

THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NUMBER ONE  
OF TULSA COUNTY, OKLAHOMA

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF APRIL 7, 2025

A regular meeting of the Board of Education of Independent School District Number One of Tulsa County, Oklahoma, was held on April 7, 2025, commencing at 6:35 p.m., in the Cheryl Selman room, ground floor, at the Charles C. Mason Education, 3027 S. New Haven Avenue, Tulsa, Oklahoma. Notice of the meeting was given by service of written notice of the meeting to the office of the County Clerk of Tulsa County, Oklahoma, as required by Title 25, O.S., § 311(A)(5), and by posting the agenda and recommendations of the Superintendent of Schools in prominent public view in the enclosed glass display case at the main door of the Charles C. Mason Education Service Center at 6:25 p.m. and at [tulsaschools.org](https://tulsaschools.org) at 6:24 p.m. on April 4, 2025, pursuant to the provisions of Title 25, O.S., § 311(A)(9).

PRESENT: E'Lena Ashley  
John Croisant  
Susan Lamkin  
Kyra Carby  
Calvin Moniz  
Sarah Smith  
Stacey Woolley

## OPENING EXERCISES

Ms. Stacey Woolley, president of the Board of Education, called the meeting to order, roll called, and declared that a quorum of the board was present; therefore, the meeting was qualified to consider the agenda items. The flag salute was led by the Rogers High School JROTC.

Board President Woolley reminded the board and the public that the agenda, the live stream link, and supporting documents were posted on the main Tulsa Public Schools' web page. Board President Woolley and Dr. Johnson recognized the TPS Youth Advisory members, led by Tulsa Changemakers, that were in attendance.

## SUPERINTENDENT'S CORRECTION TO AGENDA

Superintendent Johnson announced a change to agenda item E.20. Maintenance/Transportation facility should be removed from the recommendation of the agenda item and the Will Rogers Field House should reflect Phase 1, metal roof so that the language aligns with the recommendation language in the agenda template.

## SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS/AWARDS/RESOLUTIONS

Superintendent Johnson announced that the University of Tulsa is offering full-tuition scholarships to deserving Tulsa Public School seniors. She thanked President Carson and the TU team for working to open doors for TPS students. She recognized the scholarship recipients: Pedro Guzman-Garcia, Jesus Morena, Aiden Hood, Aiden Manuel Martinez, Esmerelda Belmontes Garcia, James George, Christian Crockett, and Jocelyn Doakson.

## SEATING OF THE BOARD MEMBERS

Board President Woolley read the following statement concerning the election of Board Member Districts 2 and 3.

"There having been presented to the Board of Education of Independent School District Number One of Tulsa County, Oklahoma, the results of the election for school board members, as shown by the official returns furnished by the Tulsa County Election Board, said Board of Education finds and declares of record that said election was conducted by the officers designated in the proclamation and notice of such election; with all vacancies filled according to law, and in all respects, as required by law; that said election was conducted by ballot in the form prescribed; that the polls were opened at 7 a.m. and remained open continuously until the polls were closed at 7 p.m. on the 1st day of April, 2025, the hours designated in said proclamation and notice of election, and that the votes cast by the fully qualified electors were as follows:

District 2:

Calvin Moniz - Opposing candidate withdrew

District 3:

Kyra Carby - 561 votes

Dorie Simmons - 281 votes

Accordingly, I hereby state that Mr. Calvin Moniz has been elected to the office of the Board of Education of Independent School District One of Tulsa County for Board Election District Number Two or Post Number Two to serve for a regular term of four years, or until his successor is elected and qualified.

Additionally, I hereby state that Ms. Kyra Carby has been elected to the office of the Board of Education of Independent School District One of Tulsa County for Board Election District Number Three or Post Number Three to serve for a regular term of four years, or until her successor is elected and qualified.

D.2 School District Attorney Eric Wade administered the Oath of Office to newly elected Board Members of Election Districts Two and Three.

