1	CITY OF PATERSON CITY COUNCIL MEETING
2	MUNICIPAL BUILDING PATERSON, NEW JERSEY
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4	7:00 p.m. : Subject: Five-Year WEDNESDAY, JULY 22, 2015 : Facility Plan and
5	SPECIAL JOINT MEETING : Peruvian Parade
6	: Festival Licence
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8	APPEARANCES:
9	MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL:
LO	WILLIAM C. McKOY - Third Ward - President
L1	MOHAMMED AKHTARUZZAMAN - Second Ward
L2	RUBY N. COTTON - Fourth Ward
L3	MARITZA DAVILA - At-Large
L 4	DOMINGO MENDEZ - At-Large
L5	KENNETH M. MORRIS - At-Large - ABSENT
L 6	ANDRE SAYEGH - Sixth Ward
L7	JAMES E. STATON - First Ward
L8	JULIO TAVAREZ - Fifth Ward - ABSENT
L9	SONIA L. GORDON
20	Acting City Clerk
21	DOMENICK STAMPONE, ESQ.
22	Corporation Counsel
23	NELLIE POU Business Administrator
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1	BOARD OF EDUCATION COMMISSIONERS:
2	DR. JONATHAN HODGES
3	ERROL S. KERR
4	MANUEL MARTINEZ, JR.
5	FLAVIO RIVERA
6	KENNETH SIMMONS
7	COREY L. TEAGUE
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9	EILEEN SHAFER Deputy Superintendant
10	SUSANA PERON
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1	COUNCIL PRESIDENT McKOY: Good evening,
2	ladies and gentlemen. The Municipal Council
3	will now come to order. Let me call the
4	meeting to order.
5	Madam Clerk, if you would please call the
6	roll at this time.
7	THE CLERK: Yes, Mr. President.
8	Roll call for the Municipal Council Special
9	Joint Meeting for July 22, 2015 at 7 p.m.
10	Councilman Akhtaruzzaman?
11	COUNCILMAN AKHTARUZZAMAN: Present.
12	THE CLERK: Councilwoman Cotton?
13	COUNCILWOMAN COTTON: Here.
14	THE CLERK: Councilwoman Davila?
15	COUNCILWOMAN DAVILA: Present.
16	THE CLERK: Councilman Mendez?
17	COUNCILMAN MENDEZ: Present.
18	THE CLERK: Councilman Morris?
19	Councilman Sayegh?
20	COUNCILMAN SAYEGH: Present.
21	THE CLERK: Councilman Staton?
22	COUNCILMAN STATON: Present.
23	THE CLERK: Councilman Tavarez? Mr.
24	President?
25	COUNCIL PRESIDENT McKOY: Here.

1	THE CLERK: Mr. President and
2	Honorable Council Members, at this time we will
3	have the roll call by Dr. Hodges for his
4	Commissioners.
5	DR. HODGES: Thank you very much,
6	Madam Clerk, Mr. President. Roll call.
7	Commissioner Cleaves?
8	COMMISSIONER CLEAVES: Present.
9	DR. HODGES: Commissioner Irving?
10	Commissioner Kerr?
11	COMMISSIONER KERR: Here.
12	DR. HODGES: Commissioner Martinez?
13	COMMISSIONER MARTINEZ: Present.
14	DR. HODGES: Commissioner Simmons?
15	COMMISSIONER SIMMONS: Present.
16	DR. HODGES: Commissioner Rivera?
17	COMMISSIONER RIVERA: Present.
18	DR. HODGES: Commissioner Mimms?
19	Commissioner Teague?
20	COMMISSIONER TEAGUE: Present.
21	DR. HODGES: John Hodges, present.
22	Thank you.
23	COUNCIL PRESIDENT McKOY: Madam
24	Clerk, would you please read the Statement of
25	Compliance.

THE CLERK: Yes, Mr. President.

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Meetings covered by 48-Hour Notice. The time, date, location, and agenda of this meeting were mailed to the North Jersey Herald News, the Record, the Arabic Voice, the Italian Voice, the Passaic County Pulse, the New Jersey Pulse formerly known as the Paterson Pulse, the Rumbo Dominicano formerly the Rumbo Latino, the Paterson Press, the Quisqueya International, the El Especial, the Christian Heritage newspapers, the U.S. Latino Pulse and the USlatinopulse.com at 11 a.m. on July 17, 2015, posted on the bulletin board in the offices of the City Clerk, at said City Hall, and mailed to the offices of the persons who paid the fee of \$25.

I'll just read the joint notice.
Public Notice.

Pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act, be advised that the Paterson Municipal Council has scheduled a Special Joint Meeting with the Board of Education Commissioners to be held on Wednesday, July 22, 2015 at 7 p.m. in Municipal Council Chambers, Third Floor, 155 Market Street, Paterson, New Jersey, for the purpose

1	of discussing the following matters:
2	Public Portion.
3	Item No. 1.
4	Discussion:
5	Discussion with Dr. Donnie W. Evans,
6	State District Superintendent, the Board of
7	Education Commissioners, and City Officials
8	regarding the following matter:
9	Five year facility plan.
10	No formal action will be taken.
11	Item No. 2:
12	Resolution.
13	Resolution addressing a festival license
14	for Peruvian Parade Inc. to conduct a festival
15	at College Boulevard between Broadway and
16	Market Street, Paterson. Finance. Resolution
17	15:537.
18	Formal action will be taken.
19	Mr. President and Honorable Council
20	Members and Commissioners, our first item will
21	be the Public Portion.
22	COUNCIL PRESIDENT McKOY: Thank you,
23	Madam Clerk.
24	The Public Portion is now open. Members
25	of the public who wish to address the Municipal

Council or the Board of Education may do so at this time.

I know you have a statement you normally do for the Public Portion.

THE CLERK: At this time, there's no one at the Public Portion.

 $$\operatorname{\textsc{DR}}$.$$ HODGES: We have to do our own opening, Mr. President.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT McKOY: Yes, please do.

DR. HODGES: Commissioner Teague, would you please.

COMMISSIONER TEAGUE: Notice of Special Joint Meeting between the Paterson Board of Education and the Municipal Council of the City of Paterson.

