

MINUTES OF A **SPECIAL MEETING** OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION, THORNTON TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 205, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, HELD ON **WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24, 2019** AT DISTRICT ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE CONFERENCE ROOM, 465 EAST 170TH STREET, SOUTH HOLLAND, IL., BEGINNING AT 5:30p.m.

The meeting was called to order at 5:45p.m. President Graham made the following announcement: Any person may record or broadcast an open Board meeting. Special requests to facilitate recordings or broadcast an open Board meeting should be directed to the Superintendent at least 24 hours before the meeting. Recording meetings shall not distract or disturb Board members or participants. Please know if you participate in public participation, you are part of the Board meeting and may be taped.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY  
BOARD PRESIDENT

On roll call, Members Banks, Butler, Cruz, Graham, Lawrence, Moody and Whittington answered.

ROLL  
CALL

The following individuals spoke during Public Participation:

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- Ed Crayton, Dolton, IL, welcomed and congratulated the new Board of Education
- Felita Crayton, Dolton, IL, welcomed and congratulated the new Board of Education
- Otis Gilmore, congratulated the new Board of Education
- Superintendent Dr. Cunningham announced the April 2, 2019 canvassing election results which can also be found on the following website:  
<https://www.cookcountyclerk.com/service/precinct-canvasses>
- All Board of Education members sworn in collectively by a judicial judge.

ABSTRACT  
CANVASSING OF  
ELECTION RESULTS

OATH OF OFFICE TO  
BOARD MEMBERS

Mrs. Lawrence moved, Mr. Banks seconded to **Adjournment of Current Board Sine Die**. On roll call, Members Lawrence, Banks, Butler, Cruz, Graham, Moody and Whittington voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT OF  
CURRENT BOARD SINE  
DIE

Ms. Moody moved, Mrs. Whittington seconded to **Election of Bernadette Lawrence as President Pro Tem**. On roll call, Members Moody, Whittington, Banks, Butler, Cruz, Graham and Lawrence and voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

ORGANIZATION OF NEW  
BOARD OF EDUCATION:  
PRESIDENT PRO TEM  
AND SECRETARY PRO  
TEM

Ms. Graham moved, Mrs. Lawrence seconded to **Election of Almetta Vasser-Moody Secretary Pro Tem**. On roll call, Members Graham, Lawrence, Banks, Butler, Cruz, Moody and Whittington voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

CALL TO ORDER

The secretary Pro-Tem will call to order the Board of Education of Thornton Township High School District 205

Ms. Moody moved, Mrs. Whittington to open the floor for **Board President**. On roll call, Members Moody, Whittington, Banks, Butler, Cruz, Graham and Lawrence voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

ELECTION FOR OFFICE  
OF PRESIDENT AND  
TERM OF OFFICE L

Mrs. Lawrence moved, Mrs. Whittington seconded to **Nominate Nina Graham as President and Term of Office**. On roll call, Members Lawrence, Whittington, Banks, Cruz, Graham and Moody voted aye; Butler voted none; motion passed.

ELECTION FOR OFFICE  
OF VICE PRESIDENT AND  
TERM OF OFFICE

Ms. Moody moved, Mr. Banks to open the floor for **Board Vice President**. On roll call, Members Moody, Banks, Butler, Cruz, Graham, Lawrence and Whittington voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

Mr. Banks moved, Mrs. Cruz seconded to **Nominate Annette Whittington as Vice President and Term of Office**. On roll call, Members Banks, Cruz, Graham, Lawrence, Whittington and Moody voted aye; Butler voted none; motion passed.

Mr. Banks moved, Mrs. Lawrence seconded to **Nominate Almetta Vasser-Moody as Secretary and Term of Office**. On roll call, Members Banks, Lawrence, Butler, Cruz, Graham, Moody and Whittington voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

SALARY FOR OFFICE OF  
SECRETARY

If Secretary is a Board Member, compensation may be up to \$500/year. The compensation for a board member must be fixed at least 180 days before the beginning of the term as Secretary.

Second Wednesday of the month at 6:30p.m. as it currently is now.

ESTABLISH THE DATE,  
TIME AND PLACE FOR  
THE SCHOOL BOARD  
MEETINGS

September, October, November and December: Board meets in Thornridge High School auditorium

January, February, March and April: Board meets in Thornton Township High School auditorium

May, June, July, and August: Board meets in Thornwood High School cafeteria

President Graham announced the following committee appointments:

COMMITTEE  
APPOINTMENTS

Curriculum: Annette Whittington, Chair / Leticia Cruz, Co-Chair

Discipline: Almetta Vasser-Moody, Chair / Leticia Cruz, Co-Chair

Facilities: Ray Banks, Chair / Almetta Vasser-Moody, Co-Chair

Finance: Almetta Vasser-Moody, Chair / Bernadette Lawrence, Co-Chair

Policy: Bernadette Lawrence, Chair / Almetta Vasser-Moody, Co-Chair

REPRESENTATIVES: BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBER:

IASB Liaison Annette Whittington

SCOPE Annette Whittington

Student Board of Education Annette Whittington

All local dignitaries were acknowledged and thanked

NEW BUSINESS

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 6:20p.m., Ms. Moody moved, Mrs. Lawrence seconded to **Adjourn the Meeting**. On roll call, Members Moody, Lawrence, Banks, Butler, Cruz, Graham Whittington voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT

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President

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Secretary