Atlantic City Board of Education
Special Meeting - 5:00 pm
September 30, 2026

Call To Order Mr. Steele, President at 5:00pm

Roll Call:

Name	Present	Absent
Mr. Ronald Bailey	X	
Mr. Subrata Chowdhury	X	
Mr. Donnell Holland, Sr.	X	
Mr. Walter Johnson	X	
Mr. Torres Mayfield	X	
Mr. KaShawn McKinley		X
Mr. Mohammad Siddik		X
Mr. Shay Steele	X	
Ms. Young	X	

School Officials in Attendance: Dr. Small, Mrs. Ricketts, Dr. Hyman, Mrs. Riley, Ms. Saunders and Mr. Rose.

Statement of Notice:
A notice of the committee/regular meeting was posted to the district website, mailed to the City Clerk and posted on the bulletin board of the Citi Center Building at 1300 Atlantic Avenue, Atlantic City, New Jersey 08401 on September 15, 2026.

Flag Salute – Mrs. Ricketts lead those assembled in the flag salute.

Vision & Mission Statement: Noted for the Record

Vision: Atlantic City Public Schools and members of the community believe in the development of the whole child. Together we are committed to providing a nurturing, safe and stimulating environment for all students to continuously learn and grow.

Mission: All students will be actively engaged and supported as they learn and grow on the journey to become independent, life-long learners equipped for the 21st Century.

Public Comments: There was one public comment:

Joyce Mollineaux – Expressed sincere appreciation to everyone for taking this important step forward in serving the taxpayers and broader community. She acknowledged Mr. Steel as the longest-serving leader and recognized his continued dedication. Highlighting the community's need for consistent, strong leadership, Mollineaux encouraged continued efforts for the benefit of those they serve. She also expressed pride in this long-overdue step forward, thanked everyone for their contributions to Atlantic City, and stressed the importance of continuing this work for the benefit of the City's youth.

Executive Session (Closed):

On a motion made by Mr. Mayfield and seconded by Mr. Johnson, the Atlantic City Board of Education went into closed session for approximately ten minutes to discuss workers compensation at 5:13pm.

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BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE CITY OF ATLANTIC CITY RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN EXECUTIVE SESSION

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 allows for a Public Body to go into closed session during a Public Meeting; and
WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the City of Atlantic City has deemed it necessary to go into closed session to discuss certain matters which are exempted from the Public; and
WHEREAS, the regular meeting of this Board of Education will reconvene at the conclusion of closed session at approximately 6:00 p.m. this evening.
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the City of Atlantic City will go into closed session, for the following reason(s) as outlined in N.J.S.A. 10:4-12:
Any matter which, by express provision of Federal Law, State Statute or Rule of Court shall be rendered confidential or excluded from discussion in public (Provision relied upon:); Any matter in which the release of information would impair a right to receive funds from the federal government;
Any matter the disclosure of which constitutes an unwarranted invasion of individual privacy;
Any collective bargaining agreement, or the terms and conditions of which are proposed for inclusion in any collective bargaining agreement, including the negotiation of terms and conditions with employees or representatives of employees of the public body;
Any matter involving the purpose, lease or acquisition of real property with public funds, the setting of banking rates or investment of public funds where it could adversely affect the public interest if discussion of such matters were disclosed;
Any tactics and techniques utilized in protecting the safety and property of the public, provided that their disclosure could impair such protection;
Any investigations of violations or possible violations of the law; Any pending or anticipated litigation or contract negotiation in which the public body is or may become a party. Any matters falling within the attorney-client privilege, to the extent that confidentiality is required in order for the attorney to exercise his ethical duties as a lawyer: -**Workers Compensation**
Any matter involving the employment, appointment, termination of employment, terms and conditions of employment, evaluation of the performance, promotion or disciplining of any specific prospective public officer or employee or current public officer or employee employed or appointed by the public body, unless all individual employees or appointees whose rights could be adversely affected request in writing that such matter or matters be discussed at a public meeting (Subject to the balancing of the public's interest and the employee's privacy rights under *South Jersey Publishing*, 124 N.J. 478), the employee(s) nature of discussions are employment requirements/modifications.
Any deliberation of a public body occurring after a public hearing that may result in the imposition of a specific civil penalty upon the responding party or the suspension or loss of a license or permit belonging to the responding party as a result of an act of omission for which the responding party bears responsibility;
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby declares that its discussion of the aforementioned subject(s) may be made public at a time when the Board Attorney advises the Board of Education that the disclosure of the discussion will not detrimentally affect any right, interest or duty of the School District or any other entity with respect to said discussion.
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Education, for the aforementioned reasons, hereby declares that the public is excluded from the portion of the meeting during which the above discussion shall take place and hereby directs the Board Secretary to take the appropriate action to effectuate the terms of this resolution. I, Celeste Ricketts, Board Secretary do hereby certify the above to be a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Education of the City of Atlantic City at their meeting held on September 30, 2026.

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Return to Open Session from Executive (Closed) Session:

On a motion made by Mr. Bailey and seconded by Mr. Mayfield, the Atlantic City Board of Education returned to open session at 5:18pm.

In open session Mrs. Ricketts read the addition of resolution # 3 under Goods and Services.

3. Approve the workers compensation settlement for employee 103807 in the amount of $14,024.00 for incident date 11/15/2024 in the amount of $324.50 per week for 36.24 weeks and attorney fees and costs in the amount of $2,264.00, fully accrued.

On a motion by Mr. Mayfield and seconded by Mr. Chowdhury, the Atlantic City Board of Education voted to approve Goods and Services 3.

Name	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Mr. Ronald Bailey	X			
Mr. Subrata Chowdhury	X			
Mr. Donnell Holland, Sr.	X			
Mr. Walter Johnson	X			
Mr. Torres Mayfield	X			
Mr. KaShawn McKinley				X
Mr. Mohammad Siddik				X
Mr. Shay Steele	X			
Ms. Young	X			

The motion carried.

Mr. Steele announced he spoke with Mr. McKinley and he will be submitting his letter of resignation in the near future.

Adjournment of Special meeting:

On a motion made by Mr. Johnson and seconded by Mr. Bailey, the Atlantic City Board of Education adjourned the Special Meeting at 5:20pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Celeste Ricketts

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Interim Business Administrator / Board Secretary