



Roger León  
Superintendent

# Newark Board of Education

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## Minutes of the Business Board Meeting Tuesday, August 22, 2023

President Norton convened the meeting at 6:05pm. The meeting was held at 765 Board Street (Bank Street Entrance), 6<sup>th</sup> Floor Board Room, Newark, NJ 07102 with audio and video access provided to members of the Board and the public.

- I. **Call to Order** (Reading of Statement) Ms. Valerie Wilson  
In accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq., adequate notice of this meeting has been provided by advertising in the Star-Ledger, Haiti Progress, Luso Americano and La Voz newspapers and by distribution to administrative offices of the Newark Public Schools. Electronic notice was provided by posting on the Newark Board of Education website. A copy of this meeting notice was forwarded to City Hall for posting.

- II. **Flag Salute**

- III. **Roll Call**

**Board Members Present:**

Ms. Garcia, Mr. Gonzalez, Ms. Haynes, Ms. James-Frison, Ms. Santana,  
Ms. Murray-Thomas, Ms. Williams, and Ms. Norton.

**Board Member Absent:**

Mr. Council

**Administrative Staff Present:**

Mr. Roger León, Superintendent  
Ms. Valerie Wilson, Board Secretary  
Ms. Brenda Liss, General Counsel  
Ms. Nancy Deering, Director of Board Relations

A moment of silence was taken for the passing of Superintendent León's mother and passing of a Newark Vocational High School student.

President Norton informed the public the Board Retreat Meeting has been rescheduled for Saturday, September 30, 2023 and will be held at 765 Board Street, Newark, NJ.

- IV. **Committee Chairperson's Reports**

**Parent Engagement & Student Life Committee Meeting – Ms. Haynes**

Ms. Haynes reported that the following items were discussed at the Parent Engagement & Student Life Committee meeting:

1. ESSA Title One
2. Title 9

3. SchoolLinks
4. Attendance

President Norton suggested committee minutes be sent to the chairperson of the committee for review before to being shared with the board members.

**Instruction and Programs – Ms. Murray-Thomas**

Ms. Murray-Thomas reported that the following items were discussed at the Instruction & Programs meeting:

1. Annual Board Calendar
2. Year in Review Data Points
3. SIPPS benefits
4. Tailoring SLT presentations
5. Focusing on the implementation of curriculum
6. Partnering schools to close gaps
7. Adding CTE review into the I and P calendar

Board members' questions were answered by Superintendent Mr. León and Dr. Riley.

**Personnel Committee Report – Ms. Garcia**

Ms. Garcia reported that the following items were discussed at the Personnel Committee meeting:

1. Annual Board Calendar
2. Staffing Updates
3. Personnel Voting Items
4. Resolutions

Board members' questions were answered by Superintendent Mr. León and Dr. Mendez.

**Finance Committee Meeting – Mr. Gonzalez**

Mr. Gonzalez reported that the following items were discussed at the Finance Committee meeting:

1. Care Count Laundry Program
2. Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, Part B
3. Annual Board Calendar
4. Nine-Member Board Attorney
5. Policy/Protocol for Replacing Board Member

**Operations Committee Meeting – Ms. Garcia**

Ms. Garcia reported that the following items were discussed at the Operations Committee meeting:

1. Annual Board Calendar
2. Monthly Bus Pass
3. Safety and Security
4. Facilities
5. Emergency Relief Fund (ESSER II) and American Rescue Plan (ARP)

**Ad Hoc Legal Committee – Ms. Santana**

Ms. Santana reported that the following items were discussed at the Ad Hoc Legal Committee meeting:

1. Annual Board Calendar
2. Requests for Board Action
3. Pending Matters Update

There was a motion made by Ms. Garcia, seconded by Ms. Santana, to approve the May Committee Meeting Minutes. The motion was approved by a roll call vote.

**Moved:** Ms. Garcia

**Seconded:** Ms. Santana

**Roll call vote:**

**Yeas:** Ms. Garcia, Mr. Gonzalez, Ms. Haynes, Ms. James–Frison, Ms. Santana,  
Ms. Murray-Thomas, Ms. Williams, and Ms. Norton 8

**Nays:** 0

**Abstention:** None 0

Motion carried.

**Board Development and Governance Committee Meeting – Ms. Santana**

Ms. Santana reported that the following items were discussed at the Board Development and Governance Committee meeting:

1. Annual Board Calendar
2. Nine-Member Board Attorney
3. Policy/Protocol for Replacing Board Member
4. Policy/Protocol for Chain of Command
5. Board Retreat Agenda
6. New Policy 2224.1
7. Guidance for Remove Instruction

Board members' questions were answered by Ms. Liss and Ms. Norton.

**V. Review Agenda for Public Meeting**

There was a motion made by Ms. Garcia, seconded by Ms. Santana, to approve the May Committee Meeting Minutes. The motion was approved by a roll call vote.

**Moved:** Ms. Garcia

**Seconded:** Ms. Santana

**Roll call vote:**

**Yeas:** Ms. Garcia, Mr. Gonzalez, Ms. Haynes, Ms. James–Frison, Ms. Santana,  
Ms. Murray-Thomas, Ms. Williams, and Ms. Norton 7

**Nays:** 0

**Abstention:** None 0

Motion carried.

**VI. Public Participation**

Ms. Wilson reviewed the guidelines for public participation. The comments of the following speakers can be found on the Newark Board of Education's website under Board Meeting video archives:

Denise Cole, Munirah El Bomani, and Lyndon Brown

**VII. Adjournment**

There was a motion made by Ms. Norton, seconded by Ms. Santana, to adjourn the meeting. The motion was approved by a voice vote.

**Moved:** Ms. Norton

**Seconded:** Ms. Santana

**Voice vote:**

**Yeas:** Ms. Garcia, Mr. Gonzalez, Ms. James-Frison, Ms. Haynes and  
Ms. Williams

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**Nays:**

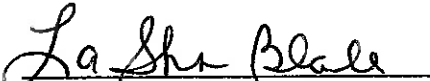
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**Abstention:** None

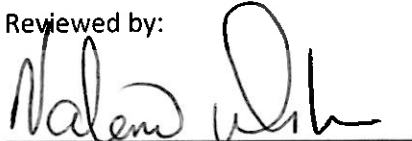
Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:18 pm.

Submitted by:

  
LaShon Blake, Board Relations

Reviewed by:

  
Valerie Wilson, Board Secretary

Approved by:

  
Mr. Roger León, Superintendent