

**Minutes of the Meeting of the New Jersey State Board of Education  
In the Conference Room on the First Floor  
100 River View Executive Plaza  
Trenton, NJ  
March 4, 2026**

**Presiding:** Kathy Goldenberg, President

**Secretary:** Dr. Lily Laux, Commissioner

**Present Constituting a Quorum**

Dr. Ronald Butcher  
Mr. Arcelio Aponte  
Ms. Mary Beth Berry  
Mr. Jack Fornaro  
Dr. Joseph Ricca  
Ms. Mary Bennett  
Ms. Jeanette Peña  
Dr. Claudine Keenan  
Mr. Ahmed Shehata  
Mr. James Williams

**Absent**

Dr. Nedd Johnson

**Convening**

State Board of Education President Kathy Goldenberg convened the public meeting at 9:12 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 ensure 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 (Department), 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 March 4, 2026, was called to order.

**Adjourn to Executive Session**

President Goldenberg 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 and legal issues. The State Board immediately adjourned to executive session on March 4, 2026.

### **Reconvening**

President Goldenberg reconvened the open meeting at 10:04 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**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by State Board member Claudine Keenan.

### **Welcome**

President Goldenberg stated the State Board meetings are accessible to the public for viewing on the YouTube Channel and would like to advise that YouTube provides readily accessible language translation options for closed captioning. She further stated if you are viewing this simulcast now, you can use the settings option in YouTube for information about sub-titles, auto translations and closed captioning in multiple languages.

### **Approval of Minutes of The Meeting**

On a motion duly seconded and carried, the State Board members approved the minutes of the public meeting conducted on February 4, 2026.

### **President's Reports**

#### **Public Testimony**

President Goldenberg stated that public testimony will not be held in March as there are no topics scheduled. She further stated that in the month of April, we will hold public testimony on the draft Religious Holidays Calendar Resolution and the proposed amendments to Chapter 9B, State Board of Examiners and Certification pertaining to the military science endorsement. She stated State Board members Nedd Johnson, Arcelio Aponte, Mary Bennett, and Jack Fornaro are scheduled for public testimony and that Claudine Keenan and she are alternates.

#### **Permanent Student Representative**

President Goldenberg stated that this year’s student representative to the board is Kailynn DuRose, a junior at East Brunswick High School in Middlesex County, and that her advisor is Bonnie Benkard.

Miss DuRose stated she surveyed students at East Brunswick High School to obtain feedback on the new standardized field test that was administered in the fall. She stated based on the feedback, very few students were aware of some distinct features and unique design, as well as some features that were lacking, that would better support and enhance student outcomes.

Commissioner Laux thanked Kailynn for her student voice and that due to Kailynn’s comments she wanted to share some information that can be found on the Department of Education’s [assessment homepage pertaining to adaptive tests](#). Commissioner Laux also stated adaptive tests are not new to New Jersey students, and this type of test is aligned to the New Jersey Student Learning Standards.

Commissioner Laux then highlighted for the State Board members and the public the adaptive assessments tab that offers a variety of new resources as well as frequently asked questions. She also stated that the Department will continue to update this information on these pages as necessary in the months to come.

### **Resolution in Recognition of the Month of the Military Child**

President Goldenberg requested that the State Board adopt a ceremonial Resolution in Recognition of the Month of the Military Child. The State Board unanimously adopted the following resolution read by President Goldenberg recognizing the Month of the Military Child.

#### **Resolution in Recognition of the Month of the Military Child in New Jersey**

**Whereas**, the month of April 2026 has been designated nationally as the Month of the Military Child by the Department of Defense to underscore the important role military children play in the armed forces community; and

**Whereas**, the New Jersey State Board of Education and the Department of Education aim to ensure, through the policies established, that all students are challenged to maximize their potential and to excel academically, socially, emotionally and physically for college, career and throughout life; and

**Whereas**, the Department of Education encourages school districts to provide support to children of service members as they transition between schools to address their distinct needs and prepare them to graduate as well-rounded citizens; and

**Whereas**, the physical, social and emotional well-being of children in military families is essential to their success and has a direct impact on the resilience of military families serving our country; and

**Whereas**, these efforts and supports can improve the lives of military children and help pave the way for future generations; and

**Whereas**, it is both fitting and proper that special recognition be given to ensuring military children feel safe and supported in our schools and communities, so that their parents can focus on the challenges and missions they face in the line of duty; now, therefore be it

**Resolved**, that the New Jersey State Board of Education and the Acting Commissioner of Education recognize April 2026 as the Month of the Military Child in New Jersey.

