

**Atlantic City Board of Education
Reorganization Meeting
January 7, 2025 - 5:30 p.m.**

Call To Order Mrs. Celeste Ricketts, Board Secretary

Roll Call Ms. Bridgers, Mr. Chowdhury, Mr. McKinley, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Siddik

Also Present: Dr. Small, Ms. Morris, Mrs. Ricketts, Mr. Rose, Mrs. Riley

Statement of Notice

A notice of the reorganization meeting was published in the Press of Atlantic City, mailed to the City Clerk and posted on the bulletin board of the CitiCenter Building at 1300 Atlantic Avenue, Atlantic City, New Jersey 08401 on January 16, 2024.

Flag Salute Mrs. Ricketts led those

assembled. Vision & Mission Statement

Vision: Atlantic City Public Schools and members of the community believe in the development of the whole child. Together we are committed to providing a nurturing, safe and stimulating environment for all students to continuously learn and grow.

Mission: All students will be actively engaged and supported as they learn and grow on the journey to become independent, life-long learners equipped for the 21st Century.

Reorganization - Election Results

1. On a motion made by Mr. Chowdhury and seconded by Mr. Johnson, the Atlantic City Board of Education voted to approve resolution #1 to accept the November 7, 2024 election results: At the call of the roll the vote was as follows: Ms. Bridgers-yes; Mr. Chowdhury-yes; Mr. Johnson-yes; Mr. Mckinley-yes; Mr. Siddik-yes. Of five members present, five voted in the affirmative. The motion carried.

Three Year Term	
Shay Steele	3,460
Ronald Bailey	3,232
Torres Mayfield	2,907
Geoffrey F. Dorsey	2,793

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Revised Roll call:

Present: Mr. Bailey, Ms. Bridgers, Mr. Chowdhury, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Mayfield, Mr. McKinley, Mr. Siddik, Mr. Steele

Oath of Office - Mrs. Tracy Riley, Solicitor

- Shay Steele
- Torres Mayfield

Oath of Office - Assemblyman Donald Guardian

- Ronald Bailey

Nominations

Mrs. Ricketts opened the floor for nominations for Board President. On a motion made by Mr. Johnson and seconded by Ms. Bridgers, Mr. Shay Steele was nominated for Board President.

There being No further nominations for Board President, on a motion made by Mr. Johnson and seconded by Mr. Bailey the nominations were closed for Board President.

On a motion made by Mr. Mayfield and seconded by Mr. Chowdhury, the Atlantic City Board of Education voted to appoint Mr. Shay Steele as Board President. At the call of the roll the vote was as follows: Mr. Bailey-yes; Mrs. Bridgers-yes; Mr. Chowdhury-yes, Mr. Johnson-yes; Mr. Mayfield-yes; Mr. McKinley-yes; Mr. Steele-yes. Of eight members present, eight voted in the affirmative. The motion carried.

Mr. Steele opened the floor for nominations for vice president. On a motion made by Mr. Steele and seconded by Mr. Mayfield, Mr. Walter Johnson was nominated for vice president.

With no further nominations for vice president, the motion will now be voted on as it stands.

On a motion made by Mr. Steele and Seconded by Mr. Mayfield, the Atlantic City Board of Education voted to appoint Mr. Walter Johnson as Board Vice President. At the call of the roll the vote was as follows: Mr. Bailey-yes; Mrs. Bridgers-yes; Mr. Chowdhury-yes, Mr. Johnson-yes; Mr. Mayfield-yes; Mr. McKinley-yes; Mr. Steele-yes. Of eight members present, eight voted in the affirmative. The motion carried

Board Member Remarks Mr. Steele thanked the Board members for their support, and Mr. Johnson expressed his appreciation for them as well.

Public Portion: Mr. Hasim raised a concern about the high school not having a band. Dr. Small shared that the high school has been diligently working to hire a music teacher and thanked Mr. Hasim for bringing this to the Board's attention. Mr. Young made a statement regarding the abuse and neglect of our children, emphasizing the need for proactive measures to ensure their safety. He inquired about the duration and cost of the Board's rent at-1300 Atlantic Avenue and asked when we would be moving out. Mr. Steele responded, stating that the district's Long Range Facility Plan is being implemented and agreed that the Board has been in the building too long. He mentioned that a report to the public on the status of 1300 Atlantic Avenue and the two vacant buildings would be provided in the near future.

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REORGANIZATION - RESOLUTIONS

