

Lakewood Public Schools



Lakewood Board of Education Reorganization of the Board Meeting Agenda

January 7, 2026

Public Session - 7:00 PM

High School Commons

855 Somerset Avenue

Lakewood, NJ 08701

BOARD MEMBERSHIP

Mr. Moshe Bender
Mr. Heriberto Rodriguez
Mr. Aaron Chase
Mrs. Ada Gonzalez
Mr. Eliyahu Greenwald
Mr. Meir Grunhut
Mr. Joel Kleinman
Mr. Shlomie Stern
Vacancy

SUPPORT PERSONNEL

Dr. Laura A. Winters, Superintendent
Mr. Kevin Campbell, Business Administrator/Board Secretary
Mr. Joshua Forsman, Esq., In-House Attorney/General Counsel
Mrs. Kristie Sussino, Assistant Business Administrator/Assistant Board Secretary
Ms. Louise Davis, State Monitor
Ms. Patricia Blood, State Monitor
Mr. James Trischitta, Director of Technology, NonPublic Technology, & NonPublic Security Grant
Mr. Bryan Powell, Network and Systems Supervisor
Mr. Eric Holmberg, Translator
Mrs. Omaida Segui, Executive Administrative Professional
Mrs. Deborah Zarro, Executive Administrative Professional

AGENDA

Start Time: 7:07pm

I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - President, Lakewood Board of Education

II. STATEMENT BY THE BOARD SECRETARY

Pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 231, of the Laws of 1976 (THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT), Mr. Campbell notified the public that notice of the date, time, location and agenda of this meeting, to the extent known, was provided at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to the commencement of this meeting in the following manner:

1. By posting such notice on the public announcement board of the Lakewood Board of Education Offices, and the Lakewood Township Municipal Building.
2. By e-mailing such notice to the office of the New Jersey Star Ledger, The Lakewood Scoop and The Lakewood Shopper.
3. By filing such notice with the Board Secretary.
4. By mailing such notice to all individuals who requested and paid for a copy of the same.

III. ROLL CALL

	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Abstain</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Moshe Bender	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Aaron Chase	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Ada Gonzalez	<u>X-Phone</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Eliyahu Greenwald	<u>X-Zoom</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Meir Grunhut	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Joel Kleinman	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Heriberto Rodriguez	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Shlomie Stern	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Vacancy	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

IV. RECOGNITION & PRESENTATIONS

- A. School Board Training- Robert Acerra, NJSBA

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. None

VI. CORRESPONDANCE

- A. None

VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. None

PUBLIC COMMENT - Agenda Items Only (Limited to 3 minutes as per Board Policy #0167)-

No signatures

Pursuant to Board Policy 0164, Roberts' Rules of Order shall govern the Board of Education in its deliberations and in the conduct of its meetings. As such, all comments from the public and from other members of the Board should be directed to the Board President, who is responsible for presiding over the meeting. Public comments can be made during the public session.

The President shall direct all inquiries or comments to the appropriate Administrator or Board member for response, as appropriate. The law requires a period of public comment at our meetings, not a question or answer session or debate. The board president, at his discretion, may or may not feel it is appropriate to answer questions raised during the public comment period. The board and administration do take all public comments seriously and consider them when conducting business.

The President may interrupt, warn, or terminate a participant's statement when the statement is too lengthy, abusive or obscene. In addition, Security Personnel may direct any individual to leave the meeting when that person does not observe reasonable decorum, whether the person is at the microphone or at any other place in the meeting room. New Jersey law makes it a crime for any person to intentionally disrupt a public meeting. Law enforcement will be contacted if a person disrupts the meeting and fails to desist after being directed to do so.

Finally, we ask that you silence all electronic devices.

VIII. ELECTION RESULTS CERTIFIED BY KEVIN CAMPBELL, BOARD SECRETARY

Annual School Board Election Held Tuesday, November 4, 2025

<u>For Three-Year Term</u>	<u>Total Votes</u>
Shlomie Stern	24,577 votes
Meir Grunhut	24,468 votes
Joel Kleinman- Write in	5,005 votes

IX. OATH OF OFFICE

Kevin Campbell, Board Secretary, will administer the Oath of Office to the newly elected members:

Shlomie Stern	3 year term	2026 – 2028
Meir Grunhut	3 year term	2026 – 2028

Ada Gonzalez	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> X </u>
Eliyahu Greenwald	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Meir Grunhut	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Joel Kleinman	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Heriberto Rodriguez	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Shlomie Stern	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