President Goldenberg stated that she will present the resolution during the Month of the Military Child Proclamation Signing Event on April 1, 2026, at McGuire Air Force Base.

### **State Board Committee Reports**

There were no committee meeting reports.

### **School Visits**

President Goldenberg stated that she and the Board had the opportunity to accompany Commissioner Laux on visits to schools across the State. She stated she would like to offer her thanks to the Commissioner for the invitation and to the host school districts of Trenton, Tinton Falls, Red Bank, and Newark. Board member Arcelio Aponte stated he also had the pleasure of visiting Newark Public School District as well, and expressed his gratitude for the opportunity.

### **Commissioner's Reports**

#### **Resolution in Recognition of Gifted and Talented Students Month in New Jersey**

Commissioner Laux requested that the State Board adopt a ceremonial resolution in recognition of Gifted and Talented Students Month in New Jersey. The State Board unanimously adopted the following resolution read by State Board member Jeanette Peña recognizing Gifted and Talented Students Month in New Jersey.

#### **Resolution in Honor of Gifted And Talented Students Month In New Jersey**

**Whereas**, the Strengthening Gifted and Talented Education Act was signed into law on January 13, 2020; and

**Whereas**, shortly thereafter the New Jersey Department of Education established the Strengthening Gifted and Talented Education Advisory Committee, consisting of five sub-committees to address Law Implementation, Identification, Programming, The Intersectionality of Cognitive and Affective Needs, and Professional Development to best identify and serve the needs of gifted students; and

**Whereas**, the New Jersey Department of Education collaborates with the Advisory Committee, various New Jersey education organizations, and gifted and talented education experts from across the country to provide technical assistance to educators on how to best support gifted and Twice-Exceptional students; and

**Whereas**, it is the work of these collaborative efforts that will support statewide and local education agencies' efforts in meeting the needs of Gifted and Twice-Exceptional students, so they are provided the opportunity to fulfill their academic potential; now, therefore be it

**Resolved**, that the New Jersey Commissioner of Education recognizes the month of March as "Gifted and Talented Students Month in New Jersey" and honors the gifted and talented

students of New Jersey, as well as their parents, teachers, and school leaders who are working to ensure that our students have the resources and opportunities they need to succeed.

President Goldenberg introduced Ms. Elaine Chesebro, President of The New Jersey Association for Gifted Children (NJAGC) and co-chair of the Identification Subcommittee of the Strengthening Gifted and Talented Education Advisory Committee, to accept the resolution.

**Items for Consideration**

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

**\*A. Appointments**

- Approved the following appointment pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:4-32-35 and N.J.A.C. 6A:2-1.1 et seq.:
  - Ms. Laura Console, Assistant Commissioner, Division of Legal and External Services

**\*B. Certification of School Districts**

- Approved for a period of three years, those school districts recommended by the Commissioner, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:7A-14.a and b. Board member Ron Butcher abstained.

<b>District</b>	<b>County</b>
Wenonah Boro School District	Gloucester
Elk Township School District	Gloucester
Pitman Boro School District	Gloucester
South Bound Brook Public School District	Somerset
Mountainside School District	Union

**C. Religious Holidays Calendar Resolution**

- Discussed the resolution pertaining to the annual calendar of religious holidays for the 2024-2025 school year as established at N.J.A.C. 6A:32-8.3(j), pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:36-14 to 16.

**Resolution  
The List of Religious Holidays Permitting Student Absence from School**

**Whereas**, according to N.J.S.A. 18A:36-14 through 16 and N.J.A.C. 6A:32-8.4(e)1i, regarding student absence from school because of religious holidays, the Commissioner of Education, with the approval of the State Board of Education, is charged with the responsibility of prescribing such rules and regulations as may be necessary to carry out the purpose of the law; and

**Whereas**, the law provides that:

1. Any student absent from school because of a religious holiday may not be deprived of any award or of eligibility or opportunity to compete for any award because of such absence;
2. Students who miss a test or examination because of absence on a religious holiday must be given the right to take an alternate test or examination;
3. To be entitled to the privileges set forth above, the student must present a written excuse signed by a parent or person standing in place of a parent;
4. Any absence because of a religious holiday must be recorded in the school register or in any group or class attendance record as an excused absence;
5. Such absence must not be recorded on any transcript or application or employment form or on any similar form; and
6. The Commissioner, with the approval of the State Board of Education, is required to:
  - (a) prescribe such rules and regulations as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of this act; and
  - (b) prepare a list of religious holidays on which it shall be mandatory to excuse a student. The list, however, is to be a minimum list. Boards of education, at their discretion, may add other days to the list for the schools of their districts; and

