

**MINUTES OF THE PATERSON BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL MEETING**

April 22, 2026 – 6:12 p.m.
Central Office (First Floor)

Presiding: Comm. Joel Ramirez, President

Present:

Dr. Laurie W. Newell, Superintendent of Schools
Dr. Rodney Henderson, Deputy Superintendent
Albert Buglione, Esq., General Counsel

Comm. Valerie Freeman
Comm. Della McCall, Vice President
Comm. Alex Mendez
Comm. Hector Nieves

Comm. Mohammed Rashid (Remote)
Comm. Kenneth Rosado
Comm. Kenneth Simmons

Absent:

Comm. Corey Teague

The Salute to the Flag was led by Comm. Ramirez.

Comm. Ramirez read the Open Public Meetings Act:

The New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act was enacted to insure the right of the public to have advance notice of, and to attend the meetings of the Paterson Public School District, as well as other public bodies at which any business affecting the interest of the public is discussed or acted upon.

In accordance with the provisions of this law, the Paterson Public School District has caused adequate and electronic notice of this meeting:

**Special Meeting
April 22, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.
90 Delaware Avenue
Paterson, New Jersey**

to be published by having the date, time and place posted in the office of the City Clerk of the City of Paterson, at the entrance of the Paterson Public School offices, on the district's website, and by sending notice of the meeting to TAPinto, the Arab Voice, El Diario, the Italian Voice, the North Jersey Herald & News, and The Record.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

It was moved by Comm. Nieves, seconded by Comm. Rosado that the Board goes into Executive Session to discuss issues that warrant confidentiality, as consistent with NJSA 10:4-12 for matters of Attorney/Client Privilege, Contracts, Legal, Litigation, Negotiations, Personnel and Student Matters. The minutes will be made available to the public upon request, when the confidentiality of the

subject is no longer warranted. On roll call all members voted in the affirmative. The motion carried.

The Board went into executive session at 6:15 p.m.

It was moved by Comm. Nieves, seconded by Comm. Mendez that the Board reconvenes the meeting. On roll call all members voted in the affirmative. The motion carried.

The Board reconvened the meeting at 7:23 p.m.

RESOLUTION FOR A VOTE:

Resolution No. 1

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:38-1 and N.J.A.C. 6A:22, a student is entitled to attend a public school district free of charge only if the student is domiciled within the district; and

WHEREAS, the District is obligated to verify residency and ensure that only eligible students are enrolled, and through its administrative staff, the District conducted residency reviews and investigations concerning certain currently enrolled students; and

WHEREAS, based on the information obtained through such reviews, including documentation, public records, and other verification methods, the District has determined that the students identified below are not domiciled within the City of Paterson and are therefore not entitled to a free public education in the District; and

WHEREAS, written notice of ineligibility, including the basis for the determination and notice of appeal rights, has been or will be provided in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:22-4.2 and 4.3.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby authorizes and ratifies the determination that the students identified below are not domiciled in the District and are ineligible for enrollment, and directs that such students be dis-enrolled effective twenty-one (21) days after notice of this determination is provided to the parent(s)/guardian(s), unless a timely appeal is filed with the Commissioner of Education, in which case the student(s) shall be permitted to continue attendance pending the outcome of such appeal; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Superintendent of Schools or designee is authorized to take all actions necessary to implement this Resolution, including issuance of required notices, coordination of student records transfer, and pursuit of tuition reimbursement to the extent permitted by law for any period of ineligible attendance.

Student	Current School
MS 5241035	Normans S. Weir
MS 5264057	Normans S. Weir

It was moved by Comm. Rosado, seconded by Comm. Mendez that Resolution No. 1 be adopted. On roll call all members voted in the affirmative, except Comm. Simmons who voted no. The motion carried.

Paterson Board of Education Standing Abstentions

Commissioner Valerie Freeman

- Self
- Family
- Paterson Cares, Inc.
- Paterson Community Health Center

Commissioner Della McCall

- Self
- City of Paterson
- Educational Staffing Solutions (ESS) -Substitute Teachers

Commissioner Alexander Mendez, Jr.

- Self
- Family
- Passaic County Board of Social Services

Commissioner Hector L. Nieves, Jr.

- Self
- City of Paterson

Commissioner Joel D. Ramirez

- Self
- City of Paterson
- Passaic County Community College
- State of New Jersey

Commissioner Mohammed H. Rashid

- Self
- City of Paterson

Commissioner Kenneth Rosado

- Self
- City Housing Authority
- City of Paterson
- Paterson Restoration Corp.

Commissioner Kenneth L. Simmons

- Self
- Family

Commissioner Corey L. Teague

- Self
- Paterson Police Department
- Paterson Policing

PUBLIC COMMENTS

It was moved by Comm. Mendez, seconded by Comm. Nieves that the Public Comments portion of the meeting be opened. On roll call all members voted in the affirmative. The motion carried.

No speakers.

It was moved by Comm. Nieves, seconded by Comm. Rosado that the Public Comments portion of the meeting be closed. On roll call all members voted in the affirmative. The motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS

It was moved by Comm. Nieves, seconded by Comm. Rosado that the meeting be adjourned. On roll call all members voted in the affirmative. The motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:27 p.m.



Ms. June Gray
Business Administrator/Board Secretary