A Special Joint Meeting of the Paterson
Board of Education with the Municipal Council
of the City of Paterson will be held on
Wednesday, July 22, 2015, at 7 p.m. in the
Council Chambers, Third Floor, City Hall, 155
Market Street, Paterson, New Jersey, with the
intent on the agenda to include discussions
regarding the Paterson Public School District
five year facility plan. A Public Portion will

1	be held. No formal action will be taken.
2	COUNCIL PRESIDENT McKOY: Seeing no
3	one in the Public Portion.
4	COUNCILMAN SAYEGH: Move to close.
5	COUNCILWOMAN DAVILA: Second.
6	COUNCIL PRESIDENT McKOY: Moved to
7	close by Councilman Sayegh. Second by
8	Councilwoman Davila.
9	Roll call, Madam Clerk, to close the
10	Public Portion.
11	THE CLERK: Yes, Mr. President.
12	Roll call to close the Public Portion.
13	Councilman Akhtaruzzaman?
14	COUNCILMAN AKHTARUZZAMAN: Yes.
15	THE CLERK: Councilwoman Cotton?
16	COUNCILWOMAN COTTON: Yes.
17	THE CLERK: Councilwoman Davila?
18	COUNCILWOMAN DAVILA: Yes.
19	THE CLERK: Councilman Mendez?
20	COUNCILMAN MENDEZ: Yes.
21	THE CLERK: Councilman Sayegh?
22	COUNCILMAN SAYEGH: Yes.
23	THE CLERK: Councilman Staton?
24	COUNCILMAN STATON: Yes.
25	THE CLERK: Mr. President?

1	COUNCIL PRESIDENT McKOY: Yes.
2	THE CLERK: The vote is seven in
3	favor, two absent. The Public Portion is
4	hereby closed.
5	COUNCIL PRESIDENT McKOY: Thank you,
6	Madam Clerk.
7	Council Members, if you may indulge me to
8	move out of order and address item
9	resolution Item No. 2, a resolution
10	addressing the Peruvian festival at this time.
11	Madam Clerk.
12	THE CLERK: Yes, Mr. President. The
13	next item on the agenda is Item No. 2, a
14	resolution addressing a bazaar license for
15	Peruvian Parade, Inc., to conduct a festival.
16	Finance. Resolution 15:537.
17	COUNCILWOMAN DAVILA: So moved.
18	COUNCILMAN SAYEGH: So moved.
19	COUNCILMAN MENDEZ: Second.
20	COUNCIL PRESIDENT McKOY: Moved by
21	Councilwoman Davila. Second by Councilman
22	Sayegh and Mendez.
23	Roll call, Madam Clerk, on Resolution No.
24	2, on Item 2.
25	THE CLERK: Yes, Mr. President.

1	Roll call on Item No. 2 for approval.
2	Councilman Akhtaruzzaman?
3	COUNCILMAN AKHTARUZZAMAN: Yes.
4	THE CLERK: Councilwoman Cotton?
5	COUNCILWOMAN COTTON: Yes.
6	THE CLERK: Councilwoman Davila?
7	COUNCILWOMAN DAVILA: Madam BA
8	through the Chair.
9	COUNCIL PRESIDENT McKOY: Yes.
10	COUNCILWOMAN DAVILA: Madam BA, I
11	understand you spoke to Finance concerning the
12	one last document that was the second page to
13	the insurance. This application is based
14	everything was there except that. Did you
15	receive that tonight?
16	MS. POU: Councilwoman, we did not.
17	My office did not get any confirmation as to
18	the second page of the actual endorsement copy,
19	however, I know that the resolution does in
20	fact indicate that and any action taken by the
21	Council tonight would be contingent upon them
22	submitting that information prior to the actual
23	license being given to them.
24	Any further questions with regard to the
25	legal extent of that, we have one of our

1	Assistant Corporation Counsel here tonight that
2	can respond to that, but quite honestly, you
3	can actually take action contingent upon them
4	submitting that second page, which is my
5	understanding that they did in fact obtain but
6	have not actually provided a copy of that have
7	to my office has not received any
8	confirmation that they may have gotten that and
9	submitted it to the licensing department, but
10	my office as of very late this evening did not
11	get any confirmation.
12	However, as I said, I will repeat, you
13	can take action on that contingent upon them
14	submitting that information prior to the
15	action.
16	COUNCILWOMAN DAVILA: Very good, so
17	you reviewed the application and everything is
18	there so
19	MS. POU: That is correct.
20	COUNCILWOMAN DAVILA: Madam Clerk,
21	my vote yes.
22	THE CLERK: Thank you.
23	Councilman Mendez?
24	COUNCILMAN MENDEZ: Yes.
25	THE CLERK: Councilman Sayegh?

1	COUNCILMAN SAYEGH: Yes.
2	THE CLERK: Councilman Staton?
3	COUNCILMAN STATON: Yes.
4	THE CLERK: Mr. President?
5	COUNCIL PRESIDENT McKOY: Yes.
6	THE CLERK: The vote is seven in
7	favor, two absent. Item No. 2 is hereby
8	adopted.
9	COUNCIL PRESIDENT McKOY: Thank you,
10	Madam Clerk.
11	At this time, we will go to our
12	discussion with the Board of Education with
13	regard to the five year facility plan.
14	Dr. Hodges.
15	DR. HODGES: Thank you,
16	Mr. President, Madam Clerk, Members of the
17	Council, Business Administrator. We are as
18	you know, we have struggled over the last few
19	years getting our facilities agenda moved
20	forward, particularly in terms of the S.D.A.
21	We have only had two projects over the
22	last five years that have gone in completion
23	and those two projects came as a result of
24	parental action, where parents went down and
25	camped out every month down in the S.D.A.'s

office demanding that we move forward. And so we thought that we would come before the Council and make it clear to the State that the Council and the Board were together on trying to push forward these current initiatives.

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This is what they requested in terms wanting the facilities plan and we want to celebrate the fact that for over a year we have had a large number of Patersonians and stakeholders came together and worked diligently to craft this plan. We even looked at all kinds of data. We looked at classroom sizes. We looked at trends in population in the City. We looked at potential growth, potential loss. We looked at the actual areas of the various schools. We looked at the ages of our buildings. We have at least 10 that are over 100 years old that still need to be addressed.

