

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING**  
**FEBRUARY 23, 2023**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The Regular Meeting of the Ocean City Board of Education was called to order by President Halliday on Thursday, February 23, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. in the Ocean City High School Library, 501 Atlantic Avenue, Ocean City, NJ.

**OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT ANNOUNCEMENT**

President Halliday announced that adequate notice of this meeting was provided in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, P.L. 1975. Notice of the time, place and agenda were filed with the city clerk, posted in the lobby of City Hall, and delivered to the Ocean City Sentinel and the Press of Atlantic City.

**ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS**

On roll call, members present were Kevin Barnes, Kristie Chisholm, Joseph S. Clark, Jr., Cecilia Gallelli-Keyes, William Holmes, Jacqueline McAlister, Fran Newman, Liz Nicoletti, Catherine Panico, Robin Shaffer, Disston Vanderslice, and Chris Halliday. Also present were Matthew Friedman, Ed.D., Superintendent, Timothy E. Kelley, Business Administrator/Board Secretary, and Michael Stanton, Esquire. There were no members absent. There were no members of the public present.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Motion by Ms. Gallelli-Keyes, seconded by Mrs. Newman, and carried unanimously to adopt a resolution to go into Executive Session.

President Halliday stated: WHEREAS, the Open Public Meetings Act authorizes Boards of Education to meet in executive session under certain circumstances,

WHEREAS, the Open Public Meetings Act requires the Board to adopt a resolution at a public meeting to go into private session; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Ocean City Board of Education, that it is necessary to meet in executive session to discuss certain items involving: Matters of personal confidentiality rights, including but not limited to, staff and/or student discipline matters, and specifically: HIB; Matters involving anticipated or pending litigation, including matters of attorney-client privilege, and specifically: Matters of Attorney-Client Privilege; Matters involving personnel issues, including but not limited to, the employment, appointment, termination of employment, terms and conditions of employment, evaluation of performance, promotion or discipline of any public officer or employee, and specifically: Appointments of High School Principal and Athletic Director.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any discussion held by the Board which need not remain confidential will be made public as soon as feasible. The minutes of the executive session will not be disclosed until the need for confidentiality no longer exists.

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Education will return to open session to conduct business at the conclusion of the executive session. The Board anticipates returning to open session in approximately 45 minutes.

The meeting adjourned into Executive Session at 6:01 p.m.

The meeting re-entered Open Session at 7:02 p.m.

### **CALL TO ORDER**

The Regular Meeting of the Ocean City Board of Education was called to order by President Halliday on Thursday, February 23, 2023, at 7:02 p.m. in the Ocean City High School Library, 501 Atlantic Avenue, Ocean City, NJ.

### **OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT ANNOUNCEMENT**

President Halliday announced that adequate notice of this meeting was provided in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, P.L. 1975. Notice of the time, place and agenda were filed with the city clerk, posted in the lobby of City Hall, and delivered to the Ocean City Sentinel and the Press of Atlantic City.

President Halliday led everyone present in a salute to the flag.

### **ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS**

On roll call, members present were Kevin Barnes, Kristie Chisholm, Joseph S. Clark, Jr., Cecilia Gallelli-Keyes, William Holmes, Jacqueline McAlister, Fran Newman, Liz Nicoletti, Catherine Panico, Robin Shaffer, Disston Vanderslice, and Chris Halliday. Also present were Matthew Friedman, Ed.D., Superintendent, Timothy E. Kelley, Business Administrator/Board Secretary, Michael Stanton, Esquire, Carl Tripician from Longport, and Student Representatives Christian Ganter, Lauren Knopp, and Isabella Pero. There were no members absent. There were 68 members of the public present.

*Mrs. McAlister left the meeting at 7:55 p.m. and participated in all votes except for motion to adjourn.*

### **PRESENTATIONS**

Dr. Friedman, Dr. O'Neal, Mr. Mattina, and Dr. Smith recognized student achievement at all three schools.

