

**Atlantic City Board of Education  
Reorganization Meeting  
January 4, 2024 – 5:30pm**

**Call To Order** Mrs. Angela Brown, Board Secretary

**Roll Call** Ms. Bridgers, Mrs. Byard, Mr. Chowdhury, Mr. Mayfield, Mr. McKinley, Mr. Steele

**Also Present** Dr. Small, Dr. Hyman, Mrs. Ricketts and Mrs. Brown

**Statement of Notice**

A notice of the reorganization meeting was published in the Press of Atlantic City, mailed to the City Clerk and posted on the bulletin board of the CitiCenter Building at 1300 Atlantic Avenue, Atlantic City, New Jersey 08401 on December 26, 2023, December 28, 2023 and December 30, 2023.

**Flag Salute** Mrs. Brown led those assembled.

**Vision & Mission Statement**

**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.

**Reorganization - Election Results**

1. On a motion made by Mr. Chowdhury and seconded by Mr. Steele, the Atlantic City Board of Education voted to approve resolution #1 to accept the November 7, 2023 election results: At the call of the roll the vote was as follows: Ms. Bridgers-yes; Mrs. Byard-yes; Mr. Chowdhury-yes; Mr. Mayfield-yes; Mr. McKinley-yes; Mr. Steele-yes. Of six members present, six voted in the affirmative. The motion carried.

**Three Year Term**

Patricia A. Bailey	2,749
Walter H. Johnson	2,353
MD. A. Siddik	2,398

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**Revised Roll Call:**

Mrs. Bailey, Ms. Bridgers, Mrs. Byard, Mr. Chowdhury, Mr. Johnson, Mayfield, Mr. McKinley  
Mr. Siddik, Mr. Steele. \_\_\_\_\_

**Oath of Office – Mrs. Tracy Riley, Solicitor**

Solicitor Mrs. Riley administered the oath of office to the newly elected board members.

- Patricia A. Bailey
- Walter H. Johnson
- MD. A. Siddik

**Nominations**

Mrs. Brown opened the floor for nominations for board president. On a motion made by Mr. Johnson, Mr. Shay Steele was nominated for board president.

There being no further nominations for board president, on a motion made by Mr. Johnson the nominations were closed for board president.

On a motion made by Mr. Torres and seconded by Mr. Chowdhury, the Atlantic City Board of Education voted to appoint Mr. Shay Steele as board president. At the call of the roll the vote was as follows: Mrs. Bailey-yes; Ms. Bridgers-yes; Mrs. Byard-yes; Mr. Chowdhury-yes; Mr. Johnson-yes; Mr. Mayfield-yes; Mr. McKinley-yes; Mr. Siddik-yes; Mr. Steele-yes. Of nine members present, eight voted in the affirmative. The motion carried.

Mrs. Brown opened the floor for nominations for vice president. On a motion made by Mrs. Bailey, Mr. Walter Johnson was nominated for vice president.

There being no further nominations for vice president, on a motion made by Mr. Chowdhury and seconded by Mr. Mayfield, the nominations were closed for vice president.

On a motion made by Mrs. Byard and seconded by Mr. Chowdhury, the Atlantic City Board of Education voted to appoint Mr. Walter Johnson, as vice president. At the call of the roll the vote was as follows: Mrs. Bailey-yes; Mrs. Byard-yes; Ms. Bridgers-yes; Mr. Chowdhury-yes; Mr. Johnson-yes; Mr. McKinley-yes; Mr. Mayfield-yes; Mr. Siddik-yes; Mr. Steele-yes. Of nine members present, nine voted in the affirmative. The motion carried. The motion carried.

**Board Member Remarks** Mrs. Bailey thanked the public for their support and advised she is looking forward to a working with everyone.

**Public Comment – None**

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**REORGANIZATION - RESOLUTIONS**

1. To designate the Press of Atlantic City and the Catamaran Media Group, LLC as newspapers of record for advertising through December 31, 2024. The Asbury Park Press, 1451 Route 37, W #2, Toms River, NJ 08755 will also be for NJ Cooperative bid requirements.
2. To appoint Angela Brown through December 31, 2024 as Custodian of Records.
3. To appoint Diane Saunders as the Affirmative Action Officer (N.J.A.C.6A7-1.4 to 1.5), through December 31, 2024.
4. To appoint Diane Saunders as the CEPA Officer (Conscientious Employee Protection Act), N.J.S.A.34:19-1, through December 31, 2024.
5. To appoint Christopher Ford as the Title IX Coordinator and advertise name, address and telephone number (34C.F.R.106.8(a)), through December 31, 2024.
6. To appoint Atiba N. Rose, Sr. as Section 504 Compliance Officer (34CFR104.7(a)), through December 31, 2024.
7. To appoint Dr. LaKecia Hyman as the ADA Coordinator, (American Disabilities Act) advertise name, address and telephone number (28CFR35.107(a)), through December 31, 2024.
8. To appoint Kelly Vazquez as the HIPAA Compliance Officer through December 31, 2024.
9. To appoint Kurt Austin as Asbestos Management Officer through December 31, 2024.
10. To appoint Kurt Austin as Right to Know Officer through December 31, 2024.
11. To appoint the Business Administrator and Purchasing Administrator, as Public Agency Compliance Officers (PACO) for Contract Affirmative Action Compliance through December 31, 2024.
12. To appoint Angela Brown as Board Secretary with an annual stipend of \$17,500, charged to account 11-000-251-105-00-015-105, through December 31, 2024.
13. To appoint Kim Wallace as Assistant Board Secretary with an annual stipend of \$8,750, charged to account 11-000-251-105-00-015-105, through December 31, 2024.
14. To appoint Joanne Shepherd as Treasurer of School Monies with an annual stipend of \$15,000, charged to account 11-000-230-104-00-015-104 through December 31, 2024.
15. To approve that all rules, regulations, resolutions, statements of policy, and other actions passed, adopted, promulgated, or otherwise, by the preceding Board of Education of Atlantic City, except those which expired by their own terms, import, and contemplation, shall be and are hereby re-established, passed and adopted by this reference thereunto, by the Atlantic City Board of Education from further amending and supplementing Board Policies, including those policies establishing its own by-laws and operational procedures.