**Whereas,** the New Jersey Department of Education makes every attempt to ensure the accuracy of the dates using the lunar, Gregorian and Julian calendars; and

**Whereas,** the district board of education has the right to add any bona fide religious holiday to the list for its own schools;

**Whereas,** dates within this resolution may not be fixed before the State Board adopts the annual calendar and may require additional revision; now therefore be it

**Resolved,** that the State Board of Education permits the Commissioner of Education, after annual adoption by the State Board of Education, to revise the dates provided in list of religious holidays; and be it further

**Resolved,** that the State Board of Education adopts the following list of religious holidays for the 2026-2027 school year:

**2026-2027 School Year Observances**

**July 2026**

Date	Observance
July 5	Foundation Stone of Shri Akal Takht Sahib Ji (Sikh)
July 10	Martyrdom of the Bab (Baha'i)
July 23	Tish'a B'Av (Jewish)

July 29	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Guru Purnima</li> <li>• Asalha Puja Day (Buddhist)</li> </ul>
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## August 2026

Date	Observance
August 1	Lammas (Christian and Wicca)
August 3	Chehlum Imam Hussain (Islam Dawoodi Bohra)*
August 13-15	Obon (Buddhist)
August 14	Mawlid al-Nabi (Islam)*
August 15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fast in Honor of the Holy Mother of Lord Jesus (Eastern Orthodox Christian)</li> <li>• Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Catholic Christian)</li> <li>• Dormition of the Theotokos (Orthodox Christian)</li> </ul>
August 17	Naga Panchami (Hindu)*
August 19	Transfiguration of the Lord (Eastern Orthodox Christian)
August 24	Mawlid al-Nabi (Islam Dawoodi Bohra)*
August 26	Onam (Hindu)*
August 27	Ullambana (Buddhist)
August 28	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Urus-Syedna Mohammed Burhanuddin (Islam Dawoodi Bohra)*</li> <li>• Raksha Bandhan (Hindu)*</li> </ul>

## September 2026

Date	Observance
September 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ecclesiastical Year begins (Eastern Orthodox Christian)</li> <li>• Installation of the Scriptures as Guru Granth Sahib (Sikh)</li> </ul>
September 4	Krishna Janmashtami (Hindu)*
September 7	His Holiness Sakya Trizin's Birthday (Buddhist)
September 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nativity of Mary (Christian)</li> <li>• Nativity of the Theotokos (Eastern Orthodox Christian)</li> </ul>
September 8-15	Paryushan (Jain)*
September 11-13	Rosh Hashanah (Jewish)
September 12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• First Prakash Shri Guru Granth Sahib Ji (Sikh)</li> <li>• Feast of Trumpets (Christian, Church of God, Philadelphia Church of God)</li> </ul>
September 14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ganesh Chaturthi (Hindu)*</li> <li>• The Elevation of the Holy Cross (Eastern Orthodox Christian)</li> </ul>
September 15	Milad Imam-uz-Zamaan (Islam Dawoodi Bohra)*
September 21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Day of Atonement (Christian)</li> <li>• Yom Kippur (Jewish)</li> </ul>
September 22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jyoti Jot Guru Nanak Dev Ji (Sikh)</li> <li>• Mabon (Wicca/Pagan)</li> </ul>

September 25	Day of Atonement (Church of God, Philadelphia Church of God)
September 26-October 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sukkot (Jewish)</li> <li>• Feast of Tabernacles (Church of God, Philadelphia Church of God)</li> </ul>

### October 2026

Date	Observance
October 1	Milad Syedna Mohammed Burhanuddin (Islam Dawoodi Bohra)*
October 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Last Great Day (Church of God, Philadelphia Church of God)</li> <li>• Sh'mini Atzeret (Jewish)</li> </ul>
October 4	Simchat Torah (Jewish)

