

# School Ethics Commission Special Meeting Public Session Minutes

**October 16, 2024**

Chairperson Bender called the special meeting of the School Ethics Commission (Commission or SEC) to order at 9:31 a.m.

Notice of the special meeting was provided to the State House Press Corps and the Secretary of State, and filed as required by the Open Public Meetings Act.

## **I. Roll Call**

<b>Roll Call</b>	<b>Robert Bender</b>	<b>Michael Carucci</b>	<b>Mark Finkelstein</b>	<b>Dennis Roberts</b>	<b>Carol E. Sabo</b>	<b>Richard Tomko</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Present</b>	X			X	X	X	4
<b>Absent</b>							0

Also, in attendance were Brigid C. Martens, Director, Office of School Ethics; Jeannine Pizzigoni, staff member; and Amna Toor, Deputy Attorney General (DAG). Everyone in attendance at the meeting participated by telephone/video.

## **II. Public Comment**

No one from the public was present at the meeting.

## **III. Executive Session**

At 9:33 a.m., the following Resolution was read:

**Whereas**, the Open Public Meetings Act (*N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq.*) authorizes the Commission, a public body, to meet in Executive Session under certain circumstances; and

**Whereas**, the Open Public Meetings Act requires that the Commission adopt a Resolution at a public meeting to go into Executive Session; and

**Now therefore be it resolved** that, consistent with the provisions of *N.J.A.C. 10:4-12(b)*, the Commission will adjourn to Executive Session to discuss matters which, by statute, are regarded as confidential and also to discuss matters possibly involving litigation: C84-20; and

**Now therefore be it further resolved** that the Commission will return to open session to conduct business at the conclusion of Executive Session.

Motion was made by Dennis Roberts, and seconded by Richard Tomko, to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss the matters set forth in the foregoing Resolution.

**Vote**

<b>Vote</b>	<b>Robert Bender</b>	<b>Michael Carucci</b>	<b>Mark Finkelstein</b>	<b>Dennis Roberts</b>	<b>Carol E. Sabo</b>	<b>Richard Tomko</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Yes</b>	X			X	X	X	4
<b>No</b>							0
<b>Abstention</b>							0

**IV. Return to Public**

At **9:45 a.m.**, a motion was made by Carol E. Sabo, and seconded by Richard Tomko, to return to public session for the purpose of receiving public comment/testimony, and to vote on matters discussed in Executive Session (as appropriate).

**Vote**

<b>Vote</b>	<b>Robert Bender</b>	<b>Michael Carucci</b>	<b>Mark Finkelstein</b>	<b>Dennis Roberts</b>	<b>Carol E. Sabo</b>	<b>Richard Tomko</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Yes</b>	X			X	X	X	4
<b>No</b>							0
<b>Abstention</b>							0

**V. Second Public Comment**

Members of the public were not in attendance at the special meeting.

**VI. Decisions to Adopt**

**C84-20** Motion was made by Dennis Roberts, and seconded by Carol E. Sabo, to adopt the decision as written.

**Vote**

<b>Vote</b>	<b>Robert Bender</b>	<b>Michael Carucci</b>	<b>Mark Finkelstein</b>	<b>Dennis Roberts</b>	<b>Carol E. Sabo</b>	<b>Richard Tomko</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Yes</b>	X			X	X	X	4
<b>No</b>							0
<b>Abstention</b>							0

## **VII. Adjourment**

At 9:48 a.m., a motion was made by Dennis Roberts, and seconded by Carol E. Sabo, to adjourn.

### **Vote**

<b>Vote</b>	<b>Robert Bender</b>	<b>Michael Carucci</b>	<b>Mark Finkelstein</b>	<b>Dennis Roberts</b>	<b>Carol E. Sabo</b>	<b>Richard Tomko</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Yes</b>	X			X	X	X	4
<b>No</b>							0
<b>Abstention</b>							0

Submitted by:

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Jeannine Pizzigoni

Approved by:

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Brigid C. Martens, Director  
School Ethics Commission