

BOARD OF EDUCATION SCHOOL DISTRICT 149

MINUTES OF

THE SPEICAL BOARD MEETING

May 4, 2023

The Special Board Meeting was held at the District Office 292 Torrence Ave, Calumet City, IL 60409

The Board Meeting convened at 6:08 p.m.

**Roll Call:** Present: Mr. Tillman, Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, Mrs. Jolly, Ms. Jemine and Mrs. Gray-Everett.

Also in attendance: Dr. Maureen White, Attorney Edward Wong, Janene Preston, Janice Opitz, Dr. Dellnora Winters, Laura Wolf, Dr. Brigitte Garth-Young, Ernesta Ransom, Sheena Dixon, Jamarr Everett, John Smida, David Ormsby, Jesse Elston, Ramonde Williams, Edward Steve, Lamarr Miller, Myra Gardiver, Tyrone Rogers, Tammie Brown, Vivian Ross, Kiana Belcher, Carmen Carlisle, Georgette White, Vicki Walker, Joyce Dickens, Stephanie Boone, Maurio Tillman, T. De Vasher, L. Thomas, Karen Tillman, Thomas A. Stephanie W. Aubry Cran, Traci Glover, Cleo Jones, Demarkus Criggley, Jonathan Harris, Felita Crayton, Mark Tillman, Lynette Stokes, Alexandra and Matthew Lahnion, Angela Muse, Sonya Williams, Sheryl Jackson, DeVonte Stewart, Larry Lawrence, Terry Barnes, Camisha Morris, J. Ryan, Krystie Evans and Brittney Norwood.

**The Pledge of Allegiance** – Said by all

**Public Comments:**

Mrs. Crayton welcomed new board members to School District 149. Mrs. Crayton expressed her concern regarding privacy issues and her address getting out. She is asking the board to rectify this issue before the next meeting.

**Adoption of Certified Election Results from April 4, 2023, Consolidated General Election and Certification of Election Winners:**

<p><b>MOTION</b> by Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, seconded by Mrs. Jolly to adopt the Certified Election Results from April 4, 2023, Consolidated General Election and Certification of Election Winners:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. Wilbur Tillman</li> <li>B. Darlene Gray-Everett</li> <li>C. Shonda De Vasher-Williams</li> <li>D. Cassandra Elston</li> </ul> <p><b>ROLL CALL TO VOTE:</b> Aye: Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, Mrs. Jolly, Mr. Tillman, Mrs. Gray-Everett and Ms. Jemine.</p> <p><b>MOTION CARRIED</b></p>	<p>AGENDA ITEM 2</p>
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**Oath of Office**

Attorney Ed Wong from Del Galdo Law Group, LLC. administered board member oath of office to Mr. Wilbur Tillman, Mrs. Darlene Gray-Everett, Mrs. Cassandra Elston and Mrs. Shonda De Vasher-Williams.

## Adjournment of Board Meeting *SIN DIE*

<p><b>MOTION</b> by Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, seconded by Ms. Jemine to adjourn Board Meeting <i>SIN DIE</i> at 6:25 p.m.  <b>ROLL CALL VOTE:</b> Aye: Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, Ms. Jemine, Mrs. Jolly, Mr. Tillman, Mrs. Gray-Everett, Mrs. De Vasher-Williams and Mrs. Elston.  <b>MOTION CARRIED</b></p>	AGENDA ITEM 4
<p><b>MOTION</b> by Mrs. De Vasher-Williams, seconded by Ms. Jemine to appoint Mrs. Crisler-Liggons as President Pro Tem.  <b>ROLL CALL VOTE:</b> Aye: Mrs. De Vasher-Williams, Ms. Jemine, Mrs. Gray-Everett, Mrs. Jolly and Mrs. Crisler-Liggons.  <b>MOTION CARRIED</b></p>	AGENDA ITEM 4A
<p><b>MOTION</b> by Mrs. De Vasher-Williams, seconded by Mr. Tillman to appoint Ms. Jemine as Secretary Pro Tem.  <b>ROLL CALL VOTE:</b> Aye: Mrs. De Vasher-Williams, Mr. Tillman, Mrs. Gray-Everett, Mrs. Jolly, Mrs.  <b>MOTION CARRIED</b></p>	AGENDA ITEM 4B

**Roll Call:** Present: Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, Mrs. Jolly, Mrs. Elston, Mrs. Gray-Everett, Mrs. De Vasher-Williams, Mr. Tillman and Ms. Jemine.