### November 2026

Date	Observance
November 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All Saints Day (Christian)</li> <li>• Samhain (Wicca)</li> </ul>
November 2	All Souls' Day (Christian)
November 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Diwali (Hindu, Jain, Puja and Deepavali)*</li> <li>• Bandi Chhor Diwas (Sikh)</li> </ul>
November 9	Goverdhan Puja (Hindu)*
November 10	Birth of B'ab (Bah'i)
November 11	Birth of Baha'u'llah (Bah'i)
November 15	Nativity Fast begins (Eastern Orthodox Christian)
November 21	The Presentation of the Theotokos to the Temple (Eastern Orthodox Christian)
November 24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Martyrdom of Guru Tegh Bahadur (Sikh)</li> <li>• Guru Nanak Dev Ji Birthday (Sikh)</li> </ul>
November 26	Day of Covenant (Baha'i)
November 28	Ascension of 'Abdul'l Baha (Baha'i)
November 29	First Sunday of Advent (Christian)

### December 2026

Date	Observance
December 5-12	Hanukkah (Jewish)
December 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Immaculate Conception (Christian)</li> <li>• Bodhi Day (Buddhist)</li> </ul>
December 21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Yule (Wicca, Christian)</li> <li>• Martyrdom of Wadde Sahibzade (Sikh)</li> </ul>
December 23	Ayyam al Beez (Islam Dawoodi Borha)*
December 25	Christmas (Christian)

December 26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Zarathosht Diso (Zoroastrian)</li> <li>• Martyrdom Chotte Sahibzada (Sikh)</li> </ul>
December 27	Urus – Syedna Taher Saifuddin (Islam Dawoodi Bohra)*

### January 2027

Date	Observance
January 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gantan-Sai (Shinto)</li> <li>• Mary, Mother of God (Catholic Christian)</li> </ul>
January 3-10	Holy Convocation (Church of God and Saints of Christ)
January 4	Yawm al-Mab'ath (Islam Dawoodi Bohra)*
January 5	Lailat al Miraj (Islam)*
January 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Feast of Epiphany (Christian)</li> <li>• Nativity of Christ (Armenian Orthodox)</li> <li>• Feast of Theophany (Eastern Orthodox Christian)</li> </ul>
January 7	Feast of the Nativity (Eastern Orthodox Christian)
January 13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maghi-Lohri (Sikh)</li> <li>• Foundation of Shri Darbar Sahib (Maghi)</li> </ul>
January 14	Makar Sankranti and Pongal (Hindu)*
January 15	Birthday of Guru Gobind Singh Sahib (Sikh)
January 17	World Religion Day (Baha'i)
January 23	Tu B'shvat (Jewish)
January 24	Lailat al Bara'ah (Islam)*

### February 2027

Date	Observance
February 1	Imbolic-Candlemas (Wicca and Christian)
February 2	The Presentation of Our Lord Christ in the Temple (Eastern Orthodox Christian)
February 6	Chinese/Lunar New Year (Confucian, Daoist, Buddhist)
February 8-17	Midwinter Ceremonies (Native American)*
February 8-March 8	Ramadan (Islam)
February 9	Shrove Tuesday (Christian)
February 10	Ash Wednesday (Christian)
February 11	Vasant Panchami (Hindu)*
February 15	Nirvana Day (Buddhist)
February 24	Shahadat – Amirul Mumineen (Islam Dawoodi Bohra)*
February 25	Jonah's Passover (Eastern Orthodox Church)
February 25 – March 1	Intercalary Days (Baha'i)
February 27-28	Laylatul Qadr (Islam Dawoodi Bohra)*
February 28	Milad Syedna Mufaddal Saifuddin (Islam Dawoodi Bohra)*

## March 2027

Date	Observance
March 5	Aakhir Jumo'a (Islam Dawoodi Bohra)*
March 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Laylatul Qadr (Islam)*</li> <li>Maha Shivaratri (Hindu)*</li> </ul>
March 8	Eid al-Fitr (Islam Dawoodi Bohra)*
March 9-10	Eid ul-Fitr (Islam)
March 13	L. Ron Hubbard's Birthday (Church of Scientology)
March 15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Meena Sankranti (Hindu)*</li> <li>Clean Monday (Eastern Orthodox Christian)</li> </ul>
March 16	Eid ul-Adha (Islam)*
March 19	Govinda Dwadashi (Hindu)*
March 20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nowruz (Zoroastrian)</li> <li>Ostara (Wicca)</li> </ul>
March 21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Naw-Ruz (Baha'i)</li> <li>Holika Dahan (Hindu)*</li> <li>Palm Sunday</li> </ul>
March 22	Lord's Evening Meal (Christian, Jehovah's Witness)
March 23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Purim (Jewish)</li> <li>Holi (Hindu)*</li> <li>Hola Mohalla (Sikh)*</li> </ul>
March 25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Holy Thursday (Christian)</li> <li>The Annunciation of the Virgin Mary (Christian)</li> <li>The Annunciation of the Theotokos (Eastern Orthodox Christian)</li> </ul>
March 26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Khordad Sal (Zoroastrian)</li> <li>Holy Friday (Christian)</li> </ul>
March 28	Easter (Christian)
March 29	Easter Monday (Christian)