Moshe Bender was elected President of the Board of Education and was seated.

b) Nominations and Election of Vice-President

Nominee #1 Shlomie Stern Nominee #2 Heriberto Rodriguez
Nominated by: Mr. Chase Nominated by: Mr. Stern/2nd Mr. Bender

ROLL CALL VOTE:

	<u> Aye </u>	<u> Nay </u>	<u> Abstain </u>	<u> Absent </u>
Moshe Bender	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Aaron Chase	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Ada Gonzalez	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> X </u>
Eliyahu Greenwald	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Meir Grunhut	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Joel Kleinman	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Heriberto Rodriguez	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Shlomie Stern	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

Heriberto Rodriguez was elected Vice President of the Board of Education and was seated.

The Board Secretary will turn the meeting over to the newly elected President.

STATEMENT BY BOARD PRESIDENT

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The President shall direct all inquiries or comments to the appropriate Administrator or Board member for response, as appropriate. The law requires a period of public comment at our meetings, not a question or answer session or debate. The board president at his discretion may or may not feel it is appropriate to answer questions raised during the public comment period. The board and administration do take all public comments seriously and consider them when conducting business.

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BOARD MEMBER CODE OF ETHICS (Read by Board Members)

RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby adopts the following Code of Ethics as per N.J.S.A 18A:12-21 *et seq.* and Policy 0142.

The members of the Board of Education recognize that they hold authority not as individuals but as members of the Board. In order to make a clear public statement of its philosophy of service to the pupils of the district, the Board adopts this Code of Ethics:

- a. I will uphold and enforce all laws, rules and regulations of the State Board of Education, and court orders pertaining to schools. Desired changes shall be brought about only through legal and ethical procedures.
- b. I will make decisions in terms of the educational welfare of children and will seek to develop and maintain public schools that meet the individual needs of all children regardless of their ability, race, creed, sex, or social standing.
- c. I will confine my board action to policy making, planning, and appraisal, and I will help to frame policies and plans only after the board has consulted those who will be affected by them.
- d. I will carry out my responsibility, not to administer the schools, but, together with my fellow board members, to see that they are well run.
- e. I will recognize that authority rests with the board of education and will make no personal promises nor take any private action that may compromise the board.
- f. I will refuse to surrender my independent judgment to special interest or partisan political groups or to use the schools for personal gain or for the gain of friends.
- g. I will hold confidential all matters pertaining to the schools which, if disclosed, would needlessly injure individuals or the schools. In all other matters, I will provide accurate information and, in concert with my fellow board members, interpret to the staff the aspirations of the community for its school.

- h. I will vote to appoint the best qualified personnel available after consideration of the recommendation of the chief administrative officer.
- i. I will support and protect school personnel in proper performance of their duties.
- j. I will refer all complaints to the chief administrative officer and will act on the complaints at public meetings only after failure of an administrative solution; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that each Board member shall sign an acknowledgment that he/she received a copy, read and will become familiar with the Code of Ethics for School Board Members contained within N.J.S.A. 18A:12-21 *et seq.*

MOTION TO ACCEPT THE CODE OF ETHICS FOR SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS CONTAINED WITHIN N.J.S.A. 18A:12-21 ET SEQ.

MOTION: Mr. Bender

SECOND: Mr. Rodriguez

ROLL CALL VOTE:

	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Abstain</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Moshe Bender	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Aaron Chase	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Ada Gonzalez	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u>X</u>
Eliyahu Greenwald	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Meir Grunhut	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Joel Kleinman	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Heriberto Rodriguez	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Shlomie Stern	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

XI. REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

A. OTHER

1. **Be It Resolved**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves the calendar for the Monthly Regular Conference and Public meetings for the period January 2026 through January 2027:

January 2026 to January 2027

DATE	CONFERENCE & PUBLIC MEETINGS	TIME
Wednesday, January 28, 2026	Opening of Public Meeting Conference Meeting Reopening of Public Meeting	7:00 p.m. 7:05 p.m. 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, February 25, 2026	Opening of Public Meeting Conference Meeting Reopening of Public Meeting	7:00 p.m. 7:05 p.m. 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, March 25, 2026	Opening of Public Meeting Conference Meeting Reopening of Public Meeting	7:00 p.m. 7:05 p.m. 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, April 29, 2026 (Budget Meeting & Annualized Meeting & Employees Contract Renewal)	Opening of Public Meeting Conference Meeting Reopening of Public Meeting	7:00 p.m. 7:05 p.m. 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, May 27, 2026	Opening of Public Meeting Conference Meeting Reopening of Public Meeting	7:00 p.m. 7:05 p.m. 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, June 24, 2026	Opening of Public Meeting Conference Meeting Reopening of Public Meeting	7:00 p.m. 7:05 p.m. 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, July 15, 2026	Opening of Public Meeting Conference Meeting Reopening of Public Meeting	7:00 p.m. 7:05 p.m. 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, August 5, 2026	Opening of Public Meeting Conference Meeting Reopening of Public Meeting	7:00 p.m. 7:05 p.m. 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, August 26, 2026	Opening of Public Meeting Conference Meeting	7:00 p.m. 7:05 p.m.

