Board of Education
School District No. 155
Calumet City, Illinois
Special Meeting - Organizational Meeting
April 29, 2025

The Special Meeting of the Board of Education of Calumet City School District No. 155 was called to order by President Long on April 29, 2025 at 6:00 pm. On the Roll, the following members were physically present and answered present; Long, Coleman, Oberman, Franklin, Miller and Del Real: Absent: Stern.

Also present were: Dr. Joseph Zotto, Attorney Catherine Locallo , Adam Jordan, Tara Lawrence, LoDonna Fleming, Dr. Joyce Nelson, Julie Stephan and Shelby Adams.

Public Comment

President Long opened the floor to the public for comments.

President Long thanked everyone for coming. No other public comments.

President Long closed the floor for public comment.

Appoint President Pro Tem

Moved by Member Miller, seconded by Member Franklin, a Motion that the Board Appoint Dr. Joseph Zotto to President Pro Tem. Ayes; Coleman, Oberman, Franklin, Miller, Del Real and Long. Nays; none. Motion carried, 6-0.

Approval of the Report of the Outcome of the Board of Education Election

Moved by Member Franklin, seconded by Member Oberman, a Motion that the Board Approve the Report and Outcome of the April 1, 2025 Board of Education Election. Ayes; Oberman, Franklin, Miller, Del Real, Long and Coleman. Nays; none. Motion carried, 6-0.

Members Miller, Coleman, Franklin and Long thanked Members Del Real and Member Stern for serving on the Board.

Oaths for Newly Elected Members

Dr. Zotto requested the current present Member Del Real to vacate her seat and acknowledged her service and presented her with a plaque and flowers.

Dr. Zotto requested new Member Grace Ellis and Member Tanishia Jamerson to come forward to recite the oath of office. Member Ellis, Member Jamerson, Member Long and Member Oberman stood and each read aloud the oath of office that's outlined in board policy 2:80.

Roll Call of Newly Seated School Board

The following roll was called and all members answered present: Coleman, Long, Oberman, Franklin, Miller, Ellis and Jamerson.

Reorganization of School Board

Dr. Zotto asked for nominations for School Board President. Member Ellis and Member Jamerson nominated Member Coleman. Dr. Zotto asked if there were any other nominations, there were none. Dr. Zotto asked for a show of hands for those to elect Member Coleman as President; hands raised in support were Long, Oberman, Franklin, Miller, Ellis and Jamerson.

Member Coleman was elected as School Board President with a show of six hands in support.

Dr. Zotto asked for nominations for School Board Vice President. Member Ellis and Member Jamerson nominated Member Long. Dr. Zotto asked if there were any other nominations, there were none. Dr. Zotto asked for a show of hands for those to elect Member Long as Vice President; hands raised in support were Coleman, Oberman, Franklin, Miller, Ellis and Jamerson.

Member Long was elected as School Board Vice President with a show of six hands in support.

Dr. Zotto asked for nominations for School Board Secretary. Member Miller and Member Long nominated Member Oberman. Dr. Zotto asked if there were any other nominations, there were none. Dr. Zotto asked for a show of hands for those to elect Member Oberman as Secretary; hands raised in support were Coleman, Long, Franklin, Miller, Ellis and Jamerson.

Member Oberman was elected as School Board Secretary with a show of six hands in support.

Appointment of Committees

Committee appointments were tabled until the next meeting.

Approve Regular Schedule Board Meeting Dates for Fiscal Year 2026

Moved by Member Long, seconded by Member Oberman, a Motion that the Board Approve the Regular Scheduled Board Meeting Dates for Fiscal Year 2026. Ayes; Coleman, Oberman, Franklin, Miller, Ellis, Jamerson and Long. Nays; none. Motion carried, 7-0.

Executive Session

Moved by Member Franklin, seconded by Member Oberman, a Motion that the Board enter executive session pursuant to Section 2(c)(1) of the Open Meetings Act to discuss the employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public. Ayes; Oberman, Franklin, Miller, Ellis, Jamerson, Long and Coleman. Nays; none. Motion carried, 7-0

Entered Executive Session at 6:19 pm.

Moved by Member Franklin, seconded by Member Oberman, a Motion that the Board return to regular order of business. Ayes; Franklin, Miller, Ellis, Jamerson, Long, Coleman and Obermanl. Nays; none. Motion carried, 7-0.

Return to Regular Order of Business at 7:07 pm.

Adjournment

Moved by Member Miller, seconded by Member Oberman, a Motion that the Board Adjourn. Ayes; Coleman, Long, Oberman, Franklin, Miller, Ellis and Jamerson. Nays; none. Motion carried, 7-0.

Time: 7:09 pm

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Board President **Board Secretary**