And after looking at all of that information, they came together and developed a series of projects and were put in sequence of priority which they want to present to the City to make sure that you understand what we're trying to do and why.

So without further ado, I'm going to turn this over to Deputy Superintendent Eileen Shafer.

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MS. SHAFER: Thank you, Dr. Hodges.

I'd like to introduce, before we begin,

Assistant Superintendent Susana Peron and our

Executive Director of Facilities Steve Morlino.

As Dr. Hodges said, we had a very large Steering Committee consisting of 61 district and community members, including parents, who met for approximately a year, and we held six community forums. We were able to get surveys completed by community members who could not attend some of those community forums. We had an executive team that met four times. The Steering Committee met every other month. had four chair people, Eileen Sterling being one, in order to move this agenda forward. We met with the Pastor's Workshop to get their input. And so we wanted to make sure that we touched all the different stakeholders because of the criticalness of having a five year facility plan.

Dr. Hodges pretty much told you why that was necessary, with the aging of our buildings

and with some of our schools that are very overcrowded, I'm sure you all know about those. We have 18 trailers that we're housing students in because of the overcrowdedness, and so this plan will eliminate having those trailers and it includes some additions to schools as well as some new schools on the horizon.

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So at this point, without any further delay, you have a copy of the five year facility plan that was board-approved in June and it was the effort of the Dionne Firm, who was our consultant, and all of the folks on the Steering Committee.

So I'm going to ask at this point if
Steve Morlino, our Executive Director of
Facilities, goes through the PowerPoint, and
you can also take a look at the plan itself.
It talks about the demographics, it talks about
where they see a trend of the student
population increasing and where our needs are.

MR. MORLINO: Thank you, Deputy Superintendent Shafer.

Steve.

Good evening, Council President McKoy and Commissioner President Dr. Hodges, Council

Members and Board Members.

It's a pleasure this evening to give you an overview of the facility's long range master plan that was developed in conjunction with the group. This is an overview of what you have in your packet this evening.

As Dr. Hodges alluded to, we currently have 9 schools over 100 years old, we have 14 schools over 75 years old, and we have 4 schools over 50 years old, and the rest of the schools are somewhere under the 50-year limit there, but all of our schools require ongoing maintenance.

What's involved in the facility's master plan? It takes into account an assessment of all of the facilities, looking at the conditions in capacity and current educational adequacy of the facilities. Currently the building condition assessment has revealed that the Paterson Public Schools would require \$184,198,000 to improve the conditions within the current school portfolio to bring them up to current State standards and to make them cosmetically appealing and safe and sound for our students who attend.

Also involved in it is the educational vision of the district, the leadership of the district, citizen input and various stakeholders and Steering Committee members who are all interested in this program.

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The long range plan at this point, we're at the end of this chart up here, at this point and the presentations are being done to the public and that's part of what we see, we are here at this point.

The plan requires a full scope of sequence of operations and this is what this is depicting here without going through all of that detail for you.

Each school presentation here you will see, this is an example of the community dialogue. There were a number of options for each proposal presented to the community. The scoring was done percentage-wise looking at recommendations of the various stakeholders and where they felt their support was within the outline. The strongest support for this example is building a new Don Bosco, that was option 2, 54 percent of the respondents indicated they preferred that option, 40

1 percent said they would make changes to that 2 option. COUNCIL PRESIDENT McKOY: Just one 3 quick question. Your presentation is not tied 4 5 to the packet we received. MR. MORLINO: The packet you 6 7 received is more detailed than this overview. COUNCIL PRESIDENT McKOY: Okay. 8 9 Very good. 10 MR. MORLINO: There are more actual 11 representations of this example in the packet. COUNCIL PRESIDENT McKOY: So we will 12 13 just watch the screen. 14 MR. MORLINO: The district was 15 broken up demographically by a consultant who looked at all the taxpayers within the school 16 17 district and put together this proposal based 18 on demographics, both current and expected to 19 the demographics moving forward. 20 It's anticipated that the district is on 21 a declining enrollment and within the next 10 2.2 years it's anticipated there will be a 23 reduction of approximately 1,400 students within the Paterson Public Schools. 24

The long range plan looked at various

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aspects of bringing buildings up to the 21st century in regard that all buildings will have these parameters within them, amongst them, clean drinking water, environmental conditions to the means of education and various other aspects of the program which the School Development Authority will fund. There are certain options they will not fund, but the majority of the options that have been identified are fundable under the State School Development Authority.

The district was broken up logistically and geographically to represent different areas. Unit 1 consists of Don Bosco, 14, 19, 27, and School 5. We looked at all of the parameters within that unit and came up with a program in representation that was presented to stakeholders in which they had various options to look at. And again, the district was broken down, this was a high school district in unit 1, looking at JFK complex and what was needed there. Again, there's expected to be a slight decline in enrollment at that particular location over the next 10 years.

Unit 2, we looked at the Paterson Academy

for Urban Leadership, Schools 12, 28, and 4, and again, the parameters were established for each one of these geographic locations.

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Your packet contains more detailed information on each one of these units.

Basically, there were six units broken up, each one of them consisting of a grouping of schools in the Paterson area and any adjustments proposed to the actual area.

Again, all of the groupings are separate and identified by a number so that they can be easier to find and recommendations have been made for all of them.

Priorities were established for the School Development Authority to consider within the program. One of the items that the district feels strongly about is they need the ability to enter into lease-purchase contractual agreements. Currently the threshold for that type of agreement is \$500,000 and it's precluded the district from obtaining a number of ideal sites that have been identified throughout district as conducive for our educational mission, and so we're going to seek the ability to enter into

longer term agreements at higher price levels than the \$500,000 current threshold.

Part of the proposal to the School

Development Authority is the redesigning and rebuilding of the Don Bosco Middle School. It currently sits at a capacity of 1,200 students. Those students will be moved into swing space at the Paterson Academy during the process in which that building will be razed, taken down, and rebuilt on the site.

