

**New Jersey State Board of Education
Minutes of the Annual Retreat Meeting
In the Conference Room on the First Floor
100 River View Executive Plaza
Trenton, NJ**

September 25, 2017

Presiding: Arcelio Aponte, President

Secretary: Kimberley Harrington, Commissioner

PRESENT CONSTITUTING A QUORUM

Mrs. Mary Beth Berry
Ms. Edithe Fulton
Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Gazi
Dr. Nedd J. Johnson
Dr. Ernest Lepore
Mr. Jack Fornaro
Mrs. Kathy Goldenberg
Mr. Andrew Mulvihill
Mrs. Sylvia Sylvia

ABSENT

Dr. Ronald Butcher
Dr. Joseph L. Ricca

CONVENING

Arcelio Aponte, president, State Board of Education, convened the public meeting with the reading of the resolution pertaining to the public session of the State Board meeting as it complies with the Open Public Meetings Act.

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act was enacted to insure the right of the public to have advance notice of and to attend the meeting of public bodies at which any business affecting their interest is discussed or acted upon, and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the provisions of this act, the State Board of Education has caused notice of this meeting to be published by having the date, time and place thereof posted in the Department of Education, Secretary of State's Office and notice also having been given to the State House press corps, the Governor's Office and the State Board agenda subscribers, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that by adopting this resolution the State Board of Education states its intention to convene a public meeting to conduct the state's business on Monday, September 25, 2017.

Welcome and Introduction

President Aponte welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Overview of Division Work

During the policy meeting, State Board members and Commissioner Harrington discussed some of the work currently underway in the Department of Education including day-to-day operations, state aid, NJQSAC, school choice and charter schools, the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), New Jersey Student Learning Standards and educator effectiveness.

Role of a State Board Member/Education Issues on the Federal Level

Kristen Amundson, President and CEO, National Association of State Boards of Education (NASBE) and Robert Hull, Executive Vice-President NASBE provided training to the State Board members on the roles and responsibilities of the position in order to be effective policy makers.

Next Steps/Closing Remarks

On behalf of the State Board, Vice President Mulvihill thanked all of the presenters and attendees for their participation. He stated that the Department will work to provide the additional information requested during the day to all State Board members.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion duly seconded and carried, the State Board adjourned September 25, 2017 Annual State Board Retreat at 3:48 p.m.

Kimberley Harrington, Commissioner
Secretary, N.J. State Board of Education