

**MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING**  
**AUGUST 15, 2023**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The Special Meeting of the Ocean City Board of Education was called to order by President Halliday on Tuesday, August 15, 2023, at 6:10 p.m. in the Ocean City High School Community Room, 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 (arrived at 6:15 p.m.), William Holmes, Jacqueline McAlister (arrived at 6:15 p.m.), Fran Newman, Liz Nicoletti, Catherine Panico (arrived at 6:33 p.m.), Robin Shaffer, and Chris Halliday. Also present were Scott McCartney, Ed.D., Interim Superintendent, Timothy E. Kelley, Business Administrator/Board Secretary, and Michael Stanton, Esquire. Member absent was Disston Vanderslice. There were no members of the public present.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS – AGENDA ITEMS ONLY**

President Halliday opened the meeting for public comment. There was no public comment.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Motion by Mr. Clark, seconded by Mr. Barnes, 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 sessions; 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 involving anticipated or pending litigation, including matters of attorney-client privilege, and specifically: Superintendent Contract; 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: Superintendent Interviews.

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 not return to open session to conduct business at the conclusion of the executive session. The Board anticipates returning to open session in approximately 2 hours.

The meeting adjourned into Executive Session at 6:12 p.m.

The meeting re-entered Open Session at 8:03 p.m.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Mr. Clark, seconded by Mr. Barnes, and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 8:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Timothy E. Kelley  
Business Administrator/  
Board Secretary

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