We would require designing and building 20 classroom additions in School 18 in order to address overcrowding issues there.

Raze and design and rebuild School 3 to a 700-student capacity.

Raze and design and rebuild School 20.

That's a short overview of the district's long-range plan. As I indicated, there's a more detailed plan in front of you and we would be glad to address any questions in regard to the plan or certainly you could digest that plan and get back to us with the questions. We would be glad to address them.

MS. SHAFER: So if you look at unit 1 and you see the data, I just want to point

out, this is a clear example of what one of our priorities is. School 19 is overcrowded, St.

Mary's and Don Bosco has high condition needs as well as overcrowdedness and the enrollment will likely be flat for the next five years.

So that is one of our priorities that you just received, that right now Don Bosco is the next school to be built. Where they are currently is on the old Don Bosco location.

They would tear that down and rebuild from the ground, up. That is our number one priority.

And as you look through the plan, you will see that over by School 27 and 5, that is a very high populated area that continues to grow.

So that is one of our priorities right now, is Don Bosco. And I just wanted to show you how the plan connects to that priority and the conditions right now in Don Bosco are borderline, you know, in need of repair.

DR. HODGES: I would additionally point out that no ratables will be lost to the City in this project. The S.D.A. currently owns the Don Bosco site and those students will be shifted to Paterson Catholic facilities,

which the S.D.A. also owns. So in addition to getting a brand new school at Don Bosco, you would also be getting a school with a sports facility at Paterson Catholic. So it's extremely important for us getting the recommendations for the situation we have in this City to get that project underway and moving because it has a number of benefits.

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In addition to that, we have another -number one on your chart is allowing Paterson schools to enter into a lease-purchase contract, and there are a lot of concerns about this particular issue. We currently spend 6 to \$8 million in leases every year without getting anything in return except for just the use of the buildings. And there's going to be a medical center built at St. Joe's Hospital and we would like the students of Harp to be in that building to provide outstanding educational opportunity for those students and for the City. However, we are precluded by law entering into lease-purchase agreements and that handicap is not going to move from one site to the other. We would have an opportunity to buy some space in that facility

and do what we want with it and be able to function fully as a school, but currently the law precludes us from doing that and that's one of the major considerations we're going to be challenging in the next year or so.

We're trying to craft part times for, I guess, short term solutions. We don't want to lose this opportunity.

Speaking to that, it has long been the notion that a mixed-use option for schools, where schools are being integrated with buildings or housing, is a way of our future. So what would be the objection to the lease-purchase? It seems like if that would be a perfect scenario, to utilize the leverage, the 6 to \$8 million that you're paying out now in a lease, in a lease-purchase situation, at least at the end of that period, you own the building.

DR. HODGES: My understanding is that they don't like the amount. Naturally, we spend \$500,000.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT McKOY: 500,000?

DR. HODGES: That's right. That's the concern, to purchase for lease-purchase as

opposed to --

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COUNCIL PRESIDENT McKOY: There's not a lot you're going to get for 500,000. A five bedroom house, maybe.

DR. HODGES: My point to the State is, well, if you look at the fact long term, we're spending \$6 million and getting absolutely nothing in return, it doesn't make any sense for us to be placed in these narrow confines without any real benefit to the taxpayers long term because you're going to have to go back and do something. So we might as well do a realistic approach and capitalize on this tremendous educational opportunity down in the State to understand because we don't have a lot of time to get this down.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT McKOY: Councilman Morris and then Councilman Akhtaruzzaman.

Just to clarify, I think sometimes the objection is that you may have a sweet ordeal that benefits the developer and the district doesn't get a benefit out of it, but clearly the State is involved with the contracting and the lease-purchase arrangement so that you understand the terms and conditions. It might

be advantageous for the public to understand what we're talking about, if we can do a performance lease-purchase on this same posed building to show what is our current expenditure, what it would be under the lease-purchase agreement and the benefits in the 10, 20 years of the lease, and then at the end of that period, you own the building but you're no longer paying for it, as opposed to having a permanent expense going forward in the future.

Also, just for my curiosity, I know that School Number 10, I believe, which is on Market Street, not to far -- close to the park -- School 11, 10 plus 1 is what I meant -- has to be one of our oldest buildings. I didn't see it in the planning segments and I wanted you to refer to that for me and tell me what unit it would be in or just that it is on the plan.

I know when I was on the Board a good while ago, it was outdated and antiquated then. I can't imagine what it is today.

DR. HODGES: It's currently being used for newcomers who are students who are arriving in this country without any formal

1 educational training and they spend a 2 particular period of time trying to build those 3 skills and that's what we're using it for now. 4 Eventually what they want to do is close School 5 11 and rezone those students into School 15. The long term goal -- this is not going to be 6 7 easy or realistic -- is to raze the building and to rebuild on that site. 8 9 COMMISSIONER MARTINEZ: You can look 10 at page 11, it's more detailed. 11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT McKOY: I would 12 think that that particular building would have 13 been higher up on the list, but I'm sure, based 14 on your overall strategy and design, it must 15 make sense in putting that together. But it is a fine example of the difficulties that the 16 17 children have to face going into a building, which reminds me of School 16 which we're now 18 19 placing, the Council just vacated some students 20 to allow for that to go forward. We look 2.1 forward to that. 2.2 Councilman Morris followed by Councilman 23 Akhtaruzzaman.

COUNCILMAN MORRIS: Thank you,

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Council President.

Some questions as well as some clarifying questions beginning with the lease-purchase agreement. There's actually two ways of looking at it. In a Lease-purchase in a preexisting building and therefore you basically have a regiment to pay that bill or maybe you can work out an agreement with a developer to build a suit. In other words, the developers who are interested in entering into engagements with the district to build a school based on their specifications and then enter into a lease-purchase agreement afterwards.

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Now, my understanding is the district or the State has a limit as to what they would allow as far as a per square foot with regard to this type of situation.

MR. MORLINO: The official S.D.A. figure is \$143 per square foot, which is totally unrealistic. The current S.D.A. is constructing buildings in the 400 square feet range.