## Reorganization of the Board

<p><b>MOTION</b> by Mrs. Jolly, seconded by Mrs. Elston to appoint Mrs. Crisler-Liggons as the Board President.  <b>ROLL CALL TO VOTE:</b> Aye: Mrs. Jolly, Mrs. Elston, Mrs. Gray-Everett, Mrs. De Vasher-Williams, Mr. Tillman and Ms. Jemine.  <b>MOTION CARRIED</b></p>	AGENDA ITEM 7A
<p><b>MOTION</b> by Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, seconded by Mrs. Jolly to appoint Ms. Jemine as the Board Vice President.  <b>ROLL CALL TO VOTE:</b> Aye: Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, Mrs. Jolly, Mrs. Elston, Mrs. Gray-Everett, Mrs. De Vasher-Williams, Mr. Tillman and Ms. Jemine.  <b>MOTION CARRIED</b></p>	AGENDA ITEM 7B
<p><b>MOTION</b> by Mrs. De Vasher-Williams, seconded by Mrs. Elston to appoint Mrs. Jolly as the Board Secretary.  <b>ROLL CALL TO VOTE:</b> Aye: Mrs. De Vasher-Williams, Mrs. Elston, Mrs. Gray-Everett, Mr. Tillman and Ms. Jemine.  <b>MOTION CARRIED</b></p>	AGENDA ITEM 7C

## Establish Date, Time, and Place for School Board Meetings

<p><b>MOTION</b> by Mrs. Jolly, seconded by Mrs. Elston to set the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month, at 6:30 p.m. at the District Office for Board Meetings.  <b>ROLL CALL TO VOTE:</b> Aye: Mrs. Jolly, Mrs. Elston, Mrs. De Vasher-Williams, Ms. Jemine, Mrs. Gray-Everett and Mr. Tillman.  <b>MOTION CARRIED</b></p>	AGENDA ITEM 8A
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**Old Business**

<b>MOTION</b> by Mrs. Jolly, seconded by Mrs. Elston to approve the Superintendent's plan to hold graduation at the middle school. <b>ROLL CALL TO VOTE:</b> Aye: Mrs. Jolly, Mrs. Elston, Mrs. De Vasher-Williams, Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, Mr. Tillman, Mrs. Gray-Everett and Ms. Jemine. <b>MOTION CARRIED</b>	AGENDA ITEM 9A
<b>MOTION</b> to approve \$140,000 annual salary for new Director of District Services position. <b>Mrs. De Vasher-Williams requested to table this item.</b>	AGENDA ITEM 9B
<b>Presentation by Lobbyist Donne Trotter</b>	AGENDA ITEM 9C
<b>MOTION</b> by Mr. Tillman, seconded by Mrs. De Vasher-Williams to approve the renewal of lobbying service agreement with Scarabaues, LLC. for monthly retainer of \$5,000.00. <b>ROLL CALL TO VOTE:</b> Aye: Mr. Tillman, Mrs. De Vasher-Williams, Ms. Jemine, Mrs. Gray-Everett, Mrs. Jolly and Mrs. Elston. <b>MOTION CARRIED</b>	AGENDA ITEM 9D

**Meeting Open for Public Comments:**

Mrs. Crayton congrats to the new board members and positions. She would like to see report cards continue to increase and asking all to be involved.

<b>MOTION</b> by Mrs. De Vasher-Williams, seconded by Mrs. Jolly, to table Agenda Item 9B. <b>ROLL CALL TO VOTE:</b> Aye: Mrs. De Vasher-Williams, Mrs. Jolly, Mrs. Gray-Everett, Ms. Jemine, Mr. Tillman, Mrs. Elston and Mrs. Crisler-Liggons. <b>MOTION CARRIED</b>	AGENDA ITEM 9B
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**Meeting adjourned at 6:54 p.m.**



Lolilta Crisler-Liggons, President



Bertha Jolly, Secretary

