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Superintendent

# Newark Board of Education

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## Minutes of the Reorganization Board Meeting Thursday, May 2, 2024

President Council convened the meeting at 6:04 p.m. The meeting was held at Newark Board of Education, 765 Broad Street, Newark, NJ 07102 with video access provided to the members of the Board and public.

### 1. **Call to Order** (Reading of Statement) Ms. 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.

### 2. **Flag Salute**

### 3. **Official Results of Annual School Board Election**

Ms. Wilson announced the official results of the 2024 Annual School Board Election as follows:

#### **Full Term**

Debra Salters – 1,448 votes  
Vereliz Santana – 2,870 votes  
Helena Vinhas – 2,874 votes  
Dawn Y. Haynes - 2,719 votes  
Shelia Montague – 1,091 votes  
Latoya Jackson – 819 votes  
Che J.T. Colter – 394 votes  
Muta El-Amin – 421 votes  
Jimmie White – 366 votes  
Total Votes 13,018

#### **Unexpired Term**

Kanileah Anderson – 3,332 votes

As a result, Ms. Anderson, Ms. Haynes, Ms. Santana and Ms. Vinhas were re-elected to the Board of Education.

### 4. **Oath of Office**

Ms. Wilson administered the oath of office to Ms. Anderson, Ms. Haynes, Ms. Santana and Ms. Vinhas.

Each of the members thanked the voters for their support. Board member's congratulated their newly elected and reelected colleagues.

**5. Roll Call**

**Board Members Present:**

Ms. Anderson, Ms. Garcia, Mr. Gonzalez, Ms. Haynes, Ms. James-Frison, Ms. Santana, Ms. Vinhas, Ms. Williams and Mr. Council

**Board Member Left Early:**

Mr. Gonzalez - 6:44pm

**Administrative Staff Present:**

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

**6. Election of Office of President**

The Board Secretary called for nominations for election to the office of President.

A motion was made by Ms. Anderson, and seconded by Ms. Haynes to nominate Mr. Council as President.

**Moved:** Ms. Anderson

**Seconded:** Ms. Haynes

**Roll call vote:**

**Yeas:** Ms. Anderson, Ms. Garcia, Ms. Haynes, Ms. James-Frison, Ms. Santana,  
Ms. Vinhas, Ms. Williams and Mr. Council **8**

**Nays:** None **0**

**Abstention:** None **0**

Motion carried.

Mr. Council thanked the Board members for his re-election as President.

**7. Election for Office of Vice President**

The Board Secretary called for nominations for election to the office of Vice-President.

A motion was made by Ms. Garcia, and seconded by Ms. Vinhas to elect Ms. Santana and Ms. James-Frison as Co-Vice-Presidents.

**Moved:** Ms. Garcia

**Seconded:** Ms. Vinhas

**Roll call vote:**

**Yeas:** Ms. Anderson, Ms. Garcia, Ms. Haynes, Ms. James-Frison, Ms. Santana,  
Ms. Vinhas, Ms. Williams and Mr. Council **8**

**Nays:** None **0**

**Abstention:** None **0**

Motion carried.

**8. Acknowledgment of Code of Ethics for School Board Members**

Board member received copies of the Code of Ethics for School Board Members.  
Board members were asked to sign and return to Office of Board Relations.

**9. Reorganization Action Items**

A motion was made by Ms. Garcia, seconded by Ms. Haynes, to approve agenda items 9.2 – 9.17.

**Moved:** Ms. Garcia

**Seconded:** Ms. Haynes

**Roll call vote:**

**Yeas:** Ms. Anderson, Ms. Garcia, Ms. Haynes, Ms. James-Frison, Ms. Santana,  
Ms. Vinhas, Ms. Williams and Mr. Council **8**

**Nays:** None **0**

**Abstention:** **0**

Motion carried.

**10. Additional Action Items**

A motion was made by Ms. Haynes, seconded by Ms. Anderson, to approve agenda item 10.1.

**Moved:** Ms. Haynes

**Seconded:** Ms. Anderson

**Roll call vote:**

**Yeas:** Ms. Anderson, Ms. Garcia, Ms. Haynes, Ms. James-Frison, Ms. Santana,  
Ms. Vinhas and Mr. Council **8**

**Nays:** None **0**

**Abstention:** Ms. Williams **1**

**11. 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:

- Denis Cole
- Kalenah Witcher
- Lisa Gray
- Debra Salters
- Virginia Atahualpa

**12. Adjournment**

A motion made by Ms. Haynes, seconded by Ms. Garcia to adjourn the meeting.

<b>Moved:</b>	Ms. Haynes	
<b>Seconded:</b>	Ms. Garcia	
<b>Voice vote:</b>		
<b>Yeas:</b>	Ms. Anderson, Ms. Garcia, Ms. Haynes, Ms. James-Frison, Ms. Santana, Ms. Vinhas, Ms. Williams and Mr. Council	<b>8</b>
<b>Nays:</b>	None	<b>0</b>
<b>Abstention:</b>	None	<b>0</b>

Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Submitted by:

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Ms. LaShon Blake, Office of Board Relations

Reviewed by:

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Ms. Valerie Wilson, Board Secretary

Approved by:

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Mr. Roger León, Superintendent