COUNCILMAN MORRIS: That figure is about four times the budget as we're building at \$143 a square foot. Well, we've had -- I've had this conversation with the district and

some of the facilities team prior to Mr. 2 Morlino joining the team and what the push back 3 was, is that I engaged the developer in a conversation, they needed, in order to make the 4 5 project work, a minimal of anywhere between 27 6 to \$30 a square foot, triple that, and I think

your current lease is worth somewhere around 11

or \$17 a square foot. But that figure was 8

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9 based on them actually putting the building in

10 the ground and building it to specifications.

> Then there are other associated laws depending on what the district would want, but at the end of the day you get a brand new building, a brand new school that's built to the specifications. So there needs to be that conversation because at the end of the day, there's going to be a lot less than \$400 per square foot and you get exactly the designs built. They're still willing to have that conversation. It will require a conversation where they begin to put the shovel in the ground and I would look forward to reconvening that meeting with the developers. I'm talking about developers in and around the hospital at this point.

When you begin to think about sort of that educational continuance with regard particularly to those who attend Harp Academy, we have New York Medical College that's currently on the campus, their student housing for their particular students, we begin to develop those agreements between William Paterson, Montclair and Berkeley of bringing those students into New York Medical College and internship and resident training within the hospital itself.

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Where this becomes important is healthcare is shifting more from fee-for-service and inpatient care to what they call population health, which means when a patient comes, that patient needs to be followed even when they're outside the hospital and the hospital is responsible for the health of that patient moving forward and control that cost. So that's going to require a lot more primary care physicians and a lot less specialists, and we have a severe shortage of primary care physicians within this geographical area.

So that would help add to that because

there can be other systems that can be provided to these students from the medical school to maintain their practices within the City itself. So we really need to have a conversation of how we enter into these types of arrangements.

The other thing in regard to my clarifying question, I've been hearing a lot of rhetoric about School 6 and placing School 6, I guess, in the pew, if not at the top of the pew, but I didn't see School 6 anywhere in this presentation and it would appear from your presentation, Don Bosco is actually at the top of the pew.

So if someone can just comment as to where School 6 falls within the pew and why School 6 isn't part of this conversation.

DR. HODGES: They're going to figure that out. I will tell you, part of the concern that Don Bosco has and continues to be one of our top priorities is because this project was actually seven years in the making and it was delayed because it was moved up our priority list seven years ago and another schools substituted instead and none of that happened

because there was disagreements about that project.

We have severe overcrowding in School 5, School 27, School 14, 19, and this school is extremely important for the northern part of the City in terms of relieving that attendance pressure. So that, along with the concern about not losing because they're not going to hold onto Paterson Catholic forever, so it benefits the City if we move forward with that project as soon as possible and at the same time secure Paterson Catholic long term.

Now, in terms of School 6, we don't -there were discussions about School 6 about
five years ago, about five or six years ago and
at that time there was given, great disgrace
was given to, I guess, the land in front of
School 6, and that's Auburn to Carol, and
leveling that area and creating a courtyard and
putting the school at the end of that. But you
have new housing there now and so it's unclear
what that actual project will look like.

I do understand that there was some talk of closing or accumulating some of the foreclosed property in that area. I personally

drove around to take a look at the vacant property and looked for a substantial parcel that you could build a school on in any of the four blocks that intervene and I'm not quite sure where that is. So it's number 7 on our priority list. Currently School 6 is 61 percent occupied and it's not 100 years old.

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We have done some substantial renovation of that building over the last few years and so there's not a pressing need for us at this time. However, if we were able to get a brand new school in that area, we certainly would pursue that initiative, but --

COUNCILMAN MORRIS: Well, I guess, and I don't mean to cut you off, my concern is, knowing how the State and the S.D.A. has worked in the past, they almost typically only give you one bite at the apple. So therefore, whatever plan you move forward with, let's make sure that's a plan that's going to work.

I'm more inclined to go with a plan that doesn't consume existing ratables and actually address the overcrowding, but I just don't know, you know, how -- I would hate to see mixed messages going to the S.D.A. and the

State because my understanding with them is
they will sit back and say we're going to give
one scoop, you know, and we're going to throw
it up in the air and whatever one floats
higher, that's the one you're going to get. So
if Don Bosco is the priority, then we need to
focus on the other schools.

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DR. HODGES: There's no question in terms of the Steering Committee for the long term facility plan. This Board has already adopted these five priorities. Again, School 6 is number 7, it's not even Number 6 on the list, it's number 7. The urgency of the classroom size -- classroom situation in the northern part of the City has been like this for quite some time and we can get sanctioned for that, for not having an appropriate classroom size. So we want to provide enhanced facilities for the students and that's long overdue.

You don't want to lose those two
buildings and for all those reasons and looking
at the importance of it to our overall
planning, the Don Bosco project is clearly,
according to the district, far more important

than School 6. I don't think there's any confusion about that in anybody's mind on this Board or from the district. So we made it clear to the State. In fact, this priority list and the facilities plan is already being presented to the State Department of Education for consideration. It does not currently have School 6 on it.

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COUNCILMAN MORRIS: Just my final question on the project priorities for the S.D.A., number 1 being allowing Paterson Public School to enter into a lease-purchase project.

Is this an ask or is this something that --

DR. HODGES: That actually is our number one priority for consideration is the lease-purchase agreement.

COUNCILMAN MORRIS: Once again, are we asking that this happen?

DR. HODGES: We're asking that it happen.

