

**Providence School Department  
797 Westminster Street  
Providence, RI 02903**

**REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES**

**2/26/2025**

**1.0 Convene Meeting**

- 1.1 Call to Order at 6: 00 PM
- 1.2 Pledge of Allegiance
- 1.3 Roll Call

**Board Members in Attendance: Mireya Mendoza, Anjel Newmann, Jenny Mercado, Night Jean Muhingabo, Ty'Relle Stephens, Melissa Hughes, Heidi Silverio, Corey Jones, Steven Williamson and Miche'le Fontes**

**Miche'le Fontes arrived at 6:05 PM**

- 1.4 School Board Organizational Meeting – Election of Officers  
Attorney Charles Ruggerio opened up this portion of the meeting and explained to the Board of the process they needed to follow to elect their new leadership. At this time, he also explained that an abstention vote counted as a vote that would reflect that the individual was not here and not as a no.

At this time Night Jean Muhingabo nominated Ty'Relle Stephens as President, Anjel Newmann as Vice-President and Miche'le Fontes as Secretary.

Attorney Ruggerio asked, if there were any other nominations on the table before starting the voting process?

Corey Jones nominated Heidi Silverio as President, Corey Jones as Vice-President and Melissa Hughes as Secretary.

Now with no other nominations on the table Attorney Ruggerio started the voting process.

They proceeded with the Ty'Relle Stephens, Anjel Newmann and Miche'le Fontes nominations first.

Mireya Mendoza – Nay, Anjel Newmann – Aye, Jenny Mercado – Abstain – At this point with Mercado Abstaining from the vote it automatically made TyRelle

Stephens President, Anjel Newmann Vice-President and Miche'le Fontes Secretary

**This meeting was live streamed on YouTube – Regular School Board Meeting 2-26-2025**

**There was a Motion by Steve Williamson to take the agenda out of order and hear the Public Comments right after the Presentations – The Motion was seconded by Night Jean Muhingabo  
MSV – Williamson, Muhingabo (10-0) MOTION APPROVED**

## **2.0 Presentations**

- 2.1 TAP Academic Update (Overview of progress and key initiatives) by Dr. Paula Dillon
- 2.2 Ensuring a Safe & Secure Learning Environment for All Students by Sandra Stuart & Aubrey Lombardo

## **3.0 Action Items**

- 3.1 Vote on Student Governance Model (Framework for student representation and Leadership) Collaboration of the Council of Great City Schools (Discussion and vote on Partnership Initiatives)  
**After a brief discussion, questions were asked by Board Members and answered by Attorney Charles Ruggerio, A Motion was made for a resolution to approve the Board's continued engagement of the Council of Great City Schools to explore options for further professional development toward a Student Outcomes Focused Governance model, subject to subsequent review of the specific Professional Services Agreement and conditional upon full funding outside of PPSD's budget.  
MSV – Hughes, Jones (7-3) Motion Approved  
Roll Call Vote: Mendoza Aye, Newmann Aye, Mercado Aye, Muhingabo Nay, Stephens Nay, Hughes Aye, Silverio Aye, Jones Aye, Fontes Aye, Williamson Nay**

## **4.0 Public Comments**

- 4.1 Public Comment – Right to be Heard  
**There were 41 Public Comment Speakers and 32 Written Comments all in support of the teachers being non-renewed**

## **5.0 Adjourn**

- 5.1 Adjourn Meeting  
**A Motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 10:45 PM  
MSV – Stephens, Escobar (8-0) MOTION APPROVED**