

**Minutes of Special Meeting (Thursday, June 25, 2026)**  
**BOARD OF EDUCATION SPECIAL MEETING**  
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**HEMPSTEAD PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**HEMPSTEAD, NEW YORK 11550**

The Board of Education Special Meeting of the Hempstead Union Free School District was held at the Superintendent's Office, 185 Peninsula Blvd, Hempstead New York 11550. The Meeting was called to order at 4:34 PM, moved by Trustee Spencer, seconded by Trustee Williams. All of the Trustees were present, Trustee Pratt arrived at 4:46 pm. The Board Members proceeded to review the docket and take action.

**Board Members Present:**

Trustee Jeferry Spencer  
Trustee Victor Pratt  
Trustee LaMont E. Johnson  
Trustee Joylette E. Williams, PhD.  
Trustee Elise Nicholson

**NYSED Monitor**

Williams Johnoson - Absent

**Staff Members Present**

Mr. Gary Rush, Superintendent of Schools  
Dr. Rodney Gilmore, Associate Superintendent for Personnel  
Mr. Richard Brown, Acting Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction  
Mr. James Clark, Assistant Superintendent for Pupil Personnel  
Mr. Jamal Scott, Assistant Superintendent for Business & Operations  
Mrs. Djuana Wilson, Assistant Superintendent for Special Education  
Alexander Hernandez, Acting District Clerk

**A. OPENING OF MEETING**

Procedural: 1. Pledge of Allegiance

Procedural: 2. Moment of Silence

**B. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

NONE

**C. OPEN SESSION**

**Trustee Spencer Moved, seconded by Trustee Williams to approve the waiver of Policy 2342 and the use of facilities as indicated below.**

**D. WAIVER OF POLICY # 2342**

Waiver of Policy # 2342 BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Education waives policy # 2342, requiring the agenda, together with supporting background materials to be distributed to Board members seven (7) days in advance of a Board Meeting, and the Board shall permit the consideration of the hand carry resolutions presented at the June 17, 2026, meeting of the Board; and BE IT RESOLVED, the waiver of policy # 2342, is effective only for the hand carry resolutions considered at the June 25, 2026, meeting.

**E. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA DOCKET**

The Hempstead Board of Education's adopted rules of Parliamentary Procedure, and Robert's Rules of Order, provide for a consent agenda listing several items for approval of the Board by a single motion. Most of the items listed under the consent agenda, have gone through the Board members for review and the Superintendent of Schools for recommendations. Documentation concerning these items has been provided to all Board members seven (7) days in advance, to assure an extensive and thorough review. Items may be removed from the consent agenda at the request of any board member.

**F. USE OF FACILITIES**

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**June 25, 2026**

**\* All approvals are conditional based on the needs of the Hempstead School District. If the space requested by an outside group is needed by Hempstead students, the outside group will be cancelled.**

1. The group **agrees to pay** the specified fee, which is based on the “Fee Schedule” in Board of Education Policy.

Name	For Use Of	Date(s)
<p>Incorporated Village of Hempstead</p> <p><b>Contact:</b> Angela Stanley (516) 478-6286</p>	<p>High School David B. Gates auditorium and two classrooms for a Summer Concert</p> <p>Approximately 750 attendees</p> <p><b>*Cleaners are in the High School building until 11:30pm</b></p>	<p><b>Day:</b> Friday</p> <p><b>Date:</b> June 26, 2026</p> <p><b>Time:</b> 5pm to 9pm</p> <p><b>Cost:</b> \$4,375.00</p> <p><b>Insurance:</b> On file</p> <p><b>Principal Approval:</b> <b>Approved</b></p>

**MOTION**

**YES 5**

**MOTION CARRIED**

To approve the waiver of Policy 2342 and the use of facilities as indicated.

**G. CONTRACTS/STIPULATIONS/MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENTS, ETC.**

Trustee Spencer moved, seconded by Trustee Williams to approve the Acting Appointments as amended.

**ACTING APPOINTMENTS**

**A. RESOLVED** that the Board of Education appoints Alexander Hernandez as Acting District Clerk, in the absence of Employee #3425, with a stipend of \$10,000 (Prorated), effective July 2, 26 through July 7, 2026.

B. RESOLVED that the Board of Education appoints Patricia Wilson-Wright as Acting District Clerk Pro Tem, in the absence of Employee #5125 and compensated at a rate of \$504 per day for 2-3 days a week to provide District Clerk training, effective July 2, 26 through July 7, 2026.. If additional work is required and requested from Patricia Wilson-Wright, other than training, she will be compensated at a rate of \$72.00/hr.

C. RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the Superintendents recommendation to appoint Alexander Hernandez as the Acting Records Access Officer effective effective July 2, 26 through July 7, 2026. (Freedom of Information Law).

D. RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the Superintendents recommendation to appoint Alexander Hernandez as the Acting Records Management Officer effective July 2, 26 through July 7, 2026..

**MOTION**

**YES 3**

**MOTION CARRIED**

To approve the acting Appointments as amended.

**NO 2 (Trustees Nicholson and Pratt)**

**H. FIELD TRIPS**

Trustee Spencer moved, seconded by Trustee Williams to approve the field trip as indicated.

**RESOLUTION FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING**

**WHEREAS**, the Hempstead Public School music department is planning an overnight field trip to Crane Youth Music Program at Suny College, Potsdam New York on July 5, to July 11, 2026.

**RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approves the Superintendent's recommendation to permit 11 students from Hempstead High School and 3 students from ABGS Middle School accompanied by 2 chaperones to participate in the CYM Music Program. Students will engage in intense music instruction designed to strengthen performance skills, ensemble participation and overall musicianship in a structured collegiate setting.

Recommended by: Dr. Stephen Strachan

Principal, Hempstead High School - The cost per student: \$920.00 (includes tuition, room, and board) to be paid by **Ramona's Gift to Music**. Round trip transportation will be paid for through General Funds

**MOTION**

**YES 5**

**MOTION CARRIED**

To approve the field trip as indicated.

**I. ADJOURNMENT**

Trustee Spencer Moved, seconded by trustee Williams to adjourn the meeting at 4:34 PM

**MOTION**

**YES 5**

**MOTION CARRIED**

Meeting adjourned.

**Respectfully submitted:**

Alexander Hernandez  
Acting District Clerk