BOE Student Representatives Christian Ganter, Lauren Knopp, and Isabella Pero provided a student representative update to the Board of Education.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS – AGENDA ITEMS ONLY**

Patrick Kane, Ocean City, addressed the Board regarding the agenda item to appoint Dr. Wendy O'Neal as High School Principal.

### **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Dr. Friedman gave an overview of the Agenda.

Based on the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the following resolutions are presented for formal approval by the Board of Education.

*Motion by Mr. Halliday, seconded by Mr. Clark, to vote separately on personnel item #4.A.*

*Motion by Ms. Gallelli-Keyes, seconded by Mrs. Chisholm, and carried unanimously by roll call vote, the Board of Education approved the following Superintendent's recommendations.*

*Note: P 0152 (policy item #5.A) and P 2340 (policy item #5.C) were tabled and not voted on at the meeting.*

## 1. Buildings & Grounds

### A. Use of Facilities (*Attachment #1.A*)

*The Board approves the following request for the use of the High School:*

	Requested By	Activity	Dates/Times Requested	Rooms Needed	Fee Charged
1	Ocean City Theatre Company	Theatre Camps/ Rehearsals/ Performances	See Attached Schedule	Auditorium, F105, F107, D105, D107	No charge
2	Ocean City Police Department	Cape May County Police Academy Graduation	June 9, 2023 (Fri) 9:00 am – 12:00 pm (rehearsal) 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm (event)	Auditorium	No charge
3	City of Ocean City	Nor'Easters Soccer	See Attached Schedule	Locker Rooms; Exterior Restrooms	No charge
4	City of Ocean City	Summer Basketball Leagues	June 19 – July 31, 2023 (Mon) 5:15 pm – 9:00 pm June 20 – August 1, 2023 (Tues) 5:15 pm – 10:00 pm <i>N/A Tuesday, July 4, 2023</i> June 21 – August 10, 2023 (Wed-Thurs – <b>rain only</b> ) August 8, 2023 (Tues – <b>rain only</b> ) 5:15 pm – 10:00 pm	Main and Auxiliary Gyms	No charge
5	City of Ocean City	Basketball Camp	July 10 – 14, 2023 July 17 – 21, 2023 July 31 – August 4, 2023 (Mon-Fri) 8:00 am – 2:00 pm	Main and Auxiliary Gym	No charge
6	American Cancer Society	Making Strides Breast Cancer Walk	October 8, 2023 (Sun) 7:00 am – 1:00 pm	Community Room; Exterior Restrooms	\$315.00

### Informational Items

School	Date	Drill(s)
High School	January 12, 2023	Fire
	January 9, 2023	Security
Intermediate School	January 11, 2023	Fire
	January 9, 2023	Security
Primary School	January 11, 2023	Fire
	January 13, 2023	Security

- Buildings and Grounds Committee Report – Mr. Halliday, Chairperson  
Mr. Halliday gave a report of the Committee meeting.

## 2. Curriculum and Student Affairs

### A. Summer Programs

*The Board approves the following summer programs at the High School:*

	Program	Dates	Days of the Week
1	Special Education Extended School Year	7/5/23 - 8/3/23	Monday – Thursday

	Program	Dates	Days of the Week
2	Geometry	7/10/23 - 8/17/23	Monday – Thursday

B. High School Field Trips (*Attachment #2.B*)

The Board approves the attached High School Field Trip list.

E. Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying (HIB) Case Finding (*Attachment #2.E*)

The Board adopts and approves the Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying (HIB) Case Finding as reported in the attached.

Informational Items (Attachment)

Out-of-School Suspension Report for January 2023

Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying (HIB) Case Finding  
HS/IS/PS No Findings

- Curriculum and Student Affairs Committee Report – Mrs. McAlister, Chairperson  
Mrs. McAlister gave a report of the Committee meeting.

**3. Finance**

A. Bill List (*Attachment #3.A*)

The Board approves the payment of bills for February 2023 in the amount of \$2,127,697.57.

B. Travel & Expense Reimbursement (*Attachment #3.B*)

The Board approves the February 2023 list of Board of Education Members and School District Staff travel and related expense reimbursements.