## April 2027

Date	Observance
April 7	Chandramana Yugadi (Hindu)*
April 7-15	Chaitra Navratri (Hindu)*
April 13	Theravadin New Year (Buddhist)
April 13-20	Memorial of the Feast of the Lord's Passover (Church of God and Saints of Christ)
April 14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Souramana Yugadi (Hindu)*</li> <li>Vaisakhi (Sikh)</li> </ul>
April 15	Ramnavami (Hindu)*
April 18	Prakash Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji (Sikh)
April 19	Mahavir Jayanti (Jain)*

April 20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Passover (United Church of God)</li> <li>• Hanuman Jayanti (Hindu)*</li> </ul>
April 22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• First Day of Unleavened Bread (Church of God)</li> <li>• First Day of Ridvan (Baha'i)</li> </ul>
April 22-28	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Passover/Days of Unleavened Bread (Church of God and Saints of Christ, Philadelphia Church of God)</li> <li>• Memorial Feast of the Lords Passover and Days of Unleavened Bread (Church of God and Saints of Christ)</li> </ul>
April 22-29	Passover (Jewish)
April 24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lazarus Saturday (Eastern Orthodox Christian)</li> </ul>
April 25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Palm Sunday (Eastern Orthodox Christian)</li> <li>• The 11<sup>th</sup> Panchen Lama's Birthday (Buddhist)</li> </ul>
April 28	Last Day of Unleavened Bread (Church of God)
April 29	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Holy Thursday (Eastern Orthodox Christian)</li> <li>• Ninth Day of Ridvan (Baha'i)</li> </ul>
April 30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Holy Friday (Eastern Orthodox Christian)</li> <li>• The Last Friday of the Great Lent (Eastern Orthodox Church)</li> </ul>

### May 2027

Date	Observance
May 1	Beltane (Wicca)
May 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Easter (Eastern Orthodox Christian)</li> <li>• Twelfth Day of Ridvan (Baha'i)</li> </ul>
May 3	Bright Monday (Eastern Orthodox Christian)
May 6	Ascension of Our Lord (Christian)
May 12	Yom Ha'Azmaut (Jewish)
May 14	Yawm al-Arafa (Islam Dawoodi Bohra)*
May 15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hajj Day (Islam)*</li> <li>• Eid al-Adha (Islam Dawoodi Bohra)*</li> </ul>
May 16	Pentecost (Christian)
May 17	Eid al-Adha (Islam)
May 19	Buddha's Birthday/Buddha Day*
May 20	Visakha Puja (Buddhist)*
May 22	Declaration of the Bab (Baha'i)
May 23	Eid-e-Ghadeer (Islam Dawoodi Bohra)*
May 25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lag B'Omer (Jewish)</li> <li>• Eid-e-Ghadeer (Muslim)</li> </ul>
May 29	Ascension of Baha'u'llah (Baha'i)

### June 2027

Date	Observance
June 5	1 <sup>st</sup> Muharram (Islam Dawoodi Bohra)*

June 5-14	Ashara Mubarak (Islam Dawoodi Bohra)*
June 6	1 <sup>st</sup> Muharram (Islamic New Year)
June 10	Feast of Ascension (Eastern Orthodox)
June 11-12	Shavuot (Jewish)
June 14	Yawm Aashura (Islam Dawoodi Bohra)*
June 15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Foundation Stone of Shri Akal Takht Sahib Ji (Sikh)</li> <li>• Ashura (Islam)</li> </ul>
June 16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Martyrdom of Guru Arjan (Sikh)</li> <li>• Martyrdom of Guru Arjan Dev Sahib (Sikh)</li> </ul>
June 20	Pentecost (Eastern Orthodox Christian)
June 21	Litha (Wicca)
June 29	Fast of the Holy Apostles (Eastern Orthodox Christian)

**Work Session**

There was no work session.

**New Business**

State Board member Ahmed Shehata offered his congratulations to Commissioner Laux on her unanimous confirmation by the Senate as Commissioner of Education.

**Adjournment**

On a motion duly seconded and carried, the State Board of Education adjourned its March 4, 2026, public meeting at 10:52 a.m.

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Dr. Lily Laux, Commissioner  
Secretary, N.J. State Board of Education