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Palmer Moland, a former member of the Fairfax School District Board, was sentenced on Wednesday for voter fraud. Moland received a three-year suspended sentence, which requires him to avoid any legal trouble or face three years in prison. He will serve 90 days in jail and two years of probation.

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A former teacher who worked alongside Moland expressed dissatisfaction with the sentence. "I feel he should not have probation... you have to pay a consequence," said Marisa Wood, a former Fairfax School District teacher.



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On June 9, 2025, Moland was [convicted of perjury but acquitted of six other felony counts](#) in connection with his reelection to the Fairfax School District board in 2022. Two additional charges, including embezzlement, were dismissed before the trial began.

He [pleaded not guilty to seven felony charges](#) back in September 2022.



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He was arrested in September 2022 on six counts after an investigation conducted by the District Attorney's Public Integrity Unit, after allegations of misconduct were reported by the Kern County Grand Jury.

Moland is scheduled to be sentenced on July 15 after pleading no contest to healthcare fraud-related charges in two separate cases.

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