

**INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 625
Saint Paul, Minnesota**

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

**360 Colborne Street
Saint Paul, MN 55102, and**

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**November 9, 2021
4:30 p.m.**

MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER

The special election canvass meeting to order at 4:31 p.m. by Jim Vue, Vice Chair.

II. ROLL CALL

Board of Education: J. Vue, J. Brodrick, C. Allen, J. Kopp, Y. Carrillo, Z. Ellis
Superintendent Gothard

General Counsel Long

Director Foster was not able to attend this meeting.

III. APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF THE MAIN AGENDA

Director Vue moved approval of the main order of the agenda. The motion was seconded by Director Ellis.

The motion was approved by roll call vote:

Director Vue:	Yes
Director Brodrick	Yes
Director Allen	Yes
Director Kopp	Yes
Director Carrillo	Yes
Director Ellis	Yes

The motion passed unanimously, 6-0.

II. NEW BUSINESS

Director Vue stated that the purpose of this Special Board Meeting was to canvass the Returns of the School District General & Special Elections Held on Tuesday, November 2, 2021.

At the election held on November 2nd, 2021, three individuals were newly elected in the General Election to serve on the Board of Education. They are: Halla Henderson, Uriah Ward and myself, Jim Vue.

The Board congratulates Director-Elect Henderson and Director-Elect Ward who will be sworn in as new members of the Board of Education in January 2022. At that time, Jim Vue, would also be sworn in for the same term.

Jeanelle Foster was elected in a special election to fulfill the remaining two years and two months of former board director Steve Marchese's term.

Director Vue then handed the floor over to Legal Counsel Long to further explain the process for the Special Election and what happens moving forward.

General Counsel Long explained that there is a 7-day waiting period after the certification of the election when the general and special election results may be challenged. This is a 7-day period to challenge the 4-year or special election returns. After the period, the oath of office may be delivered. The 4-year seats begin in January and Chair Foster would assume the special election seat upon signing the oath, and immediately resign from her 4-year office, as she cannot hold two seats simultaneously. What is being clarified at this meeting was the additional 7-day wait period before the oath of office may be taken for the special election seat.

Questions/Comments:

- Director Vue requested clarity around the 7-day waiting period and when Director Carrillo's last day of service would be.
- General Counsel Long noted that the last day of service of Director Carrillo depended on when Chair Foster signed the special election oath of office. He added that the Certificate of Election and Oath of Office would be sent out at the conclusion of the 7-day period and Director Carrillo's term would end when it is signed.
- Director Vue sought to confirm that the Oath of Office document could not be signed until after the 7-day period is over.
- General Counsel Long provided a few clarifications by stating that SPPS would not send out the Certificate of Election, Acceptance of Office and Oath of Office until after the 7-day period ends. All elected members have 30-days to return that signed document to the administration. Also, a 4-year term begins the first Monday in January, but Chair Foster's term, for a special election seat, would begin whenever she signed the Oath of Office.

Superintendent Gothard then spoke to note that during the previous night's Envision SPPS Information Session, he provided different information than what General Counsel Long shared to clarify the situation today. So, if we were to have a 7-person board, then the vote count would be a majority -- 7-0, 6-1, 5-2, 4-3 -- and the motion would pass. He added that Board members had stated they were clear on this as well, and this included Chair Foster, with whom he had spoken earlier in the day.

BF#32554 MOTION: Approve the Resolution canvassing returns of votes of Independent School District No. 625 General Election

Director Vue moted approval of the Resolution canvassing returns of votes of Independent School District No. 625 General Election. The motion was seconded by Director Ellis.

The motion was approved by roll call vote:

Director Vue:	Yes
Director Brodrick	Yes
Director Allen	Yes
Director Kopp	Yes
Director Carrillo	Yes
Director Ellis	Yes

The motion passed unanimously, 6-0.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Director Vue moved, and Director Ellis seconded, the motion to adjourn the meeting.

The motion was approved by roll call vote:

Director Vue:	Yes
Director Brodrick	Yes
Director Allen	Yes
Director Kopp	Yes
Director Carrillo	Yes
Director Ellis	Yes

The motion passed unanimously, 6-0.

The meeting adjourned at 4:42 p.m.

For clarity and to facilitate research, these minutes reflect the order of the original Agenda and not necessarily the time during which the items were discussed.

Prepared and submitted by:

Brian Hammer

(Interim) Board Secretary, St. Paul Public Schools Board of Education