	Reopening of Public Meeting	7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, September 23, 2026	Opening of Public Meeting	7:00 p.m.
	Conference Meeting	7:05 p.m.
	Reopening of Public Meeting	7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, October 28, 2026	Opening of Public Meeting	7:00 p.m.
	Conference Meeting	7:05 p.m.
	Reopening of Public Meeting	7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, November 18, 2026	Opening of Public Meeting	7:00 p.m.
	Conference Meeting	7:05 p.m.
	Reopening of Public Meeting	7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, December 9, 2026	Opening of Public Meeting	7:00 p.m.
	Conference Meeting	7:05 p.m.
	Reopening of Public Meeting	7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, January 6, 2027 (Reorganization of the Board)	Public Meeting	7:00 p.m.

2. Approve the 2026-2027 District Calendar.
3. Approve to readopt the current Board By-Laws, Policies, and Regulations until the next reorganization meeting.
4. RESOLVED, that the following Financial Institutions be designated as approved depositories for the Lakewood School District funds and that the Financial Institutions be required to be insured by either the SLIC or the FDIC and/or as required by both Federal and State statutes:
 - a. New Jersey Cash Management Fund
 - b. New Jersey Class
 - c. Nuveen
 - d. First Financial Credit Union
 - e. Provident Bank
 - f. First Commerce Bank

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following warrant signatures be approved: Board President, Board Secretary, Treasurer, and Assistant Board Secretary until the next reorganization meeting.

5. Approve the authorization of signers for Student Activities and Athletic bank accounts (Business Administrator or Accounting Manager and Student Account Treasurer) until the next reorganization meeting.
6. Approve the Star Ledger, The Lakewood Scoop and The Lakewood Shopper as the official newspapers for legal notice advertising until the next reorganization meeting.
7. Approve to re-adopt the Curriculum and Textbook lists until the next reorganization meeting.
8. Approve the School Business Administrator and/or Qualified Purchasing Agent to use State Contracts for the purchase of goods and services and approval of the bid threshold at \$53,000.00 until the next reorganization meeting.
9. Approve the Business Administrator to pay bills and claims as needed between board meetings until the next reorganization meeting.
10. Approve the Business Administrator to invest idle funds in accounts as authorized by state regulations until the next reorganization meeting.
11. Annual Appointments:
 - a. Approval of the following Board Officials to be appointed/reappointed until the next reorganization meeting:

Position	Appointee
Board Secretary	Kevin Campbell
Assistant Board Secretary	Kristie Sussino
Custodian of Public Records	Kevin Campbell
Qualified Purchasing Agent	Kevin Campbell
Chemical Hygiene Officer	Charles DePeri
Affirmative Action Officer	Tracy Paolantonio
AHERA Compliance Officer	Charles DePeri
Indoor Air Quality Officer	Charles DePeri
Integrated Pest Management (IPM) Coordinator	Charles DePeri

HCS / Right to Know Contact Person	Charles DePeri
Health & Safety Officer	John DeSena
ADA Officer	Darlene Deinhardt
Asbestos Management & PEOSHA Officer	Charles DePeri
Compliance Officer for the Rehabilitation (504) Act	Aleida Salguero
Privacy Officer	Laura A. Winters, Ed. D.
Public Agency Compliance Officer	Laura A. Winters, Ed. D.
District Representative for Grant Filing	Kevin Campbell
Homeless Liaison	Ana Faone
School Safety Specialist	Theodore Caporrino

- b. Annual Appointments- Approval of the following Professional Service Contracts to be appointed/reappointed until the next reorganization meeting:

Service	Appointee	Cost to District
Architect of Record	TBD	TBD
School Auditor	TBD	TBD
Athletic Physician of Record	Professional Orthopedic Group of Tinton Falls, NJ	No Cost to District
Athletic Physician of Record	RWJ Barnabas Health	No Cost to District

