

**MINUTES OF THE PATERSON BOARD OF EDUCATION
BOARD GOVERNANCE RETREAT**

April 11, 2023 – 6:00 p.m.
90 Delaware Avenue

Facilitator: Ms. Rosie Grant, Paterson Education Fund

Presiding: Comm. Nakima Redmon, President

Present:
Ms. Eileen F. Shafer, Superintendent of Schools

Comm. Valerie Freeman
*Comm. Eddie Gonzalez
Comm. Jonathan Hodges

Comm. Dania Martinez, Vice President
Comm. Kenneth Simmons

Absent:
Comm. Oshin Castillo-Cruz
Comm. Manuel Martinez
Comm. Della McCall

Comm. Redmon read the Open Public Meetings Act:

The New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act was enacted to insure the right of the public to have advance notice of, and to attend the meetings of the Paterson Public School District, as well as other public bodies at which any business affecting the interest of the public is discussed or acted upon.

In accordance with the provisions of this law, the Paterson Public School District has caused adequate and electronic notice of this meeting:

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to be published by having the date, time and place posted in the office of the City Clerk of the City of Paterson, at the entrance of the Paterson Public School offices, on the district's website, and by sending notice of the meeting to the Arab Voice, El Diario, the Italian Voice, the North Jersey Herald & News, and The Record.

OPENING REMARKS

Comm. Redmon thanked everyone for attending restorative circle. However, due to not having full Board participation, the meeting will be rescheduled. It is important that all Board members participate. The circles are very informative. We will look for a date that is convenient for Board members. I look forward to having the Board forge ahead.

Comm. Hodges requested that the Board be polled on sending a letter to the Commissioner of Education on placing a moratorium on new charter schools in Paterson.

Comm. Gonzalez entered the meeting at 6:24 p.m.

The Board briefly discussed the budget process and when it began. The new Board members came on the Board toward the end of the process.

Ms. Grant talked about the prior Board meeting and the appearance to the public of the Board's conduct.

The Board members agreed that on viewing the meeting, it may have appeared less than amicable.

The Board members talked about how their interaction with one another could be more respective.

The restorative circle will give the Board more of an opportunity to air any differences.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

It was moved by Comm. Hodges, seconded by Comm. D. Martinez that the Public Comments portion of the meeting be opened. On roll call all members voted in the affirmative. The motion carried.

No speakers.

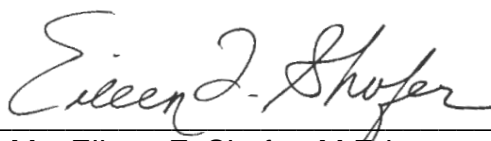
It was moved by Comm. Hodges, seconded by Comm. D. Martinez that the Public Comments portion of the meeting be closed. On roll call all members voted in the affirmative. The motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Comm. Simmons, seconded by Comm. D. Martinez that the meeting be adjourned. On roll call all members voted in the affirmative. The motion carried.

Comm. Redmon noted that the Board will be polled on a new date for the restorative circle and thanked everyone for their time.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Eileen F. Shafer", written in black ink.

Ms. Eileen F. Shafer, M.Ed.
Superintendent of Schools/
Board Secretary