



AGENDA

"Building a Better Tomorrow, Today"

Members Present: Mr. Benjamin Straker, Sr. (Chair), Ms. Mary Baker (Vice Chair), Ms. Jasmine Bowles, Mr. Mark Christmas, Dr. Jessie Goree, Ms. Victoria Williams, Dr. Dee Haney, Ms. Joy Tellis Cooper, Ms. Sabrina Hill and Dr. Anthony Smith, Superintendent/CEO of Schools

Summary

Executive Session (5:00PM - 6:00 PM / Closed to the Public)

I. Call to Order

Mr. Straker called the meeting to order at 5:02 pm to go into Executive Session. Mr. Straker called the Board Work Session/Meeting to order at 6:05 pm.

II. Executive Session

A motion was made for the Board to enter into Executive Session to discuss Personnel, Land and Litigation Matters.

Motion: Ms. Tellis Cooper

Second: Ms. Williams

Vote: (7-Yes; 2 Not Present)

III. Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Straker led the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. Board Roll Call

Members Present:

- Mr. Benjamin Straker, Sr., Chair
- Ms. Mary Baker. Vice Chair
- Ms. Jasmine Bowles
- Mr. Mark Christmas
- Dr. Jessie Goree
- Dr. Deatrice Haney
- Ms. Sabrina Hill
- Ms. Joy Tellis Cooper
- Ms. Victoria Williams
- Dr. Anthony W. Smith, Superintendent/CEO

V. Board Recognitions

There were no Board Recognitions.

VI. Ethics Statement

Mr. Straker read the Ethics Statement

VII. Adoption of the Agenda

A motion was made for the Board to adopt the January 12, 2026 Board Work Session/Board Meeting Agenda.

Motion: Ms. Hill

Second: Dr. Goree

Vote: Unanimous

VIII. Public Participation

The following persons spoke during Public Participation:

- Mr. Terrell Mitchell, Mt. Zion's Band Hawaii Trip
- Ms. Brenda Harrison – Homeless Ed

IX. Executive Session Recommendations

A. Principal, River's Edge Elementary

A motion was made for the Board to approve the Superintendent's recommendation of Dr. Jacqueline Hunter as Principal at River's Edge Elementary.

Motion: Ms. Baker

Second: Ms. Hill

Vote: Unanimous

B. Assistant Principal, Early Learning Center

A motion was made for the Board to approve the Superintendent's recommendation of Ms. Sharron McIntyre as Assistant Principal at the Early Learning Center.

Motion: Dr. Goree

Second: Mr. Christmas

Vote: Unanimous

C. Easement, Garden Walk

A motion was made for the Board to approve the Easement as discussed in Executive Session.

Motion: Dr. Goree

Second: Ms. Williams

Vote: Unanimous

D. Georgia Power Easement, Tara Stadium

A motion was made for the Board to approve the Georgia Power Easement at Tara Stadium as submitted.

Motion: Ms. Tellis Cooper

Second: Mr. Christmas

Vote: 8-Yes, 1-Abstention

E. Purchase of Property, 1601 McDonough Road, Jonesboro, GA.

A motion was made for the Board to approve the purchase of property located at 1601 McDonough Road as discussed in Executive Session.

Motion: Ms. Baker

Second: Ms. Williams

Vote: Unanimous

F. Employee Tribunal 2025-2026-06

A motion was made for the Board to uphold the Tribunal Panel's decision as submitted.

Motion: Dr. Goree

Second: Ms. Bowles

Vote: Unanimous

G. Separation Contract for Superintendent, Dr. Anthony Smith

A motion was made to accept the Superintendent's Separation Contract and Retirement as submitted.

Motion: Ms. Bowles

Second: Ms. Tellis Cooper

Vote: 5-Yes; 4-Abstention

H. Interim Superintendent

A motion was made for the Board to approve Dr. Douglas Hendrix, Sr., as Interim Superintendent.

Motion: Ms. Bowles

Second: Ms. Hill

Vote: Unanimous

X. Board Member's Update

Board Members shared with the staff and community highlights from their respective districts. Board members expressed to Dr. Smith their gratitude for leading Clayton County Public Schools faithfully as Superintendent.

- Happy Birthday to Board Attorney, Clem Doyle.
- Please be in prayer for our Morrow High School student who was shot.

- Moment of Silence for Mr. Brian Moore, (Paraprofessional - South Metro GNETS) who passed away.

XI. Announcements

Students from Riverdale Middle School read the monthly announcements.

XII. Approval of Minutes

There were no corrections or objections to the following minutes, therefore, Mr. Straker declared the minutes approved as submitted.

- A. Minutes - Board Work Session November 17, 2025
- B. Minutes - Board Meeting December 1, 2025
- C. Minutes - Called Board Meeting December 8, 2025
- D. Minutes - Called Board Meeting December 17, 2025

XIII. Updates to the Board

- A. Athletic Update - Mr. Gary Townsend

Mr. Townsend presented to the Board and Community updates on Clayton County Public Schools Athletics.

XIV. The Consent Agenda (for vote tonight) - All Consent Agenda Items will be presented prior to voting

A motion was made for the Board to approve the Consent Agenda minus Item D-Purchasing Report.

Motion: Ms. Tellis Cooper

Second: Ms. Baker

Vote: Unanimous

- A. Financial Report
- B. FY24 Corrective Action Plan
- C. SPLOST Revenue Report
- D. Purchasing Report

A motion was made for the Board to approve Item D-Purchasing Report as submitted.

Motion: Mr. Christmas

Second: Dr. Goree

Vote: 8-Yes, 1-Abstention

- E. SPLOST Construction Report
- F. Capital Purchasing Report
- G. Audio Enhancement Technology Elementary Schools (10)
- H. Personnel Changes Report

Item H was pulled after the vote because the updated Report could not be seen by Board Members. After the correct report was uploaded, there was a motion.

A motion was made for the Board to approve the personnel Changes Report as submitted.

Motion: Ms. Baker

Second: Dr. Goree

Vote: 8-Yes, 1 Abstention

XV. Board Matters

- A. Policy Series F - First Read
- B. Policy Series K- First Read
- C. Policy Series L- First Read

XVI. The Business Agenda (for vote tonight)

A. Foundation Lease

This item was pulled from the agenda

B. Convocation Center Operators Agreement

This item will be discussed at a Called Board Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, January 20, 2026.

XVII. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:07 pm.

NOTE: This is a summary of the January 12, 2026, Board Work Session/Board Meeting of the Clayton County Board of Education. The official minutes will be voted on at the next regular business meeting of the Board of Education and will be made available to the public thereafter.