C. Food Service Report (*Attachment #3.C*)

The Board accepts the Food Service Monthly Finance Report for January 2023.

D. Tuition Rates

The Board approves the following tuition rates for the 2023-24 school year:

Preschool:	\$13,500
Kindergarten:	\$13,500
Grades 1-5:	\$16,250
Grades 6-8:	\$17,250
Grades 9-12:	\$16,450
Learning/Language Disabilities:	\$22,000
Behavioral Disabilities:	\$33,000
Multiple Disabilities:	\$33,000
Preschool Disabilities:	\$22,000

E. Grant Acceptance

The Board accepts the following grant award from The Philadelphia Eagles for a girls' flag football program for the 2022-23 school year:

- NFL Flag Kit (balls, flags, belts, field markings)
- 25 Nike Uniforms with Eagles & School logo/colors
- \$3,000 stipend for coaches, transportation, or other expenses (one-time funding)

- One practice day per week & one game per week (mid-March through mid-May)
- Six to eight game regular season at local schools; playoffs at Lincoln Financial Field

**4. Personnel** (all motions are upon Superintendent’s recommendation)

A. *This item was voted on separately – see below.*

**B. Coaches 2022-23**

*The Board approves the following High School coaches for the 2022-23 school year by roll call vote:*

	<b>Name</b>	<b>Season</b>	<b>Sport</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Stipend</b>
1	Colin Stewart	Spring	Girls’ Crew	Assistant Coach*	\$5,233.00
2	Michelle French	Spring	Girls’ Crew	Freshman/Novice Coach*	\$4,892.00
3	James Ellis	Spring	Boys’ Crew	Freshman/Novice Coach	\$4,892.00
4	Joshua Handshaw	Spring	Softball	Freshman Coach*	\$4,892.00
5	Arianna Segich	Spring	Softball	Assistant/JV Coach*	\$5,233.00
6	Craig Mensinger	Spring	Baseball	Volunteer Coach	n/a
7	Liza Barrick	Spring	Girls’ Track	Volunteer Coach	n/a
8	John Bellingeri	Spring	Boys’ Lacrosse	Volunteer Coach	n/a
9	Todd Baxter	Spring	Boys’ Lacrosse	Volunteer Coach	n/a

\* Adjusted

**C. Coaches 2023-24**

*The Board approves the following High School coaches for the 2023-24 school year by roll call vote:*

	<b>Name</b>	<b>Season</b>	<b>Sport</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Stipend</b>
1	Benjamin Keating	Fall	Football	Assistant Coach	\$5,233.00
2	Michael Eisenstein	Fall	Football	Assistant Coach	\$5,233.00
3	Steven Waszen	Fall	Football	Assistant Coach	\$5,233.00
4	Douglas Shallcross	Fall	Football	Freshman Coach	\$4,892.00
5	Jacquelyn Adams	Fall	Girls’ Soccer*	Assistant Coach	\$5,233.00
6	Nathan Garza	Fall	Surf Team	Head Coach	\$6,807.00

\*Adjusted

**D. High School Co-Curricular Advisor**

*The Board approves the following High School co-curricular advisor for the 2022-23 school year by roll call vote:*

	<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Stipend</b>
1	Dr. Brian Schkeeper	Choir	\$3,480.00

**E. New Substitute Appointment**

*The Board approves the following substitute appointment by roll call vote:*

	<b>Name</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Effective Dates</b>
1	Mitchell Badner	District	Substitute Teacher	2/24/23 - 6/30/23
2	Alexandra Fasy	District	Substitute Teacher	2/24/23 – 6/30/23
3	Lisa Hickey	District	Substitute Nurse	2/24/23 – 6/30/23

**F. Clinical Placements**

*The Board approves the following Stockton University Fall 2023 nursing clinical placements by roll call vote:*

