SPECIAL MEETING
JUNE 30, 2017
<u>MINUTES</u>

The special meeting of the Hempstead Public Schools Board of Education was held in the high school auditorium, 201 President Street, Hempstead, New York 11550. The meeting was called to order at 9:52 A.M. The purpose of the meeting was continue the hearing proceedings and advice of special counsel.

<u>BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:</u>
Maribel Touré   President
Gwen Jackson   Vice President
Melissa Figueroa   Trustee
David B. Gates   Trustee

<u>BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:</u>
Lamont Johnson   Trustee (hospitalized)

<u>STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:</u>
Shimon Waronker   Superintendent
Patricia Wright   District Clerk

Trustee Jackson moved, seconded by Trustee Figueroa to call to order at 9:52 A.M.

MOTION	**YES 4**	**MOTION CARRIED**
To call to order		

Trustee Jackson moved, seconded by Trustee Figueroa to convene to executive session at 9:53 A.M. to continue hearing proceeding and advice of legal counsel.

MOTION	**YES 3**	**MOTION CARRIED**
To convene to	**NO 1** (Trustee Gates)	
executive session		

Trustee Jackson moved, seconded by Trustee Figueroa to reconvene to open session at 11:07 A.M.

MOTION	**YES 4**	**MOTION CARRIED**
To reconvene to		
open session		

The President announced that a verbal report was recited to the Board and a written report would be available in a few days, it was not clear if the report would be made public. It will be discussed with legal counsel. The President informed the community

that the Board found that misconduct was founded based upon the verbal report, and instructed the District Clerk to read the following resolutions.

Trustee Jackson moved, seconded by Trustee Figueroa to approve the removal resolution as written.

1. **WHEREAS,** the Board of Education of the Hempstead Union Free School district ("Board") is duly constituted governance body of the School District; and,

    WHEREAS, Lamont Johnson is a member of the Board bound by the district policy and legal requirement that he not disclose confidential information acquired by him in the course of his official duties as a member of the Board; and,

    WHEREAS, the Board having heard and reviewed all of the evidence concerning the Notice of Removal dated June 8, 2017; and,

    WE HEREBY FIND, that the Respondent Lamont Johnson is guilty of the charges set forth in the Notice of Removal dated June 8, 2017, and pursuant to the Board's authority set forth in Education Law Section 1709 (18), the Board does hereby removed Lamont Johnson from the Hempstead School District Board of Education immediately.

    Trustee Gates moved, that the resolution be suspended until Trustee Johnson's witnesses have had an opportunity to testify.

    THE MOTION FAILED DUE TO LACK OF A SECOND, THE VOTED WAS CALLED FOR THE REMOVAL RESOLUTION

MOTION	**YES 3**	**MOTION CARRIED**
To approve removal	**NO 1** (Trustee Gates)	
Resolution		

Trustee Figueroa moved, seconded by Trustee Touré to approve the appointment of Mary Crosson to fill the vacancy.

2. **WHEREAS**, the Board of Education of the Hempstead Union Free School District ("Board") is the duly constituted governance body of the School District; and,

    WHEREAS, the Board having heard and reviewed all of the evidence concerning the Notice of Removal dated June 8, 2017, having found the charges founded and Lamont Johnson guilty, pursuant to the Board's authority set forth in Education Law Section 1709 (18), and having previously removed Lamont Johnson from the board, resulting in a vacancy on the Board; and

WE THEREFORE HEREBY APPOINT, due to the vacancy on the Board, Mary Crosson as Hempstead Union Free School district Trustee to fill out the remainder of the term of ex-board member Lamont Johnson.

MOTION	**YES 3**	**MOTION CARRIED**
To approve	**NO 1** (Trustee Gates)	
the appointment of		
Mary Crosson		

Mary Crosson was administered the oath of office and took the seat on the Board.

Trustee Jackson moved, seconded by Trustee Figueroa to adjourn the meeting at 11:24 A.M.

MOTION	**YES 4**	**MOTION CARRIED**
Meeting adjourned	**NO 1** (Trustee Gates)	

Respectfully submitted:

Patricia Wright
District Clerk