

**WATERBURY BOARD OF EDUCATION**

*MINUTES ~ SHERIFF CALL/ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING*

Wednesday, December 1, 2021, 6:00 p.m.

Kennedy High School Auditorium

422 Highland Avenue, Waterbury, CT

**PRESENT:** Mayor Neil O’Leary, Commissioners Brown, Hernandez, Ireland, Nardozzi, O’Brien, Orso, Pagano, Serrano-Adorno, and Sweeney.

**ABSENT:** Commissioner Tom Van Stone.

**ALSO PRESENT:** City Clerk Michael Dalton and Superintendent Dr. Verna Ruffin.

*City Clerk Dalton administered the Oath of Office to the following: Juanita Hernandez, LaToya Ireland, Margaret O’Brien, and Melissa Serrano-Adorno.*

*City Clerk Dalton called the meeting to order at 6:50 p.m.*

**ROLL CALL**

CLERK: Commissioner Brown

BROWN: Here.

CLERK: Commissioner Hernandez.

HERNANDEZ: Here.

CLERK: Commissioner Ireland.

IRELANDE: Here.

CLERK: Commissioner Nardozzi.

NARDOZZI: Here.

CLERK: Commissioner O’Brien.

O’BRIEN: Here.

CLERK: Commissioner Orso.

ORSO: Here.

CLERK: Commissioner Pagano.

PAGANO: Present.

CLERK: Commissioner Serrano-Adorno.

SERRANO-ADORNO: Here.

CLERK: Commissioner Sweeney

SWEENEY: Here.

CLERK: Commissioner Van Stone (absent).

CITY CLERK: I’ll now ask for nominations for the election of a Temporary President of the Board of Education. Commissioner Nardozzi.

NARDOZZI: Honorable Mayor and members of this Board, it is my privilege to place into nomination the name of Commissioner Elizabeth Brown as Temporary President.

ORSO: I second that nomination.

CITY CLERK: Motion has been made and seconded for the election of Commissioner Elizabeth Brown as Temporary President. Are there any other nominations? Are there any other nominations? Are there any other nominations? Hearing no further nominations, may I have a motion to close the nominations?

O'BRIEN: I move to close the Nominations.

HERNANDEZ: Second.

CITY CLERK: Is there any discussion? All in favor? Opposed? Nominations are closed. May I have a motion to approve Commissioner Elizabeth Brown as Temporary President?

SWEENEY: Motion to approve.

SERRANO-ADORNO: Second

CITY CLERK: All in favor, opposed. Congratulations Commissioner Brown, you are the Temporary President, please assume the Chair.

BROWN: Thank you Mr. Mayor, honorable members of the Board of Education. The matter now before this Board is the election of a permanent President of the Board of Education. The Chair recognizes Commissioner Pagano for the purpose of a nomination.

PAGANO: Madam President, Honorable Members of the Board of Education, it is both an honor and a privilege to place into nomination the name of Commissioner Ann Sweeney, as President.

BROWN: We have the nomination of Commissioner Sweeney as President. Do I have a second? Commissioner Hernandez.

HERNANDEZ: I second that nomination.

BROWN: We have a nomination and a second. Are there any other nominations? Are there any other nominations? Are there any other nominations? Being no further nominations, may I have a motion to close nominations for the position of President.

IRELAND: I move to close the nominations.

SERRANO-ADORNO: Second.

BROWN: Any discussion? All in favor? Opposed? Nominations are closed. The business before this Board is the election of Ann M. Sweeney as President of the Board of Education. We will now have a roll call - Madam Clerk.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:** Yeas: Commissioners Brown, Hernandez, Ireland, Nardozzi, O'Brien, Orso, Pagano, Serrano-Adorno, and Sweeney.

BROWN: Motion carries. President Sweeney please come forward and assume the Chair.

SWEENEY: I want to thank my fellow Board members for their show of support for me. We don't do this alone and I look forward to being a part of a much bigger team that works in the best interests of all the students in the district of Waterbury. I have a great team behind me. Thank you.

The matter now before this Board is the election of a Vice President. The Chair recognizes Commissioner Brown for the purpose of the nomination.

BROWN: Madam President, Honorable Members of the Board of Education, it is both an honor and a privilege to place into nomination the name of Commissioner Juanita Hernandez as Vice President.

SERRANO-ADORNO: Second.

SWEENEY: We have a nomination and a second. Are there any other nominations? Are there any other nominations? Are there any other nominations? May I have a motion to close nominations for Vice President.

PAGANO: I move to close the nominations.

BROWN: Second.

SWEENEY: Any discussion? All in favor? Opposed? Nominations are closed. We'll now have a roll call vote for the election of Commissioner Juanita Hernandez as Vice President. Madam Clerk.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:** Yeas: Commissioners Brown, Hernandez, Ireland, Nardozzi, O'Brien, Orso, Pagano, Serrano-Adorno, and President Sweeney.

SWEENEY: The matter now before this Board is the election of a Secretary. The Chair recognizes Commissioner Juanita Hernandez for the purpose of the nomination.

HERNANDEZ: Madam President, Honorable Members of the Board of Education, it is both an honor and a privilege to place into nomination the name of Commissioner Melissa Serrano Adorno as Secretary.

PAGANO: Second.

SWEENEY: We have a nomination and a second. Are there any other nominations? Are there any other nominations? Are there any other nominations? May I have a motion to close nominations for Secretary.

NARDOZZI: I move to close the nominations.

ORSO: Second.

SWEENEY: Any discussion? All in favor? Opposed? Nominations are closed. We'll now have a roll call vote for the election of Commissioner Melisa Serrano Adorno as Secretary. Madam Clerk.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:** Yeas: Commissioners Brown, Hernandez, Ireland, Nardozzi, O'Brien, Orso, Pagano, Serrano-Adorno, and President Sweeney.

SWEENEY: Congratulations Secretary Serrano Adorno. The business before this Board now is the adoption of the Board's Organization and Methods of Operation, Policy #9010 (formerly By-laws).

SERRANO-ADORNO: I move to adopt Board's Organization and Methods of Operation, Policy #9010 (formerly By-laws) as presented.

ORSO: Second.

SWEENEY: The motion has been made and seconded. Is there any discussion? All in favor? Opposed? Motion passes unanimously. I'll entertain a motion to adjourn.

IRELAND: I motion to adjourn.

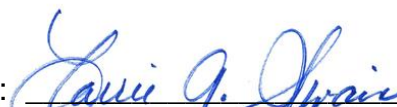
O'BRIEN: Second.

SWEENEY: All in favor, opposed, motion carries, we are adjourned.

**ADJOURNMENT** at 7:00 p.m.

**Upon a motion by Commissioner Harvey and duly seconded by Commissioner Hernandez, it was voted unanimously to adjourn at 8:31 p.m.**

ATTEST:



Carrie A. Swain, Clerk  
Board of Education