	Name		Name		
1	Mary Friel	20	Samantha Grasler	39	Marissa Martinelli
2	Emily Menck	21	Brandon Yip	40	Annamarie Cannizzaro
3	Edward Zipf	22	Kaitlyn Hulse	41	Katelyn Koller
4	Lami Momodu	23	Brittany Reyes	42	Savannah Butow
5	Marilyn Roman	24	George Workman	43	Diana Kumi
6	Giselle Figueroa	25	Brandon Zipf	44	Ryann Long
7	Zannatul Afifa	26	Kenya Andrews	45	Amanda Depuyt
8	Savannah Carter	27	Sophie Nelson	46	Mary Cherfane
9	Rakiatu Mansaray	28	Twinkle Surti	47	Clarence Bohatila
10	Kaleigh Perrugia	29	Taylor Snow	48	Molly Schick
11	Alec Feldman	30	Kimberly Malouf	49	Gabriella Simao
12	Patricia Caoili	31	Sheree Evans	50	Madelynn Spears
13	Ciani Nunez	32	Samantha Okros	51	Madison O'Brien
14	Gabriel Ingersoll	33	Mary Jamison	52	Sydney Vorsteg
15	Julia Kennedy	34	Sophia Fortner	53	Catherine Walker
16	Justice Gibson	35	Raisa Mangulabnan	54	Ashley Westfall
17	Makenzie Torree	36	Christopher Tabussi	55	Jordan Rogalski
18	Rachel Theuma	37	Hannah McIntyre	56	Jillian Oriendo
19	Gabriela Trzepizur	38	Vincent Villabroza		

\*4 day rotational schedule, district wide

**G. Leaves of Absence (Attachment #4.G)**

*The Board approves the following leaves of absence by roll call vote:*

	Employee #	School/ Location	Paid Days	Unpaid Days	Type of Leave	Effective Dates
1	2817	HS	7	Up to 60	Intermittent Paid Medical/ Unpaid FMLA	1/1/23-6/30/23
2	3441	District	0	25	Intermittent Unpaid FMLA/NJFLA	3/1/23-4/4/23

- Negotiations Committee Report – Mr. Clark, Chairperson  
No report.

**5. Policy**

**A. Policies – 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading (Attachment #5.A)**

*The Board approves the following replacements, additions and/or deletions to the Board Policy manuals:*

	Policy Number	Policy Name	Mandated	New	Revised	1 <sup>st</sup> Reading
1	<i>This item was tabled and not voted on.</i>					
2	P 0161	Call, Adjournment, and Cancellation			X	1/26/23

	Policy Number	Policy Name	Mandated	New	Revised	1 <sup>st</sup> Reading
3	P 0162	Notice of Board Meetings			X	1/26/23
4	P 2423	Bilingual and ESL Education	X		X	1/26/23
5	P 2426	Emergency Virtual or Remote Instruction Program	X	X		1/26/23
6	P 5200	Attendance	X		X	1/26/23
7	P 5512	Harassment, Intimidation, or Bullying	X		X	1/26/23
8	P 8140	Student Enrollment	X		X	1/26/23
9	P 8330	Student Records	X		X	1/26/23

**B. Regulations – 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading (Attachment #5.B)**

*The Board approves the following replacements, additions and/or deletions to the Board Policy manuals:*

	Regulation Number	Policy Name	Mandated	New	Revised	1 <sup>st</sup> Reading
1	R 2423	Bilingual and ESL Education	X		X	1/26/23
2	R 2426	Emergency Virtual or Remote Instruction Program	X		X	1/26/23
3	R 5200	Attendance	X		X	1/26/23
4	R 8140	Enrollment Accounting	X		X	1/26/23
5	R 8330	Student Records	X		X	1/26/23
6	R 8420.2	Bomb Threats	X		X	1/26/23
7	R 8420.7	Lockdown Procedures	X		X	1/26/23
8	R 8420.10	Active Shooter	X		X	1/26/23

**C. Policies – 1<sup>st</sup> Reading (Attachment #5.C)**

*The Board approves the following replacements, additions and/or deletions to the Board Policy manuals:*

	Policy Number	Policy Name	Mandated	New	Revised
1	<i>This item was tabled and not voted on.</i>				
2	P 5850	Social Events and Class Trips			X

**D. Regulation – 1<sup>st</sup> Reading (Attachment #5.D)**

*The Board approves the following replacements, additions and/or deletions to the Board Policy manuals:*

	Regulation Number	Policy Name	Mandated	New	Revised
1	R 2430	Co-Curricular Activities			X

- Policy Committee Report – Mrs. Newman, Chairperson  
Mrs. Newman gave a report of the Committee meeting.