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16. To authorize the use of penned and/or facsimile signatures for the President, Superintendent and Business Administrator on accounts. Also, the Secretary is instructed to furnish the depositories with a certified copy of this resolution.

17. To authorize the signature of the Board President and Superintendent and Treasurer of School Monies for withdrawal of funds from the Atlantic City Board of Education Payroll Account.

18. To authorize that the Board President, Superintendent and Business Administrator are authorized to withdraw and transfer funds of the following Atlantic City Board of Education Funds:

Bond Account  
Operating Account

19. To authorize that the following financial institutions be designated, as required, as depositories of Board Funds and that the Business Administrator is authorized to invest in interest bearing accounts in any of those institutions:

**Checking & Savings Account:**  
OceanFirst Bank

20. To approve the continuation of signatories for withdrawals from the Atlantic City Education Agency and Unemployment Trust Accounts, be confirmed as follows:

Board President  
Business Administrator  
Superintendent  
Special Revenue Bookkeeper

21. To approve the continuation of signatories for withdrawals from the Atlantic City Education Student Activity Account and Athletic Account, be confirmed as follows:

Business Administrator  
Board President  
Student Activities Clerk  
Superintendent

22. To authorize the Qualified Purchasing Administrator to award contracts that are in the aggregate less than 15% of the bid threshold per N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-37c, from January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2024.

23. To approve the bid threshold and appoint a Qualified Purchasing Administrator, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-3(a) and N.J.A.C. 5:34-5 et. Seq. as follows:

Whereas, the Public School Contracts Law gives boards of education the ability to designate their bid threshold up to \$44,000.00 and

Whereas, N.J.A.C. 5:34-5 et seq. establishes the criteria for qualifying as a Qualified Purchasing Administrator; and

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I, Angela Brown, Secretary of the Atlantic City Board of Education, in the County of Atlantic, State of New Jersey do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by the governing body of the Atlantic City Board of Education, County of Atlantic, State of New Jersey at the reorganization meeting of said governing body held on January 4, 2024.

**24.** To authorize payment of bills between board meetings, per 18A:19-4.1.

**25.** To approve the committee (5:00pm) and regular meeting (6:00pm) schedule as follows: All meetings will be held at the CitiCenter Building, 1300 Atlantic Avenue, Sixth Floor, Atlantic City, NJ 08401.

Tuesday, January 23, 2024	Tuesday, July 16, 2024
Tuesday, February 20, 2024	Tuesday, August 20, 2024
Tuesday, March 19, 2024	Tuesday, September 17, 2024
Tuesday, April 23, 2024	Tuesday, October 15, 2024
Tuesday, May 21, 2024	Tuesday, November 19, 2024
Tuesday, June 18, 2024	Tuesday, December 10, 2024

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**26.** Authorization to use the competitive contracting process pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-4.2(k) to procure construction management services.

**27.** Recommend to amend resolution #39 from the June 14, 2022 board meeting to increase the deposit into Capital Reserve from \$5M to \$15M.

Original resolution 6/14/22 G&S #39 Approve the following: Whereas, N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-14.1 permits a Board of Education to establish and/or deposit into certain reserve accounts in the annual general fund certified taxes, and Whereas, the Atlantic City Board of Education wishes to deposit funds into Capital Reserve, Tuition and Maintenance Reserve accounts, and Now therefore be it resolved the Atlantic City Board of Education has determined that an amount not to exceed \$5 to be deposited into the Capital Reserve account and an amount not to exceed \$1M into Tuition Reserve account and an amount not to exceed \$1M into Maintenance Reserve account.

On a motion made by Mr. Mayfield and seconded by Ms. Bridgers, the Atlantic City Board of Education voted to approve resolutions 1 – 27. At the call of the roll the vote was as follows: Mrs. Bailey-yes; Ms. Bridgers-yes; Mrs. Byard-yes; Mr. Chowdhury-yes; Mr. Johnson-yes; Mr. Mayfield-yes; Mr. McKinley-yes; Mr. Siddik-yes; Mr. Steele-yes. Of nine members present, nine voted in the affirmative. The motion carried.

**Adjourn** On a motion made by Mrs. Bailey and seconded by Mr. Johnson the meeting adjourned at 5:41pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Angela Brown  
Board Secretary