

**New Jersey State Board of Education**  
**Minutes of the Special Meeting of the New Jersey State Board of Education**  
**In Conference Room 1C on the First Floor**  
**100 River View Executive Plaza**  
**Trenton, NJ**

**June 28, 2018**

**Presiding:** Arcelio Aponte, President

**Secretary:** Kevin Dehmer, Acting Commissioner

**PRESENT CONSTITUTING A QUORUM**

Mrs. Mary Beth Berry  
Mrs. Elaine Bobrove  
Mrs. Kathy Goldenberg  
Dr. Nedd J. Johnson  
Dr. Ernest Lepore  
Mr. Andrew Mulvihill  
Mrs. Sylvia Sylvia

**ABSENT**

Dr. Ronald Butcher  
Mr. Jack Fornaro  
Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Gazi  
Dr. Joseph L. Ricca  
Mrs. Fatimah Burnam-Watkins

**CONVENING**

State Board of Education President Arcelio Aponte convened the public meeting at 9:00 a.m. with the reading of the statement pertaining to the public session of the State Board meeting as it complies with the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act.

The 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.

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.

And seeing there was a quorum, the meeting of June 28, 2018 was called to order.

**ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

President Aponte then read the resolution pertaining to the executive session of the State Board meeting as it complies with the Open Public Meetings Act.

**WHEREAS**, in order to protect the personal privacy and to avoid situations wherein the public interest might be disserved, the Open Public Meetings Act permits public bodies to exclude the public from that portion of a meeting at which certain matters are discussed, now therefore be it

**RESOLVED**, that consistent with the provision of N.J.S.A. 10:4-12.b, the State Board Education will now adjourn to executive session to discuss personnel matters. The State Board immediately adjourned to executive session on June 28, 2018.

## **RECONVENING**

State Board President Arcelio Aponte reconvened the open meeting at 10:40 a.m. with the reading of the resolution pertaining to the resumption of the public session of the State Board meeting as it complies with the Open Public Meetings Act.

**WHEREAS**, consistent with the provision of N.J.S.A. 10:4-12.b, the State Board will now adjourn from executive session to resume the open session of this meeting.

## **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

### **ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION:**

*\*Items scheduled for a vote are marked with an asterisk.*

#### **\*A. Appointment(s)**

- Approved the following appointment pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:2, N.J.S.A. 18A:7A-15 and N.J.S.A. 18A:7A-15.1:

### **APPOINTMENT OF STATE DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT**

**WHEREAS**, on October 4, 1989, the State Board of Education issued an Administrative Order creating a State-Operated School District in the City of Paterson; and

**WHEREAS**, on October 4, 1989, the State Board of Education ordered the Commissioner of Education to take all actions as are necessary to implement the provisions of N.J.S.A. 18A:7A-34 et seq.; and

**WHEREAS**, Eileen Shafer was appointed Acting State District Superintendent of the Paterson School District on July 5, 2017; and her contract is due to expire on June 30, 2018; and

**WHEREAS**, it was necessary for the Commissioner to appoint an Acting State District Superintendent to assume the duties of the State District Superintendent on an interim basis in order to implement the provisions of N.J.S.A. 18A:7A-34 et seq.; and

**WHEREAS**, the Paterson Board of Education, after conducting a nationwide search, recommended the Commissioner appoint Eileen Shafer State District Superintendent; and

**WHEREAS**, the Commissioner of Education hereby recommends the appointment of Eileen Shafer as State District Superintendent in the State-Operated School District of Paterson; now be it therefore

**RESOLVED**, that the State Board of Education hereby approves the appointment of Eileen Shafer as State District Superintendent of the State-Operated School District of Paterson effective June 28, 2018.

- Approved the following appointment pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:2, N.J.S.A. 18A:7A-15 and N.J.S.A. 18A:7A-15.1:

**APPOINTMENT OF ACTING STATE DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT**

**WHEREAS**, on June 5, 2013, the State Board of Education issued an administrative order pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:7A-15 et seq. directing that the Camden City board of Education be placed under full State intervention; and

**WHEREAS**, on June 5, 2013, the State Board of Education ordered the Commissioner of Education to take all actions as are necessary to implement the provisions of N.J.S.A. 18A:7A-34 et seq.; and

**WHEREAS**, Paymon Rouhanifard was appointed State District Superintendent of Camden City School District on August 26, 2013; and

**WHEREAS**, Superintendent Rouhanifard announced his retirement effective June 22, 2018; and

**WHEREAS**, it was necessary for the Commissioner to appoint an Acting State District Superintendent to assume the duties of the State District Superintendent on an interim basis in order to implement the provisions of N.J.S.A. 18A:7A-34 et seq.; and

**WHEREAS**, in order to relieve Superintendent Rouhanifard of those duties upon his retirement, the Commissioner secured the professional services of Katrina McCombs to serve as Acting State District Superintendent until such time as a permanent State District Superintendent is appointed by the State Board of Education; and

**WHEREAS**, the Commissioner of Education hereby recommends the appointment of an Acting State District Superintendent in the State-Operated School District of Camden City to assume the duties of the State District Superintendent until such time as a permanent State District Superintendent is appointed and commences employment; now be it therefore

**RESOLVED**, that the State Board of Education hereby approves the appointment of Katrina McCombs, the current Deputy Superintendent for Camden City School District, as Acting State District Superintendent of the State-Operated School District of the Camden City for an interim period effective June 28, 2018.

**ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion duly seconded and carried, the State Board of Education adjourned its June 28, 2018, public meeting at 10:54 a.m.

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Dr. Lamont O. Repollet, Commissioner  
Secretary, N.J. State Board of Education