



MINUTES

Providence School Board Regular Meeting

Pursuant to Executive Order 20-25 issued by the Governor of Rhode Island, the Providence School Board held this meeting remotely. A recording is available on the Providence School Board YouTube channel at bit.ly/pvdschoolboard

February 24, 2021

CONVENE MEETING

1. Call to Order – President Hemond called the meeting to order at 6:39 p.m.

Roll Call - Board Members Present: Nicholas Hemond, Travis Escobar, Diagneris Garcia, Muyideen Ibiyemi, Elizabeth Goldberg, Nina Pande, Mark Santow, Ty'Relle Stephens and Kinzel Thomas.

2. Superintendent's Comments

Superintendent Harrison Peters welcomed Ty'Relle Stephens to Providence School Board.

3. School Board Organizational Meeting - Election of Officers

Nina Pande turned over the meeting to Mr. Sergio Spaziano, the School Board Attorney, for the election of officers. Spaziano called for a recommendation of School Board Officers.

A motion was made by Board Member Kinzel Thomas to elect the following slate of School Board Officers: 1) Nicholas Hemond – Board President 2) Nina Pande – Board Vice President, and 3) Diagneris Garcia – Board Secretary

MSV –Thomas, Santow, (9-0) MOTION APPROVED. On a Roll Call Vote: Escobar, Garcia, Goldberg, Hemond, Ibiyemi, Santow, Pande, Stephens and Thomas

APPROVE AGENDA

4. Approve Agenda

A motion was made to approve the agenda

MSV – Pande, Escobar (9-0) MOTION APPROVED

PUBLIC COMMENT

5. Public Comment-Right to Be Heard

Cynthia Jones addressed the Board on RIDE and SMART Clinic

Sarah Gleason commented on civics education

SCHOOL BOARD COMMENTS

6. School Board Comments
President Hemond welcomed new member Ty'Relle Stephens to the Board.

CONSENT AGENDA

7. Approval of Minutes - 01/20/2021, 12/16/2020, 11/18/2020
8. Home School Candidates
A motion was made to approve the consent agenda
MSV – Pande, Santow (9-0) MOTION APPROVED

ACTION ITEMS

9. Non-Renewal of Teacher Contract - Abdul-Nuri Ali Mahmoud
No action taken as the matter has been resolved
10. Resolution in Support of Safe Schools, Senate Bill 73, the Harold M. Metts School Safety Act of 2021 and House Bill 5555.
A motion was made to approve item ten
MSV- Pande, Escobar (9-0) MOTION APPROVED
11. Resolution in Support of Civics Education
A motion was made to approve item eleven
MSV- Santow, Pande (9-0) MOTION APPROVED

REPORT ON CONTRACTS

12. Cengage Board Summary
A motion was made to approve item 12
MSV – Pande Thomas (9-0) MOTION APPROVED

PRESENTATIONS

13. 2020-21 Budget Update

EXECUTIVE SESSION

14. Executive Session Pursuant to Rhode Island General Laws §§ 42-46-4 and 42-46-5(a)(1)
Personnel - Non-Renewals

A motion was made to enter into Executive Session Pursuant to Rhode Island General Laws §§ 42-46-4 and 42-46-5(a)(1) Personnel - Non-Renewals
MSV – Santow, Pande - MOTION APPROVED (9-0) on a roll call vote: Hemond, Escobar, Garcia, Goldberg, Ibiyemi, Pande, Santow, Stephens and Thomas

REPORT EXECUTIVE SESSION VOTE

15. Report on Executive Session Votes - There were four (4) votes taken
 - 1) **A motion was made to uphold the Superintendent's recommendation for personnel non-renewals**
MSV – Pande, Escobar - MOTION APPROVED (9-0)

- 2) **A motion was made to uphold the Superintendent’s recommendation for –personnel non-renewals.**

MSV – Pande, Escobar - MOTION APPROVED (9-0)

- 3) **A motion was made to seal the minutes**

MSV – Pande, Escobar, MOTION APPROVED (9-0)

- 4) **A motion was made to come out of Executive Session**

MSV- Pande, Escobar - MOTION APPROVED (9-0)

A motion was made to seal the minutes in public session

MSV – Pande, Escobar - MOTION APPROVED (9-0)

ADJOURN

16. Adjourn Meeting

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:27 p.m.

MSV- Stephens, Pande (9-0) MOTION APPROVED