As a matter of fact, one of the considerations would be, well, what would the S.D.A. feel about that. And I have personally spoke with the S.D.A. and they have no concerns about it whatsoever, they won't build unless

1	the Department of Education tells them to
2	build.
3	COUNCILMAN MORRIS: I would just
4	hyphenate that or include as part of number
5	one, pre-construction lease-purchase agreement,
6	because this implies that the preexisting
7	structure, that you would just move in and then
8	move on to purchase but doesn't imply that
9	we're looking to identify a site, engage a
LO	developer and a contractor, and then, you know,
L1	sign, build and inspect and then a
L2	lease-purchase.
L3	DR. HODGES: Currently the
L 4	Assemblyman Benjie Wimberly has already entered
L5	a bill that would address this particular item
L6	moving forward, and I've approached Senator Pou
L7	to also consider doing that on the Senate side.
L8	But I really would like to take some time to
L9	try to craft a solution to that issue.
20	COUNCILMAN MORRIS: Thank you.
21	Thank you, Council President.
22	COUNCIL PRESIDENT McKOY: Thank you,
23	Councilman.
24	COUNCILMAN AKHTARUZZAMAN: Thank
25	you, Council President. One of the top issues

is the overcrowding, which, yeah, we do need to build more schools. You know, I don't like the idea, the lease to purchase because it might be very expensive. What do you think of -- a lot of the abandoned building or the warehouses in the City of Paterson? We have so many of them. If we can acquire, I'm sure most of them are like, for example, they're building an equipment -- I believe this guy wants the building for the end of the building. I'm not sure on the dead end used to be a factory, but it's a big building, so what do you think of, you know, buying or properties and then trying to -- because, you know, you're going into these and it's very expensive.

DR. HODGES: That's been a consideration of ours. The problem that we have is, if you're going to purchase a building, it has to be done through the School Development Authority, not us. With a lease-purchase, the district can initiate that action. We wouldn't have to wait for the approval of the School Development Authority.

This is extremely important to us. It gives us an option, number one, to address an

1 urgent need for a timeframe, and also this is a 2 tremendous educational opportunity. I simply cannot underscore that. There is no better 3 4 situation like this anywhere in this City, and 5 so if we were able to craft an arrangement 6 where we could have our high school students in 7 close proximity to a medical school and virtually in short range from the hospital and 8 9 then put a program behind that that supports 10 educational medicine, you just cannot describe the educational benefits for that. 11 12 So we are looking at this as a crucial 13 opportunity and we don't want it to slip 14 through our fingers. And we also know we're 15 not given -- we are going to go through the S.D.A., then somewhere down the road it would 16 17 be somewhere down below number 7 in terms of 18 the requirement of the priority list. 19 COUNCILMAN AKHTARUZZAMAN: Thank 20 you.

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT McKOY: Councilman
22 Staton and then Councilwoman Cotton.

COUNCILMAN STATON: Thank you, Mr. President.

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Truly, as I look at this and I see that

1	we know that School 6 has been one of our major
2	peeves and things that have gone on and
3	continually go on there, and I know that you
4	are aware of that, Dr. Hodges, but
5	nevertheless, I do understand the concept as to
6	Don Bosco being a priority, but just to clear
7	something up for me, at this stage right now,
8	what grades are in there now? Is it a middle
9	school or is it evolving into a middle school?
10	Don Bosco, is it a middle school or is it
11	evolving into a middle school?
12	DR. HODGES: It's seven and eight
13	now and we want to bring in six, sixth grade.
14	COUNCILMAN STATON: So and the
15	movement of those students, is there adequate
16	transportation being provided to and from and
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18	DR. HODGES: Absolutely. We
19	currently bring them in from various parts of
20	the City.
21	COUNCILMAN STATON: Because, you
22	know, knowing that this build is going to take
23	some time, we are looking at the families
24	involved, you know, with the concern about
25	getting from point A to point B and then if

there's something else, you know, going on particularly during the fall season as the weather will be rough, I know the parents will be very concerned about their children to make sure that there's accessibility.

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You know, it's a quality of life issue and I do understand, we do understand overcrowdedness, but we do want to make sure that security and safety measures are in place as well for our students and our loved ones. And I'm looking at this across the board because a number of these schools are in the First Ward, School 5, we list for amounts of Dr. Frank Napier School which you continue to call that School 4 and it's listed as School 4, not Dr. Frank Napier School, and Dr. Frank Napier was a very good colleague and friend of mine and we fought diligently to get that name changed, so I would like for us in the future that we refer to it as such because of the important role that he played with the educational system here in our City.

That being said, it's important that as we look at and that being the priority of overcrowdedness, and again that spills into the

First Ward again, we want, you know, nothing but the best and I don't want this just to be a good idea or just a good intent when it comes to our children. I know, Doctor, that you've been here and you've been on the battlefield and I've stood side by side with you as we try to companion this ongoing battle as it pertains to education and quality of education that our children receive, and again, I applaud you for not letting the banner tread the ground, but we want to continue in making sure that everybody that sides with us don't necessarily mean that they're for us and projects such as this will get shortchanged right out of the gate as it was aforementioned by my colleague and we want to make sure that the pressures stay on and we get exactly what you say we are getting for our children.

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I hear a lot about every time something goes down it's about our children and our children are being pimped -- if you can use that word, Mr. President -- continually and it's not -- you know, we just can't step out and let that be acceptable because we already know where we stand with the movements, if you

will, on a plan that something overturned that. You just don't get rid of 360 teachers or professionals and then say that we're going to do this and don't have the tools to teach the children.

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So I just want you to feel -- not you because I already know you're there, but the rest of us to know where we're at.

Thank you, Mr. President.

DR. HODGES: Thank you, Reverend
Staton. Let me just say this. I thank you for
your kind words directed at me, but this action
is the result of this Board and our fight and
the work that we've done is the action of this
Board. I cannot state that enough. We have
worked extremely hard and very cohesively to
make sure that these issues get pressed and the
determination of the City is heard by the State
and the various agencies.

We are here today to enlist your support in pushing these priorities and make sure that the State understands that we're in this together. I couldn't have gotten any of this done without the help of this Board. We have worked tirelessly to make sure that these

things happen the way they're supposed to in our school district.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT McKOY: Thank you.

Councilwoman Cotton.

COUNCILWOMAN COTTON: Thank you, Council President.

that I know I've been involved with the schools and I remember in each School Construction

Corp. in the beginning and people need to realize that there was so many stipulations that they put on our City, I mean our Board of Education that they wouldn't let us buy used, it had to be new. They wouldn't let us -- for example, East Side High School, we wanted to take the armory and put that where East Side High School along with the Little Roberto Clemente, but they wouldn't let us buy used.

It had to be brand new, built from the ground.

Now, even with -- now, it's not School

Construction Corp. no more, it's another name.