16. To designate the Press of Atlantic City and the Catamaran Media Group, LLC as newspapers of record for advertising through December 31, 2025. The Asbury Park Press, 1451 Route 37, W #2, Toms River, NJ 08755 will also be for NJ Cooperative bid requirements.
17. To appoint Celeste Ricketts through December 31, 2025 as Custodian of Records.
18. To appoint Diane Saunders as the Affirmative Action Officer (N.J.A.C.6A 7 -1.4 to 1.5), through December 31, 2025.
19. To appoint Diane Saunders as the CEPA Officer (Conscientious Employee Protection Act), N.J.S.A.34: 19-1, through December 31, 2025.
20. To appoint Christopher Ford as the Title IX Coordinator and advertise name, address and telephone number (34C.F.R.106.8(a)), through December 31, 2025.
21. To appoint Atiba N. Rose as Section 504 Compliance Officer (34CFR104.7(a)), through December 31, 2025.
22. To appoint Dr. LaKecia Hyman as the ADA Coordinator, (American Disabilities Act) advertise name, address and telephone number (28CFR35.107(a)), through December 31, 2025.
23. To appoint Kelly Vazquez as the HIPAA Compliance Officer through December 31, 2025.
24. To appoint Kurt Austin as Asbestos Management Officer through December 31, 2025.
25. To appoint Kurt Austin as Right to Know Officer through December 31, 2025.
26. To appoint the Business Administrator and Purchasing Administrator, as Public Agency Compliance Officers (PACO) for Contract Affirmative Action Compliance through December 31, 2025.
27. To appoint Celeste Ricketts as Board Secretary with an annual stipend of \$17,500, charged to account 11-000-251-105-00-015-105, through December 31, 2025.
28. To appoint Kim Wallace as Assistant Board Secretary with an annual stipend of \$8,750, charged to account 11-000-251-105-00-015-105, through December 31, 2025.
29. To appoint Joanne Shepherd as Treasurer of School Monies with an annual stipend of \$15,000, charged to account 11-000-230-104-00-015-104 through December 31, 2025.
30. To approve that all rules, regulations, resolutions, statements of policy, and other actions passed, adopted, promulgated, or otherwise, by the preceding Board of Education of Atlantic City, except those which expired by their own terms, impolt, and contemplation, shall be and are hereby re-established, passed and adopted by this reference thereunto, by the Atlantic City Board of Education from further amending and supplementing Board Policies, including those policies establishing its own by-laws and operational procedures.

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31. To authorize the use of penned and/or facsimile signatures for the President, Superintendent and Business Administrator on accounts. Also, the Secretary is instructed to furnish the depositories with a certified copy of this resolution.

32. To authorize the signature of the Board President and Superintendent and Treasurer of School Monies for withdrawal of funds from the Atlantic City Board of Education Payroll Account.

33. To authorize that the Board President, Superintendent and Business Administrator are authorized to withdraw and transfer funds of the following Atlantic City Board of Education Funds:

Bond Account
Operating Account

34. To authorize that the following financial institutions be designated, as required, as depositories of Board Funds and that the Business Administrator is authorized to invest in interest bearing accounts in any of those institutions:

Checking & Savings Account:
OceanFirst Bank

35. To approve the continuation of signatories for withdrawals from the Atlantic City Education Agency and Unemployment Trust Accounts, be confirmed as follows:

Board President
Bus. Administrator
Superintendent
Special Revenue Bookkeeper

36. To approve the continuation of signatories for withdrawals from the Atlantic City Education Student Activity Account and Athletic Account, be confirmed as follows:

Bus. Administrator
Board President
Student Activities
Clerk Superintendent

37. To authorize the Qualified Purchasing Administrator to award contracts that are in the aggregate less than 15% of the bid threshold per N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-37c, from January 1, 2024 -December 31,2025.

38. To approve the bid threshold and appoint a Qualified Purchasing Administrator, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-3(a) and N.J.A.C. 5:34-5 et. Seq. as follows:

Whereas, the Public School Contracts Law gives boards of education the ability to designate their bid threshold up to \$44,000.00 and

Whereas, N.J.A.C. 5:34-5 et seq. establishes the criteria for qualifying as a Qualified Purchasing Administrator; and

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I, Celeste Ricketts, Secretary of the Atlantic City Board of Education, in the County of Atlantic, State of New Jersey do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by the governing body of the Atlantic City Board of Education, County of Atlantic, State of New Jersey at the reorganization meeting of said governing body held on January 7, 2025.

39. To authorize payment of bills between board meetings, per 18A:19-4.1.

40. To approve the committee (5:00pm) and regular meeting (6:00pm) schedule as follows: All meetings will be held at the CitiCenter Building, 1300 Atlantic Avenue Sixth Floor, Atlantic City, NJ 08401.

Tuesday, January 28, 2025	Tuesday, July 15, 2025
Tuesday, February 18, 2025	Tuesday, August 12, 2025
Tuesday, March 18, 2025	Tuesday, September 16, 2025
Tuesday, April 15, 2025	Tuesday, October 21, 2025
Tuesday, May 20, 2025	Tuesday, November 18, 2025
Tuesday, June 24, 2025	Tuesday, December 9, 2025

Reorganization meeting-Tuesday, January 6, 2026 - 5:30 p.m.

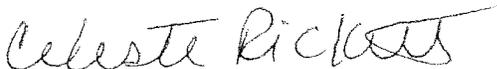
41. Authorization to use the competitive contracting process pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-4.2(k) to procure construction management services.

On a motion made by Mr. Mayfield and seconded by Mr. Johnson, the Atlantic Board of Education voted to approve resolutions 16-41. At the call of the roll the vote was as follows: Mr. Bailey-yes; Ms. Bridgers-yes; Mr. Chowdhury-yes; Mr. Johnson-yes; Mr. Mayfield-yes; Mr. McKinley-yes; Mr. Siddik-yes; Mr. Steele-yes. Of eight members present, eight voted in the affirmative. The motion carried.

Adjourn

On a motion made by Ms. Bridgers and seconded by Mr. Bailey the meeting adjourned at 5:50pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Celeste Ricketts