

**MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION
ELIZABETH CITY-PASQUOTANK PUBLIC SCHOOLS
December 2, 2020 - Emergency Meeting**

The Elizabeth City-Pasquotank Board of Education held an emergency meeting, via livestream, on Wednesday, December 2, 2020, at 12:00 pm. The purpose of the meeting was to hold a closed session as permitted by NCGS 143-318.11(a)(6) in order to consider and discuss one or more personnel matters that are confidential under NCGS 115C- 319 and -321. Closed sessions are not available via livestream.

The following Board members attended and constituted a quorum:

Dr. Denauvo Robinson, Chair	
Mr. George Archuleta	Mr. Walter B. Jolly
Ms. Pam Pureza	Ms. Sharon Warden
Dr. Shelia Williams	

The following staff members were present:

Dr. Catherine Edmonds, Superintendent
Rachael Haines, Chief Finance Officer
Rhonda James-Davis, Chief Human Resources Officer
Dr. Amy Spencer, Chief Academic Officer
Tammy W. Sawyer, Director of Community Schools/PIO
Executive Asst to Superintendent and Board

1.Meeting Called to Order by Chair

Chair Robinson called the meeting to order at 12:01 p.m.

2.Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence

The Pledge of Allegiance and moment of silence was led by Chair Robinson.

3.Roll Call

Tammy Sawyer called the roll and recorded members in attendance for the meeting.

4.Ethics Awareness and Identification of Conflicts or Potential Conflicts of Interest

Sharon Warden read the ethics statement and allowed members the opportunity to identify any conflicts or potential conflicts. The record reflects that no conflicts exist.

5.Approval of Agenda (Action)

A motion was made by Walter Jolly, seconded by Sharon Warden, and carried, as confirmed by roll call, to approve the agenda. Virginia Houston was not in attendance at this time.

**6.Agenda Items
Closed Session**

A motion was made by Pam Pureza, seconded by George Archuleta, and carried, as confirmed by roll call, to approve of the Board entering closed session as permitted by NCGS 143-318.11(a)(6) in order to consider and discuss one or more personnel matters that are confidential under NCGS 115C-319 and -321.

Closed session included the following board members: Dr. Denauvo Robinson, George Archuleta, Virginia Houston (joined virtually), Walter Jolly, Pam Pureza, Sharon Warden, and Dr. Shelia Williams. Staff included: Dr. Catherine Edmonds and Rhonda James-Davis. Closed session began at 12:05 p.m. Dr. Edmonds and Mrs. James-Davis did not attend the entire closed session. They were excused from the meeting, then returned at the request of the Board. The Board and staff discussed personnel matters as permitted by NCGS 143-318.11(a)(6).

A motion to come out of closed session was made by Pam Pureza, seconded by Dr. Shelia Williams, and unanimously carried. Full and accurate minutes of the closed session will be kept on file in the superintendent's office, but are to be withheld from public disclosure, so as to not frustrate the legitimate purposes of this closed session. Closed session ended at 1:31 p.m.

7.Open Session Resumes

Chair Robinson called the meeting to order at 1:42 p.m. Tammy Sawyer called the roll and recorded members in attendance meeting. The following Board members were present and constituted a quorum:

Dr. Denauvo Robinson, Chair

George Archuleta
Virginia Houston
Sharon Warden

Pam Pureza
Walter B. Jolly
Dr. Shelia Williams

The following staff members were present:

Dr. Catherine Edmonds, Superintendent

Rachael Haines, Chief Finance Officer

Rhonda James-Davis, Chief Human Resources Officer

Dr. Amy Spencer, Chief Academic Officer

Tammy W. Sawyer, Director of Community Schools/PIO/Executive to the Superintendent

Following closed session, two motions were made and approved:

A motion was made by Pam Pureza, seconded by Sharon Warden, and unanimously carried, as confirmed by roll call, to accept the resignation of Dr. Catherine Edmonds, effective March 1, 2021.

The Board expressed appreciation for the work Dr. Edmonds has done in the district. They further congratulated her on the appointment of Deputy Superintendent at NC Department of Public Instruction.

A motion was made by Virginia Houston, seconded by Sharon Warden, and carried, as confirmed by roll call, to appoint Mrs. Rhonda James-Davis to serve as interim superintendent upon Dr. Edmonds' leaving. George Archuleta voted against the motion.

7.Other

There were no additional items for Board consideration during the December 2, 2020, meeting.

Dr. Robinson expressed appreciation on behalf of he and Mr. Jolly for the opportunity to serve on the Board of Education for ECPPS. Other members shared in the appreciation of their service.

8.Adjournment

Chair Robinson adjourned the meeting at 1:51 p.m.

Chair

Secretary