And what I find is that, and I say that how can
we change the people of the School Construction
to make them understand that sometimes you
can't build new, you can -- I look at my School

10, and I have all that area over there where they can expand 10 or make it a bigger school, you got abandoned buildings that's been there for 20 years, why we couldn't expand there?

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We could take East Side High School and take that armory and be like the City of East Orange with the sports complex, where you could take the gymnasium and make classrooms instead of putting trailers on the street. Why do you need to put trailers? Why you put our kids in trailers? But because until we can change the mindset of the people sitting on the School Construction to come in, to see what's around it and how you can make it better, how you can make it bigger, and I don't know, it's like you're talking about the lease-agreement now. How do you not want to do that? I don't understand that. Like, the mindset of you sitting on this Board and you would rather pay rent for 15, 20 years and not be able to buy. But -- and I don't know what's going to be able to change it.

I don't know if it's our State elected officials to change the mindset, but -- and down there you got Roberto Clemente on top of

the list. I have always been an advocate for middle schools. When I was in school we had middle schools. I didn't go to the school that my second grade sister went to. We went to different schools and I found that years of being involved -- a first grader should not be in the same building our with an eighth graders. I always knew that. And I say -- and then people started making excuses and, you know, we started settling for excuses of why we couldn't go back to that middle school piece. And I like that idea that Don Bosco did a sixth, seventh, and eighth, and that's on top of the list.

Now, you talked about School 6, which I see in the report here it's only 61 percent utilized. How are we going to get another School 6 if it's only 61 percent now? And when you look at that area over there, you can see it's mixtures of abandoned and people living. It's a big mixture. You take 20 houses, 10 could be empty or abandoned and 10 got families living in it.

Now, what do we do with those families?

Now that all got to be considered. And I

1	always said I want affordable housing and there
2	could be, but we still need to look at School
3	6, too, but we need to I'm for if Don
4	Bosco is on top of the list, it needs to stay
5	on top of the list because I know that we need
6	that middle school set in our City here and you
7	find that kids who go to school together around
8	the same age act differently.
9	So if we can in some kind of way, and I
10	don't know how we're going to do that what's
11	the name of the corporation?
12	DR. HODGES: It's the School
13	Development Authority.
14	COUNCILWOMAN COTTON: Oh, it's the
15	School Development Authority now so this is
16	and they're on board with us for Don Bosco?
17	DR. HODGES: They said they would
18	build whatever we decide, the Department of
19	Education tells them to build.
20	COUNCILWOMAN COTTON: They still do
21	not want to buy used? Are they still in that
22	mindset of they got to be brand new?
23	DR. HODGES: No, they purchased
24	Paterson Catholic.
25	COUNCILWOMAN COTTON: Okay. So now

they're starting to -- let me just remind some of my colleagues, and talking about years ago with School Construction Corp. I forgot what school we built and I remember saying to -- because I was part of the team and I remember saying to them, well, how come we can't have a swimming pool so we can have a swim team? They thought I was crazy, like, you want a swimming pool? But when you have towns surrounding us, they have all of that.

So there were certain things they still never got for our children on the School

Construction Corp. There was, to me, quite a bit of things they left out because when I look at School 13 now, and I was on that team as a parent, when I looked at that school and they always kept saying don't let nobody come here and build a school who has never built a school because if you never built a school, you do not know how to build a school. And I look at School 13 now and I see all the space that was wasted that we could have had more classrooms. But me, I'm not an engineer, I'm not a builder, I'm going by what you say that we should have, then that's what we will do. But I know for a

fact we need to have people build schools that build schools.

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So hopefully I can see that the mindset has changed because if they bought Paterson Catholic and they bought Don Bosco, their mindset is changing on buying used and not completely new.

Thank you, Council President.

DR. HODGES: To answer her question, there is, perhaps, a way if we got inventive, and perhaps in School 6, to change what's going on there. But that's a long term plan and the Board has been in discussion with that and other things to look at School 6.

And, lastly, I would say to you, when this meeting is convened or adjourned and the City and the State know that the City Council and the Board are together on pushing this priority and these schools, getting these priorities executed, then it's easier for us to tell the State they have to fulfill their obligation under the law. So that there's no questions, no concerns about whether we can stop this from going forward, that's the importance of bringing this before you.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT McKOY: Very good.

Thank you, President Hodges.

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Councilman Morris has a final question of the evening and he promised to be brief and to the point.

COUNCILMAN MORRIS: To be brief, right.

It's been the past practice where we look at each school such as Harp Academy and so forth, that students were admitted via a process, if you talk to some of the leadership of some of these schools, they feel a different way about that.

If we're really going to move forward and with the schools in and around the hospital campus, we're going to have to really give some considerable thought to an interview process with the students entering the school. But I'm saying prepare them by preparing them in grade 6 if they want to choose health careers. Start preparing them in grade 6 so by the time they get to the point where they're entering into high school, they will test and interview well. Because you know when you tell the parent that you have this specialized school, whether their

child is capable or not, they're going to force that child into that school whether the child wants to go or not, and you're just setting that child up for failure if they really don't want to go there.

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So, while I understand the lottery system and the fairness, we also have to face the reality and we really need to start preparing the students earlier so that they begin to interview and test well in some of these particular schools.

Thank you, Council President.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT McKOY: Thank you, Councilman.

Mr. President, do you have a closing
remark?

DR. HODGES: Yes, I do, and thank you, Mr. President. I'm going to embarrass one of your members here.

There are 11 Patersonian students who are currently involved in an aviation career program. And what that is is we have an opportunity to send 11 of our students -- actually, it's supposed to be eight, but now it's 11, to a program where they are getting

introduced to the world of aviation. They're going to control centers, they're looking at different types of planes, they're going to Atlantic City to see their airport, they're going to Washington, D.C. They're actually doing some flying. Patersonian students between grade 8th and 10th.

This program, it's not a district program, it is a -- we can't afford to run a program like this right now, but the opportunity came to send several of our students, about three or four weeks ago. And I must say, because of our financial status, we could not afford to pay for the program.