Mr. Moniz shared that he appreciated joining the board for a full four-year term. He also stated that while there was not an election for the Board District Two seat it does not make the job any easier. He promised to continue to work hard for District Two and all of Tulsa Public Schools.

Ms. Carby stated that her election is a win for the community and that serving on behalf of District Three is not done alone. She stated that she is proud to serve District Three and all of Tulsa and is excited about the work to be done over the next four years.

D.3 The Board President, Stacey Woolley called for nominations for the office of president.

Board Member Sarah Smith made a **motion** to nominate Ms. Susan Lamkin to serve as President of the Tulsa School Board, and Ms. Stacey Woolley **seconded** the motion. The motion **passed** by the following vote:

AYE: Susan Lamkin, John Croisant, Sarah Smith, Kyra Carby, and Stacey Woolley; NAY: E'Lena Ashley and Calvin Moniz; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: None.

D.4 The Board President called for nomination for the office of vice president.

Board Member E'Lena Ashley made a **motion** to nominate Mr. Calvin Moniz to serve as Vice President of the Board of Education. Mr. John Croisant **seconded** the motion, and the motion **passed** by the following vote:

AYE: Calvin Moniz, Kyra Carby, Sarah Smith, John Croisant, Susan Lamkin, E'Lena Ashley, Stacey Woolley, and Susan Lamkin; NAY: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: None.

Superintendent Johnson expressed her appreciation and admiration for the leadership of former Board President Woolley and former Vice President Croisant.

D.5 Board President Lamkin read the recommendation regarding the appointment of the following officers of the District who will serve at the pleasure of the Board until the first regular meeting after the next annual school election or until their successors are appointed and a further recommendation that appropriate bonds be authorized as required by law:

Treasurer – George P. Stoeppelwerth, III

Assistant Treasurer – Michael W. Brown

Clerk – Sarah Bozone

Deputy Clerk – Sharon Mason

Encumbrance Clerk – Alicia Srader

Ms. Stacey Woolley made a **motion** to appoint the listed officers of the district, and Mr. Calvin Moniz **seconded** the motion. The motion **passed** by the following vote:

AYE: E'Lena Ashley, John Croisant, Sarah Smith, Kyra Carby, Calvin Moniz, Stacey Woolley, and Susan Lamkin; NAY: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: None.

### CONSENT AGENDA

A **motion** was made by Board Member Croisant. The motion to approve the consent agenda was **seconded** by Ms. Stacey Woolley.

Dr. Johnson and district team answered questions of the board. The motion **passed** by the following vote:

AYE: Calvin Moniz, Sarah Smith, John Croisant, E'Lena Ashley (with the exception of agenda item E.7), Stacey Woolley, and Susan Lamkin; NAY: E'Lena Ashley – Agenda item E.7; ABSTAIN: Kyra Carby; ABSENT: None.

### PUBLIC COMMENT ON ACTION AGENDA

Speaker #1 – G.1

Speaker #2 – G.1

Speaker #3 – G.1

Speaker #4 – G.1

### ACTION AGENDA

G.1 RECOMMENDATION: Approve the adoption of the Parents' Bill of Rights policy as presented, to take effect in 2025.

Board Member Croisant made a **motion** to approve, and Mr. Calvin Moniz **seconded** the motion.

Dr. Johnson and district staff answered questions from the board. The motion **passed** by the following vote:

AYE: John Croisant, Sarah Smith, Kyra Carby, Calvin Moniz, Stacey Woolley, and Susan Lamkin; NAY: E'Lena Ashley and Stacey Woolley; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: None.

G.2 RECOMMENDATION: Approve the adoption of the Coordination with the Foundation for Tulsa Schools, to take effect April 2025. This item will be voted on at the next regular meeting.

Superintendent Johnson answered questions from the board.

### APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Mr. John Croisant made a **motion** to approve February 27, 2025, minutes, and Mr. Calvin Moniz **seconded** the motion. The motion **passed** by the following vote:

AYE: Calvin Moniz, Sarah Smith, John Croisant, Stacey Woolley, E'Lena Ashley, and Susan Lamkin; NAY: None; ABSTAIN: Kyra Carby; ABSENT: None.

### BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Mr. Moniz congratulated Board Member Lamkin on becoming the Board President and shared his appreciation of her leadership especially in the area of family engagement and strengthening school parent teacher associations. He went on to share his excitement regarding his visit to Unity Learning Academy to celebrate 13 schools coming off of the State Comprehensive Support and Improvement (CSI) list. He congratulated the parents, support and certified staff, as well as school leaders and district staff for their work that resulted in the positive academic progress for these students.

Mr. Croisant gave a shout out to the Edison Fine Arts department for their amazing performance in the play, *Sweeny Todd*.

Ms. Ashley congratulated the changes on the board, and she welcomed Ms. Carby. She also spoke about her recent attendance at the National School Board Association conference in Atlanta, GA.

Ms. Carby shared that she had the opportunity to visit McLain High School to see the production, *Six*. The production was produced in partnership with Clark Youth Theater. She said it was an amazing performance with much of the behind-the-scenes responsibilities handled by McLain students as well.

Board President Lamkin welcomed Ms. Carby to the board and thanked all of the board for their support and trust in her as the new president of the board.

### CITIZENS' COMMENTS

Speaker #1 – New initiative for more teachers w/TPS, NSU, and City Year

Speaker #2 – The proper response of the Board to the recent release audit of TPS

Speaker #3 – Teacher Retention

### SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS

The superintendent's report is available online on the District's YouTube channel, [youtube.com/tulaschools](https://www.youtube.com/tulaschools) and the Superintendent's Facebook page. Additionally, as a reminder replacing the previous District News Round-up special presentation is the monthly highlights page that can be found on our district website at [tulaschools.org/highlights](https://tulaschools.org/highlights).

### NON-ROUTINE ITEMS

L.1 Motion, second, discussion and vote on motion to go into executive session for the purpose of conducting confidential communications between the board and its attorneys concerning pending litigation or claims regarding: (1) Oklahoma Teachers' Retirement System; (2) Syriah Pittman and Michael Brown, as Parents and Next Friend of M.B., a minor v. Tulsa Public Schools, Tulsa County District Court Case No. CJ-2024-03368; and (3) the employment and resignation of Ishanta Shoals, an individual salaried public employee of the district; the board



having been advised by its attorneys that disclosures relating to any of these three matters will seriously impair the ability of the board to process the claims or conduct the litigation in the public interest, pursuant to Title 25, Section 307(B)(4) of the Oklahoma Statutes; and where disclosure of the information discussed would violate confidentiality requirements under state or federal law, pursuant to Title 25 Section 307(B)(7) of the Oklahoma Statutes; and pursuant to Title 25 Section 307(B)(1) of the Oklahoma Statutes relating to discussions regarding the employment and resignation of a salaried public employee.

## L.2 EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. John Croisant made a motion to go into executive session, and the motion was **seconded** by Ms. Stacey Woolley.

The motion **passed** by the following vote: AYE: E'Lena Ashley, Stacey Woolley, Sarah Smith, Kyra Carby, Mr. Moniz, John Croisant, and Susan Lamkin; NAY: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: None.

The Board, Superintendent Johnson and district staff along with legal counsel entered the executive session at 8:04 p.m.

## L.3 VOTE TO ACKNOWLEDGE RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Board Member Croisant made a **motion**, and Ms. Stacey Woolley **seconded** the motion. The motion **passed** by the following:

AYE: John Croisant, Sarah Smith, Calvin Moniz, Stacey Woolley, E'Lena Ashley, and Susan Lamkin; NAY: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: Kyra Carby.

The open session of the meeting resumed at 9:42 p.m. Ms. Kyra Carby joined the meeting at 9:43 p.m.

