

**MINUTES OF THE PATERSON BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL MEETING**

November 4, 2020 – 5:10 p.m.
Remote - Zoom

Presiding: Comm. Kenneth Simmons, President

Present:

Ms. Eileen F. Shafer, Superintendent of Schools
Ms. Susana Peron, Deputy Superintendent
Khalifah Shabazz-Charles, Esq., General Counsel
Boris Zaydel, Esq., Board Counsel

Comm. Vincent Arrington
Comm. Oshin Castillo-Cruz
Comm. Jonathan Hodges

Comm. Manuel Martinez, Vice President
Comm. Nakima Redmon
Comm. Corey Teague

Absent:

Comm. Joel Ramirez

Comm. Simmons 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 notice of this meeting:

**Special Meeting
November 4, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.
Remote - Zoom
90 Delaware Avenue
Paterson, New Jersey**

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.

MOTION TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS LEGAL MATTERS

It was moved by Comm. Martinez, seconded by Comm. Teague that the Board goes into executive session to discuss legal matter.

Comm. Hodges: In order to do that, do we go into Google Meet this time?

Comm. Simmons: Yes.

Comm. Hodges: Is that going to put me through the same changes as the other one, the Zoom thing?

Comm. Simmons: No.

Comm. Hodges: Well, we need to get that Zoom straightened out because I can't get into the meeting.

Comm. Redmon: Dr. Hodges, you were not the only one today. I was having a hard time getting in too.

Comm. Hodges: I called Cheryl and it's telling me to sign in and asking me for a password that I don't have. That has to be straightened out because this is the second time and there's no way for me to get into the meeting any other way.

Ms. Williams: I'll straighten it out with technology on Monday, Dr. Hodges.

Comm. Hodges: Okay, thank you very much.

On roll call all members voted in the affirmative. The motion carried.

The Board went into executive session at 5:15 p.m.

RECONVENE

It was moved by Comm. Martinez, seconded by Comm. Redmon that the Board reconvenes the meeting. On roll call all members voted in the affirmative. The motion carried.

The Board reconvened the meeting at 7:05 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

OTHER BUSINESS

Comm. Teague: Congratulations gentlemen.

Comm. Simmons: I appreciate the support but I'm not saying a word until I get a certification.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:06 p.m.