**6. District Communications/Liaison**

- District Communications Committee Report – Mr. Vanderslice, Chairperson  
Mr. Vanderslice provided an update.

**7. Health and Wellness**

- Health and Wellness Committee Report – Ms. Gallelli-Keyes, Chairperson  
Ms. Gallelli-Keyes gave a report of the Committee meeting.

*Motion by Mrs. Chisholm, seconded by Mr. Shaffer, and carried by roll call vote, except as noted below, the Board of Education approved the following Superintendent’s recommendation.*

**4. Personnel** (all motions are upon Superintendent’s recommendation)

A. New Employment Appointments-Administrative Staff

*The Board approves the following appointments of High School and District administrative staff by roll call vote:*

	<b>Name</b>	<b>School/ Location</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Effective Date</b>	<b>Compensation</b>
1	Dr. Wendy O’Neal	HS	High School Principal	7/1/22	\$143,000
2	Michael Pellegrino	District	Athletic Director	3/1/23	\$128,500 prorated

*Mrs. McAlister abstained on #4.A.2.*

*Motion by Mr. Clark, seconded by Mr. Shaffer, and carried unanimously by roll call vote, the Board of Education (Ocean City Representatives) approved the following Superintendent’s recommendations.*

**1. Buildings & Grounds**

B. Use of Facilities (Ocean City Representatives Only)

*The Board approves the following requests for the use of the Primary and Intermediate Schools:*

	<b>Requested By</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Dates/Times Requested</b>	<b>Rooms Needed</b>	<b>Fee Charged</b>
1	Ocean City PTA	Scholastic Book Fair	February 10, 2023 (Fri: set-up) 3:00 pm – 4:30 pm February 13 – 17, 2023 (Mon-Fri) 8:30 am – 2:00 pm	Primary School Library	No charge
2	Ocean City PTA	After-School Craft	March 24, 2023 (Fri) 2:30 pm (set-up) 3:00 pm – 4:00 pm	Primary School Cafeteria	No charge
3	OC Junior Raiders Lacrosse	Lacrosse Clinic	February 16, 2023 (Thurs) 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm	Intermediate School Gym	No charge



	Requested By	Activity	Dates/Times Requested	Rooms Needed	Fee Charged
4	City of Ocean City	Men's Softball League	May 1 – August 14, 2023 (Mon) 5:30 pm – 8:00 pm	Intermediate School Baseball and Softball Fields	No charge
5	City of Ocean City	Morning Sports	June 19 – 30, 2023 July 17 – August 18, 2023 (Mon-Fri) 8:30 am – 12:30 pm	Intermediate School Cage Field & field behind school; Basketball Courts	No charge
6	City of Ocean City	Summer Basketball Leagues	June 19 – August 9, 2023 (Mon/Wed) 4:30 pm – 8:30 pm June 20 – August 10, 2023 (Tues/Thurs) 4:30 pm – 10:00 pm <i>N/A Tuesday, July 4, 2023</i>	Intermediate School Gym and Basketball Courts	No charge
7	City of Ocean City	Fun N Fitness Camp	June 19 – 30, 2023 July 3 – August 11, 2023 (Mon-Fri) 8:30 am – 12:30 pm	Intermediate School Multi-Purpose Room	No charge
8	City of Ocean City	Lacrosse Clinics	June 27 – July 25, 2023 (Tues) 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm <i>N/A Tuesday, July 4, 2023</i> June 28 – July 26, 2023 (Wed) 4:30 pm – 8:00 pm	Intermediate School Cage Field	No charge
9	City of Ocean City	Field Hockey Camp	July 10 – 14, 2023 (Mon-Fri) 8:00 am – 12:30 pm	Intermediate School Fields; Gym (July 10 only)	No charge