But I will say this, Mr. -
Councilman Morris and I don't necessarily get

along all the time, but when he found out about

the program and the situation that we were in,

he stepped up and partially funded the program

for the students, as did Dr. Evans out of their

own pockets, and we want to thank them for

that.

This is a tremendous opportunity for our students and they reap the benefits. So despite getting up at six and seven o'clock in

the morning, they didn't mind because they were doing things that they never imagined them themselves doing and they see themselves in different places because of the program.

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Dr. Evans needs to be thanked, Councilman Morris. Ms. Shafer helped in very short term because this came about a week in time when we heard about it, jumped on it, and helped put it together. None of this would have happened without Dr. Philmore because he, in fact, found the students during the summer, which is very, very difficult to do, as you can imagine. So I want to thank them as well.

In addition to that, I'll be meeting with the Paterson Education Association which teachers will be present tomorrow afternoon.

We are seeking to draft jointly a letter stating our concerns about the severe funding crisis the district faces, and what we hope Commissioners and the State Department of Education will be there to address this.

I've been here 15 -- well, I've been here

13 years with this Board and we have never had

a joint letter or anything else done with the

Paterson Education Association. This is a

first and it's a unique opportunity and I'm
very thankful.

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In addition to that, they're seeking to collaborate with the Board in dispensing school supplies in association with WBLS radio later on this year. I'll get back to you with that information.

Lastly, we are going to have a phone conference with the Commissioner next week to push all of these issues forward and make it very clear where Paterson stands. And I know there's lot of conversation about what's happening in Newark and we feel that with this Board's performance is at least as well or as good as Newark, if not better, significantly better, and we want to press that case.

So with that being said, I want to thank you very much. I was hoping to get a sense of your support so we can move forward with that and say that we're all united together behind this approach, this push to the Department of Education, that they have it very clear in their mind what the City wants to do and what we're trying to accomplish for our children.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT McKOY: Thank you,

1	Mr. President, Commissioners, Deputy
2	Superintendent Shafer, Assistant Superintendent
3	Peron, and Commissioners for being here
4	tonight. Certainly it's been a very
5	informative presentation. I think as a Council
6	and the viewing public we have gained a solid
7	sense of where you're going with five year
8	facility plan, what your priorities are, what
9	the needs are, and we thank you for this
10	opportunity.
11	We look forward to continuing the
12	dialogue and to providing the support that we
13	can to encourage the State to move forward
14	particularly on the lease-purchase circumstance
15	as well as the other issues we have mentioned.
16	So thank you again for your presence this
17	evening and for your enlightened and thorough
18	presentation with the five year facility plan.
19	DR. HODGES: Thank you.
20	COUNCIL PRESIDENT McKOY: Council
21	Members, thank you for taking the time tonight.
22	I know it was challenge for you, we met last
23	night and we're here again tonight.
24	Madam Clerk, would you move to close?

COUNCILMAN AKHTARUZZAMAN: Move to

1	close.
2	COUNCILWOMAN COTTON: Second.
3	COUNCIL PRESIDENT McKOY: Moved by
4	Councilman Akhtaruzzaman. Second by
5	Councilwoman Cotton.
6	Roll call, Madam Clerk.
7	THE CLERK: Yes, Mr. President.
8	Roll call to close the Special Joint Meeting on
9	July 22, 2015.
10	Councilman Akhtaruzzaman?
11	COUNCILMAN AKHTARUZZAMAN: I want to
12	say I do believe this is a valuable plan and it
13	is a good plan. Be mindful of some of the
14	stuff that Councilman Morris talked about.
15	And my vote is yes.
16	THE CLERK: Councilwoman Cotton?
17	COUNCILWOMAN COTTON: Thank you. I
18	just would like to say, you know, to me, it's
19	very important for the community at large to
20	see the Board, the Paterson Board of Education
21	and also the City Council that we should be
22	able to sit down and work together and so we
23	can move forward and I know our community needs
24	that so badly and I'm happy that we did this
25	together.

1	Again, my vote is yes.
2	THE CLERK: Councilman Morris?
3	COUNCILMAN MORRIS: My vote is yes.
4	Council President, will the next step be a
5	resolution in support of this particular
6	resolution?
7	COUNCIL PRESIDENT McKOY: Certainly
8	we can do that and bring that forward for the
9	Council's consideration.
10	COUNCILMAN MORRIS: My vote is yes.
11	THE CLERK: Councilman Staton?
12	COUNCILMAN STATON: Yes, thank you
13	for clarification on that, Councilman Morris.
14	That's exactly where I was heading. Nothing
15	else needs to be said than to know that we're
16	all with you and look forward to another
17	meeting. Thank you.
18	Yes, Madam Clerk.
19	THE CLERK: Mr. President?
20	COUNCIL PRESIDENT McKOY: Yes.
21	THE CLERK: The vote is five in
22	favor, four absent. We will now have the roll
23	call for the Board of Ed Commissioners.
24	DR. HODGES: Motion to close.
25	Commissioner Cleaves?

1	COMMISSIONER CLEAVES: Yes.
2	DR. HODGES: Commissioner Kerr?
3	COMMISSIONER KERR: Yes.
4	DR. HODGES: Commissioner Martinez?
5	COMMISSIONER MARTINEZ: Yes.
6	DR. HODGES: Commissioner Simmons?
7	COMMISSIONER SIMMONS: Yes.
8	DR. HODGES: Commissioner Rivera?
9	COMMISSIONER RIVERA: Yes.
10	DR. HODGES: Commissioner Teague?
11	COMMISSIONER TEAGUE: Just before I
12	conclude, I was hoping to find some sandwiches
13	or something here tonight. I didn't see any.
14	Yes.
15	THE CLERK: The Special Joint
16	Meeting is now concluded.
17	Good evening, everyone.
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19	(Whereupon, the proceeding is then
20	concluded at 8:20 p.m.)
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<u>CERTIFICATION</u> I, ASHLEY M. DIERCKS, a Notary Public and Court Reporter of the State of New Jersey, hereby certify that the proceedings herein are from the notes taken by me of a Videotaped Joint Special Meeting of the Municipal Council held on Wednesday, July 22, 2015; and that this is a correct transcript of the same. Court Reporter Notary No. 54678

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