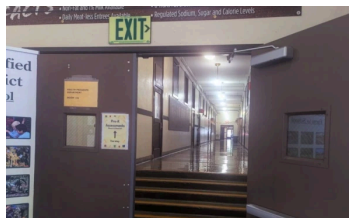
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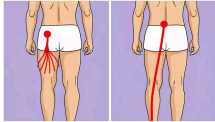
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