L.4 Board President Susan Lamkin read the statement of executive session as follows: "Confidential communications were conducted between the board and its attorneys concerning pending litigation or claims regarding: (1) Oklahoma Teachers' Retirement System; (2) Syriah Pittman and Michael Brown, as Parents and Next Friend of M.B., a minor v. Tulsa Public Schools, Tulsa County District Court Case No. CJ-2024-03368; and (3) the employment and resignation of Ishanta Shoals, an individual salaried public employee of the district; the board having been advised by its attorneys that disclosures relating to any of these three matters will seriously impair the ability of the board to process the claims or conduct the litigation in the public interest, pursuant to Title 25, Section 307(B)(4) of the Oklahoma Statutes; and where disclosure of the information discussed would violate confidentiality requirements under state or federal law, pursuant to Title 25 Section 307(B)(7) of the Oklahoma Statutes; and pursuant to Title 25 Section 307(B)(1) of the Oklahoma Statutes relating to discussions regarding the employment and resignation of a salaried public employee."

L.5 Motion, second, discussion, and vote to authorize and direct the school district's attorneys to take action on the Oklahoma Teachers' Retirement System claims consistent with the discussion in executive session.

Board Member Woolley made a **motion** to authorize and direct the school district's attorneys to take action on the Oklahoma Teacher's Retirement System claims consistent with the discussion in executive session. Mr. John Croisant **seconded** the motion, and the motion **passed** by the following vote:

AYE: E'Lena Ashley, Stacey Woolley, Calvin Moniz, Sarah Smith, Kyra Carby, John Croisant, and Susan Lamkin; NAY: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: None.

L.6 Motion, second, discussion, and vote on motion to approve settlement of pending litigation, namely: Syriah Pittman and Michael Brown, as Parents and Next Friend of M.B., a minor v. Independent School District No. 1 of Tulsa County, Oklahoma, Tulsa County District Court Case No. CJ-2024-03368, and authorize the district's attorneys to take all actions necessary to complete the settlement.

Mr. John Croisant made a **motion** to approve agenda item L.6, and the motion was **seconded** by Mr. Calvin Moniz. The motion **passed** by the following vote:

AYE: John Croisant, Kyra Carby, Sarah Smith, Calvin Moniz, Stacey Woolley, E'Lena Ashley, and Susan Lamkin; NAY: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: None.

L.7 Motion, second, discussion, and vote to approve a resignation agreement with Ishanta Shoals.

Board Member Moniz made a **motion** to approve the resignation agreement with Ishanta Shoals, and the motion was **seconded** by Board Member Croisant. The motion **passed** by the following vote:

AYE: E'Lena Ashley, Stacey Woolley, Calvin Moniz, Sarah Smith, Kyra Carby, John Croisant, and Susan Lamkin; NAY: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: None.

### NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Eric Wade announced there was no new business. Notwithstanding, Board Member Ashley moved to place on the agenda of the next regularly scheduled meeting of the board a vote to show the board's support for the impaneling of a grand jury in Tulsa County for the purpose of investigation of criminal prosecution of prior wrongdoing in the conducting of business for Tulsa Public Schools.

Mr. Wade advised that the only matters that can be taken up under new business are matters that did not exist prior to the deadline for the posting of the agenda. He stated that the matter Ms. Ashley raised existed prior to the deadline for posting of the April 7, 2025, agenda, so it is not eligible to be considered under new business. No other members of the board discussed the matter that Ms. Ashley brought up.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Board President Woolley announced that the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Education would be held on Monday, April 21, move wat, at 6:30 p.m.

There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:59 p.m.

Let the record show the meeting was digitally recorded. The recording is on file as a matter of record.



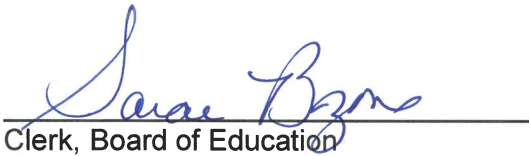
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Superintendent of Schools



Clerk, Board of Education