- c. Annual Appointment of Extraordinary Unspecifiable Services per N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-5(2) as follows:

Service	Appointee	Cost to District
Insurance Broker of Record	TBD	TBD
Employee Benefits Broker of Record	TBD	TBD

Motion to Approve the Superintendent Agenda: 8:09pm

First: Mr. Rodriguez **Second:** Mr. Bender

Voting:

Moshe Bender-President	<u>X</u>
Aaron Chase	<u>X</u>
Ada Gonzalez	<u>Absent</u>
Eliyahu Greenwald	<u>X</u>
Meir Grunhut	<u>X</u>
TBD	<u> </u>
Heriberto Rodriguez- Vice President	<u>X</u>

Shlomie Stern
Joel Kleinman

 X
 X

XII. EXECUTIVE SESSION - RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Public Law 1975, Chapter 231, known as the Open Public Meetings Act, provides that a public body may not exclude the public from any meeting to discuss any matter described therein until the public body has first adopted a Resolution, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Township of Lakewood has determined that the following items must be discussed in closed session and that the public must be excluded from said deliberations; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Township of Lakewood has determined that the subject matter of the closed discussion falls within those matters described in subsection 7b of the Open Public Meetings Act;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Township of Lakewood, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, that

- A. The Board of Education, in closed session, may discuss one or more of the following subject matter:
1. Confidential under Federal/State Law or rule of Court.
 2. That which would impair a right to receive Government Funds.
 3. Unwarranted invasion of Pupil's privacy.
 4. Collective Bargaining Agreement.
 5. Purchase, Lease or Acquisition of real property or investment.
 6. Any tactics and techniques utilized in protecting the safety and property of the public.
 7. Any pending or anticipated litigation or contract negotiation other than as stated in #4.
 8. Involving the employment, appointment, and termination of employment.
 9. Any deliberations occurring after a public hearing.

Which subject matters constitute a subject matter described in subsection 7b of the Open Public Meetings Act.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Township of Lakewood will disclose to the public the subject matter of said closed discussions, as soon as the matters have been resolved and the determination can be disclosed to the public.

Motion to go into Executive Session: 8:01pm

First: Mr. Rodriguez **Second:** Mr. Stern

Voting:

Moshe Bender-President	<u>X</u>
Aaron Chase	<u>X</u>
Ada Gonzalez	<u>Absent</u>
Eliyahu Greenwald	<u>X</u>
Meir Grunhut	<u>X</u>
TBD	<u></u>
Heriberto Rodriguez- Vice President	<u>X</u>
Shlomie Stern	<u>X</u>
Joel Kleinman	<u>X</u>

Motion to go into Public Session: 8:10pm

First: Mr. Rodriguez **Second:** Mr. Chase

Voting:

Moshe Bender-President	<u>X</u>
Aaron Chase	<u>X</u>
Ada Gonzalez	<u>Absent</u>
Eliyahu Greenwald	<u>Absent</u>
Meir Grunhut	<u>X</u>
TBD	<u>N/A</u>
Heriberto Rodriguez- Vice President	<u>X</u>
Shlomie Stern	<u>X</u>
Joel Kleinman	<u>X</u>

Kevin Campbell, Board Secretary will call for nominations for Board member.

a) Nominations and Election of Board Member

Nominee #1 Harriet Westbrook-Goldberg

Nominated by: Mr. Stern/2nd Mr. Rodriguez

ROLL CALL VOTE:

	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Abstain</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Moshe Bender	_____	_____	<u>X</u>	_____
Ada Gonzalez	_____	_____	_____	<u>X</u>
Meir Grunhut	<u>X</u>	_____	_____	_____
Aaron Chase	<u>X</u>	_____	_____	_____
Joel Kleinman	<u>X</u>	_____	_____	_____
Heriberto Rodriguez	<u>X</u>	_____	_____	_____
Shlomie Stern	<u>X</u>	_____	_____	_____
Eliyahu Greenwald	_____	_____	_____	<u>X</u>
TBD	_____	_____	_____	_____

XIII. OLD BUSINESS

XIV. NEW BUSINESS

XV. PUBLIC COMMENT - (Limited to 3 minutes as per Board Policy #0167)

No signatures

XVI. GOOD & WELFARE

XVII. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

I, Kevin Campbell, Business Administrator/Board Secretary, of the Lakewood Board of Education, hereby certify this to be a true copy of the Certified agenda for the In-Person Public Meeting held on January 7, 2026.

Kevin Campbell, Business Administrator/Board Secretary

January 8, 2025