

**MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION
ELIZABETH CITY-PASQUOTANK PUBLIC SCHOOLS
December 7, 2020 – Organizational Meeting**

Swearing In of New and Re-Elected Members

The Honorable J.C. Cole, District 1 Superior Court Judge, administered the Oath of Office to newly elected Board of Education members Mr. Daniel Spence and Mr. Rodney Walton. He also administered the Oath of Office to re-elected Board of Education member, Dr. Shelia Williams.

The Elizabeth City-Pasquotank Board of Education met on Monday, December 7, 2020, at 4:00 p.m. for the annual organizational meeting. The meeting was available via livestream at www.ecpps.k12.nc.us. The following Board members were present and constituted a quorum:

Sharon Warden, Vice-Chair
Mr. George Archuleta
Mrs. Virginia Houston
Daniel Spence

Ms. Pam Pureza
Mr. Rodney Walton
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 4:12 p.m.

2.Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence

The Pledge of Allegiance was led, virtually, by Nyzeria Cofield, 4th grade student at J.C. Sawyer Elementary School. Vice-Chair Warden requested a moment of silence.

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

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

5.Board Reorganization

Vice-Chair Warden turned the meeting over to Superintendent Edmonds for the purpose of Board Reorganization. Dr. Edmonds asked for nominees for the position of Chair. Virginia Houston nominated Sharon Warden for Board Chair. Rodney Walton nominated Virginia Houston for Board Chair. Mrs. Houston declined the nomination for chair.

A motion was made by Virginia Houston, seconded by Pam Pureza, and unanimously carried, as confirmed by roll call, to close the nominations for the position of Board Chair. The Board further voted, unanimously approving Sharon Warden as Board Chair, as confirmed by roll call.

Superintendent Edmonds turned the meeting over to Chair Warden for the election of Vice-Chair. Rodney Walton nominated Pam Pureza for Vice-Chair. George Archuleta seconded the nomination of Pam Pureza. The Board voted, unanimously approving Pam Pureza as Vice-Chair, as confirmed by roll call vote.

6.Other

There were no additional items for Board consideration during the December 7, 2020, meeting.

7.Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:21 p.m.

Chair

Secretary