

# ROCHESTER BOARD OF EDUCATION

## Special Meeting Minutes

March 21, 2019

### Minutes

**Board Members in Attendance:** President Van Henri White, Vice President Cynthia Elliott, Commissioner Judith Davis, Commissioner Elizabeth Hallmark, Commissioner Beatriz LeBron, Commissioner Willa Powell and Commissioner Natalie Sheppard.

**Other Individuals in Attendance:** Interim Superintendent Daniel Lowengard, Chief of Staff Linda Cimusz, Distinguished Educator Jaime Aquino, General Counsel Karl Kristoff, Associate Counsel Steven Carling and Auditor General Anissa Henry-Wheeler.

**I.** Vice President Elliott convened the meeting at 6:33 p.m. (President White with media)

**II. Speakers Addressing an Agenda Item:** No speakers were present

**III. Executive Session**

Motion to go into executive session to discuss the NYSAG and NYSED report related to the disappearance of Travyan Rowe was made by Commissioner LeBron and seconded by Commissioner Davis at 6:34 p.m. Motion carries 5-0 with President White and Commissioner Hallmark absent.

Commissioner Hallmark arrived at 6:40 p.m.  
President White joined the meeting at 6:47 p.m.

Motion to reconvene in open session made by Vice President Elliott and seconded by Commissioner Davis at 7:39 p.m. Motion carries 7-0.

Commissioner Davis left at 7:39 p.m.

**IV. Discussion on the NYS Attorney General and NYSED Report on the Disappearance of Trevyan Rowe**

President White provided a statement regarding the Board of Education's discussion on the NYSAG and NYSED report. President White thanked Interim Superintendent Lowengard and General Counsel Karl Kristoff for participating in the Board discussion regarding the report.

President White communicated that all District staff will consider the following next steps:  
1) How we respond to kids in crisis; 2) How we respond to students with special needs; and  
3) How we facilitate parental involvement.

Vice President Elliott communicated the importance of the District and Board being highly aware of student safety and being mindful of every student to ensure the issue with Travyan Rowe does not happen again.

**V. Meeting adjourned** at 7:49 p.m.