

**HEMPSTEAD PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
SPECIAL MEETING  
OCTOBER 17, 2023  
MINUTES**

The Board of Education Special Meeting of the Hempstead Union Free School District was held in the Superintendent's Office, 185 Peninsula Blvd, Hempstead, New York 11550. The meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm pm, motioned by Trustee Stith, seconded by Trustee Brown Young.

**Board Members Present:**

Trustee LaMont E. Johnson  
Trustee Victor Pratt  
Trustee Randy Stith  
Trustee Brown Young

**Board Members Absent:**

Trustee Joylette Williams, Ph.D

**NYSED Monitor/ Trustee Ex. Officio Present:**

Dr. William Johnson

**Staff Members Present:**

Ms. Regina Armstrong	Superintendent of Schools
Mrs. April Keys	District Clerk
Mr. John Sheahan	General Counsel
Mr. Matthew Harrison	General Counsel
Johnathan Scher	Labor Counsel

**1. Pledge of Allegiance**

**Trustee Stith moved, seconded by Trustee Brown Young, to convene to Executive Session at 7:05 pm.**

<b><u>MOTION</u></b>	<b><u>YES 4</u></b>	<b><u>MOTION CARRIED</u></b>
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To convene to  
Executive Session

**Trustee Sith moved, seconded by Trustee Pratt, to re-convene from Executive Session at 8:25 pm.**

<b><u>MOTION</u></b>	<b><u>YES 4</u></b>	<b><u>MOTION CARRIED</u></b>
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To re-convene  
from Executive Session

**WAIVER OF POLICY # 2342**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, the Board of Education waives policy #2342 requiring the agenda, together with supporting background materials to be distributed to Board members seven (7) days in advance of a Board meeting, and the Board shall permit the consideration of the hand carry resolutions presented at the October 17, 2023, meeting of the Board; and

**BE IT RESOLVED**, the waiver of policy #2342 is effective only for the hand carry resolutions considered at the October 17, 2023, meeting.

**Trustee Johnson moved, seconded by Trustee Brown Young, to approve waiver of policy # 2342.**

**MOTION**

**YES 4**

**MOTION CARRIED**

To approve waiver  
of policy #2342.

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE APPOINTMENT OF SPECIAL COUNSEL**

**RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Hempstead Union Free School District hereby engages the services of Stuart P. Besen, Esq., of Milber Makris Plousadis & Seiden, LLP to perform an investigation and render a report to the Board in connection with a matter discussed in executive session, at a rate not to exceed two hundred fifty dollars (\$250) per hour plus reasonable expenses and hereby authorizes the President of the Board of Education to execute a retainer letter for same.

**Trustee Johnson moved, seconded by Trustee Brown Young, to appoint counsel for special investigation.**

**MOTION**

**YES 4**

**MOTION CARRIED**

To appoint counsel  
for special investigation

**Trustee Stith moved, seconded by Trustee Pratt, to adjourn the meeting at 8:27 pm.**

**MOTION**

**YES 4**

**MOTION CARRIED**

To adjourn the meeting.

**Respectfully submitted by:**

**Mrs. April Keys, District Clerk**