



**Wednesday, April 30, 2025
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**

**BOARD OF EDUCATION, THORNTON TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 205
HELD AT THORNWOOD HIGH SCHOOL 17101 SOUTH PARK AVE., SOUTH HOLLAND,
ILLINOIS, AT 6:00 PM**

The meeting was called to order at 6:16p.m. President Graham made the following announcement: Any person may record or broadcast an open Board meeting. Special requests to facilitate recordings or broadcast an open Board meeting should be directed to the Superintendent at least 24 hours before the meeting. Recording meetings shall not distract or disturb Board Members or participants. Please know if you participate in public participation, you are part of the Board meeting and may be taped.

ANNOUNCEMENT
BY BOARD
PRESIDENT

On roll call, Members Banks, Brown, Davis, Graham, Lawrence, Moody, and Owens answered. All members present. Dr. Nathaniel Cunningham, Superintendent; Mr. Toriano Horton, Assistant Superintendent of Business Operations; Dr. Tony Ratliff, Acting Executive Director of Curriculum & Instruction; Mr. Thomas Porter, Executive Director of Special Services; Mrs. Rosaura Duran, Director of Human Resources were also present.

ROLL CALL

The following individuals spoke during Public Participation:

- Ms. Crayton of Dolton congratulated the new board and spoke about the importance of service.

PUBLIC
PARTICIPATION

Superintendent Dr. Cunningham announced The Cook County Clerk, having completed a canvass of all votes cast for School Board Members of Thornton Township High School District Number 205, 4-year term, hereby certifies the following vote totals:

ABSTRACT
CANVASSING
ELECTION RESULTS

- Bernadette Lawrence: 8,298 votes
- Ray C. Banks: 7,483 votes
- Sonja Kristen Bradley: 7,314 votes
- Almetta L. Vasser-Moody: 6,579 votes

Board President Comments: Ms. Graham thanked Board Member Stanley Brown for his contributions to the community, students, and Board. Dr. Cunningham presented Mr. Brown with a plaque, honoring his time on the board. She also thanked Thornwood's Jazz band for their evening performance.

BOARD PRESIDENT
COMMENTS

Oath of Office: All newly elected board members were sworn in collectively by a judicial judge, Judge Allen Walker.

OATH OF OFFICE

Adjournment: President Graham stated "This board no further business. Therefore, a motion for adjournment sine die is needed." Mr. Brown moved to adjourn sine die, Mrs. Moody seconded. All members were in favor by affirming "aye." Mr.

ADJOURNMENT,
SINE DIE

Brown vacated his seat, moving to the audience. Ms. Bradley was seated as a new board member.

Dr. Davis moved to **appoint Bernadette Lawrence to serve as President Pro-Tem**, Mrs. Moody seconded. On roll call, Members Davis, Moody, Banks, Bradley, Graham, Lawrence, and Owens voted aye; voted nay, none; motion passed. PRESIDENT PRO-TEM APPOINTMENT

Mr. Banks moved to **appoint Kara Davis to serve as Secretary Pro-Tem**, Mr. Owens seconded. On roll call, Members Davis, Moody, Banks, Bradley, Graham, Lawrence, and Owens voted aye; voted nay, none; motion passed. SECRETARY PRO-TEM APPOINTMENT

President Pro-Tem Lawrence stated, "The Board of Education of Thornton Township High School District 205 will now come to order." CALL TO ORDER

On roll call, Banks, Bradley, Davis, Graham, Lawrence, Moody, and Owens answered. ROLL CALL

Mrs. Lawrence moved to Nominate Nina Graham for Board President. There were no other nominations. All members were in favor by affirming "aye." Motion passed. PRESIDENT NOMINATIONS

Mrs. Moody moved to Nominate Kara Davis for Vice-President. There were no other nominations. All members were in favor by affirming "aye." Motion passed. VICE-PRESIDENT NOMINATIONS

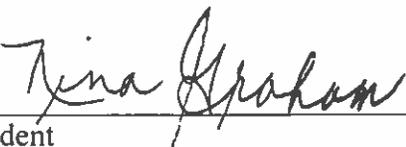
The salary for Secretary if a board member is set at \$500. Dr. Davis moved, Mr. Banks seconded. All members were in favor by affirming "aye." Motion passed. SALARY FOR SECRETARY NOMINATIONS

Dr. Davis moved to Nominate Almetta Vasser-Moody for Secretary. There were no other nominations. All members were in favor by affirming "aye." Motion passed. SECRETARY NOMINATIONS

Mrs. Moody moved to **approve the Date, Time of Board Meetings**, Mr. Banks seconded. The board will meet on the second Wednesday of each month. On roll call, Members Moody, Banks, Bradley, Davis, Graham, Lawrence, and Owens voted aye; voted nay, none; motion passed. APPROVAL OF BOARD MEETINGS SCHEDULE

There was no Executive Session this evening. EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 6:44p.m., Mrs. Moody moved, Mrs. Lawrence seconded to **Adjourn the Meeting**. On roll call, Moody, Lawrence, Banks, Bradley, Davis, Graham, and Owens voted aye; nay, none; motion passed. ADJOURNMENT



President



Secretary