



MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING OF

April 29, 2026

- I. Call to Order** - A Special Meeting of the Oakland Schools Board of Education was called to order by Board President Marc Katz at 5:15 pm on April 29, 2026, at Oakland Schools, 2111 Pontiac Lake Road, Waterford, Michigan.

- II. Roll Call** – Board Secretary Finkelstein called the roll.

Present: Board Members Marc Katz, Connie Williams, George Ehlert, Carol Finkelstein

Board Member Steve Gottlieb arrived at 5:24 pm.

Superintendent Ken Gutman was present.

- III. Statement of Purpose of the Meeting**

Board President Katz stated that if a local school board is unable to fill a vacancy on their board within 30 days after the vacancy occurs, the Intermediate School District Board of Education must fill the vacancy by appointment, in accordance with MCL 168.311.

- IV. Public Comments** – There were no public comments.

- V. Oakland Schools Comments and Responsibilities**

Board President Katz stated that on April 14, 2026, the Oakland Schools Board of Education approved a timeline to fill the vacancy on the Oak Park Schools Board of Education. He stated that today's meeting is being held to review letters of interest and determine which prospective candidates will be interviewed.

VI. Oakland Schools Board of Education Action

The Oakland Schools Board of Education reviewed the letters of interest that were submitted within the given timeline from individuals who met the legal requirements to serve on the Oak Park Schools Board of Education.

With the consensus of the Oakland Schools Board Trustees, Board President Katz stated that each Trustee would pose one question to each candidate, for a total of five questions per candidate.

It was moved by Board Trustee Ehlert, with the support of Board Vice President Williams, to invite Paquita Adams, Joselyn Coats, Deshawn Jackson, Kevin Keys III, Kenneth B. Swain, Rachel Webster, Damacious White, and Shayla Williams to be interviewed at a Special Meeting to be held at 4:30 pm on May 5, 2026; and, to allow each candidate a 30-second opening statement, 90 seconds to answer each question, and a one-minute closing statement. The Board Secretary called the roll for the vote.

Katz – yes Williams – yes Ehlert – yes Gottlieb – yes Finkelstein – yes

The motion carried.

VII. Adjournment – The Board President adjourned the meeting at 5:30 pm.

Approved on: May 19, 2026



Carol Finkelstein, Board Secretary