## 2. Curriculum and Student Affairs

### C. Summer Programs (Ocean City Representatives Only)

*The Board approves the following summer programs at the Primary and Intermediate Schools:*

	School	Program	Dates	Days of the Week
1	Intermediate School	Special Education Extended School Year	7/5/23 - 8/3/23	Monday - Thursday
2	Primary School	Special Education Extended School Year	7/5/23 - 8/3/23	Monday – Thursday

### D. Intermediate School Field Trips (Ocean City Representatives Only) (*Attachment #2.D*)

The Board approves the attached Intermediate School Field Trip list.

## 3. Finance

### F. Donation (Ocean City Representatives Only)

*The Board accepts the following donation for the 2022-23 school year:*

School	Donor	Amount	Use
Intermediate School	PTA	\$758.82	4 <sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trip – ACUA Wastewater Treatment Facility

**4. Personnel** (all motions are upon Superintendent’s recommendation)

**H. Coach 2022-23 (Ocean City Representatives Only)**

*The Board approves the following Intermediate School coach for the 2022-23 school year by roll call vote:*

	<b>Name</b>	<b>Season</b>	<b>Sport</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Stipend</b>
1	Sonja Parker	Spring	Girls’ Track	Head Coach*	\$4,892.00

\*Adjusted

**I. Leave Replacement Extension (Ocean City Representatives Only)**

*The Board approves the following leave replacement extension by roll call vote:*

	<b>Name</b>	<b>School/ Location</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Effective Dates</b>	<b>Compensation</b>
1	Steven Cohen	PS	Long-Term Leave Replacement Special Education Teacher	9/1/23-4/6/23	\$51,577.00, BA, Step 1 prorated

**J. Coaches 2023-24 (Ocean City Representatives Only)**

*The Board approves the following Intermediate School coaches for the 2023-24 school year by roll call vote:*

	<b>Name</b>	<b>Season</b>	<b>Sport</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Stipend</b>
1	Sonja Parker	Fall	Boys’ Cross Country	Head Coach	\$4,892.00
2	Bruce Hunt	Fall	Boys’ Soccer	Head Coach	\$4,892.00
3	Victoria Battelini	Fall	Field Hockey	Head Coach	\$4,892.00
4	Patricia Kelly	Fall	Girls’ Cross Country	Head Coach	\$4,892.00
5	Angelo DiBartolo	Fall	Girls’ Soccer	Head Coach	\$4,892.00

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion by Mr. Holmes, seconded by Mrs. Chisholm, the Board of Education approved the minutes of the January 26, 2023, Regular Meeting and Executive Session as presented.

*Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.*

Motion by Mr. Holmes, seconded by Mrs. Newman, the Board of Education approved the minutes of the February 9, 2023, Special Meeting as presented.

*Motion carried by roll call vote, with a vote to abstain from Mrs. McAlister.*

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

There was no unfinished business.

**NEW BUSINESS**

There was no new business.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Lisa Mansfield, Ocean City, addressed the Board regarding living in Ocean City, district staff, district performance, and the appointment of Dr. O’Neal.

Dave Hays, Ocean City, addressed the Board regarding student/district performance on standardized testing.

John McNorton, Ocean City, addressed the Board regarding the appointment of Dr. O'Neal as High School Principal.

**BOARD COMMENTS**

Board comments included thanks and congratulations to Dr. Wendy O'Neal and Mr. Mike Pellegrino on their appointments at the meeting, thanks to BOE Student Representative Lauren Knopp for her work at the State Department of Education and with district initiatives, boys' and girls' basketball teams, and student learning loss.

**BOARD PRESIDENT COMMENTS**

President Halliday noted the success of the girls' and boys' basketball teams, swim teams, and congratulated Dr. O'Neal and Mr. Pellegrino on their appointments at the meeting.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

There was no Executive Session.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Mr. Shaffer, seconded by Mrs. Chisholm, and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Timothy E. Kelley  
Business Administrator/  
Board Secretary

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