

**Palisades Park Board of Education
Special Business Meeting Minutes**

Tuesday, February 11, 2025 – at 7:00 p.m., Early Childhood Center

A. CALL TO ORDER: Board President

B. FLAG SALUTE

C. ROLL CALL

	Present	Absent
Ms. Soo Chung	☒	☐
Mr. William Kim	☒	☐
Mr. Anthony Kim	☐	☒
Ms. Rebekah Lee	☐	☒
Ms. Sookyung Park	☒	☐
Ms. Boyoung Yu	☒	☐
Mr. Aaron Pak	☒	☐
Mr. Jun Yim	☐	☒
Mr. Sergio Calle	☒	☐
Dr. Joseph Cirillo	☒	☐
Busch Law Group	☐	☒

D. STATEMENT OF PRESIDING OFFICER

In compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act (Chapter 231, P.L. 1975), I hereby state that notice of this **Special Meeting** has been provided to the public by a written notice dated February 09, 2025 (date of published notice)

The Meeting Notice has been:

1. Emailed to all staff members at the district's 3 school locations.
2. Communicated to The Record.
3. Filed with the Borough Clerk of Palisades Park.

E. NEW BUSINESS

1. PROFESSIONAL SERVICES APPOINTMENTS – 2025

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Palisades Park Board of Education approves the following professional service appointments and contracts from February 11, 2025 through the 2026 Reorganization Meeting:

Vendor Type	Vendor	Estimated Cost	Not to Exceed
Attorney – General Counsel	Busch Law Group LLC	\$175/hr – Attorneys \$85/hr – Paralegals and law clerks	\$50,000
Attorney – Special Counsel	Gibbons P.C.	N/A	\$20,000
Attorney – Special Counsel	Rivkin Radler	N/A	\$20,000
Auditor	BKC CPA's P.C.	\$50,700 – Audit \$275/hr – Partners \$235/hr – Senior Manager \$155-175/hr – Manager \$145/hr – Senior Associates \$110/hr – Associates \$85/hr – Administrative Staff	\$51,000

Architect	Parette Somjen Architects LLC	\$186/hr – Partner \$177/hr – Director/ Senior Associate/ Associate \$170/hr – Senior Project Architect \$148/hr – Project Architect/ Project Manager \$128/hr – Contract Administrator \$116/hr – Assistant Project Manager/ Staff Architect \$106/hr – Job Captain/ Certified Interior Designer \$96/hr – Designer 3 \$88/hr – Designer 2 \$77/hr – Designer 1 \$74/hr – Assistant Contract Administrator \$67/hr – Administrative Assistant \$57/hr – Seasonal/ Part Time Intern	\$50,000 unless specifically approved by BOE
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Gibbons P.C. - Including but not limited to fee arbitration cases and other matters as needed

Rivkin Radler - Including but not limited to verification of title and other documentation of any and all Palisades Park School District owned real property and other matters as needed.

Boyoung Yu asked what the qualifications are regarding the law firms. She also inquired the reason for changing architects. Dr. Cirillo responded, we had the pleasure of working with Parette Somjen in the past and we had a better working relationship.

Motion to go to closed session: Boyoung Yu

2nd: Soo Chung

All in favor – aye – 7:13 p.m.

Appointment of services.

Motion to return to open session: William Kim

2nd: Aaron Pak

All in favor – aye – 7:25 p.m.

Moved by: Soo Chung

Seconded By: Sookyung Park

VOTE

Board Member	Yes	No	Abs.	N/P	Board Member	Yes	No	Abs.	N/P
Soo Chung	☒	☐	☐	☐	Boyoung Yu	☐	☐	☒	☐
Sergio Calle	☒	☐	☐	☐	Sookyung Park	☒	☐	☐	☐
Rebekah Lee	☐	☐	☐	☒	William Kim	☒	☐	☐	☐
Anthony Kim	☐	☐	☐	☒	Aaron Pak	☒	☐	☐	☐
Jun Yim	☐	☐	☐	☒					

2. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

No audience present.

3. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the meeting

Motion: Boyoung Yu

2nd: Sookyung Park

All in favor – aye – 7:27 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'KA' with a stylized flourish.

Aleksandar Kondovski

School Business Administrator/Board Secretary