



**ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

Zoom Phone Conference
Tuesday July 13, 2021
6:00pm

Approved Minutes

• **CALL TO ORDER** –

Meeting was called to order by Zakia Gibson, M.Ed., Chief Education Officer 6:06 pm.

• **ROLL CALL** –

Janet Spight White, Member / Shamayim Harris, Member / Linda G. Wheeler, Member / Lorne McGee, Member / Cheryl Sanford, Member / Anthony Askew, Member / Mark Ashley Price, Member

QUORUM

• **ELECTION OF BOARD OFFICERS** –

Nomination of President:

Chief Education Officer Zakia Gibson requests nominations for the seat of President.

Member Linda Wheeler nominates Member Janet Spight, Janet Spight White accepts.

Member Lorne McGee nominates Shamayim Harris, Member Shamayim Harris accepts.

No additional nominations for President.

Motion to Elect President:

Chief Education Officer Zakia Gibson entertained a motion to select Member Janet Spight-White as President, so moved by Member Linda Wheeler, supported by Member Mark Ashley Price.

Discussion: None

Roll call vote: Janet Spight White – **Yes**, Shamayim Harris **No**, Linda Wheeler – **Yes**, Lorne McGee – **No**, Cheryl Sanford – **No**, Anthony Askew – **No**, Mark Ashley Price – **Yes**,

MOTION FAILS: 3-4

Chief Education Officer entertained a motion to select Member Shamayim Harris as President, so moved by Member Cheryl Sanford, supported by Member Anthony Askew.

Roll call vote: Janet Spight White – **No**, Shamayim Harris **Yes**, Linda Wheeler – **No**, Lorne McGee – **Yes**, Cheryl Sanford – **Yes**, Anthony Askew – **Yes**, Mark Ashley Price – **No**,

MOTION PASSES: 4-3

Member Shamayim Harris is elected **President** for the 2021–2021 Fiscal Year.

Nomination of Vice President:

President Shamayim Harris requests nominations for the seat of Vice President.

Member Lorne McGee nominates Member Janet Spight White, Member Janet Spight White accepts.
Member Cheryl Sanford nominates Member Anthony Askew, Member Anthony Askew accepts.
Member Janet Spight White nominates Member Mark Ashley Price, Member Mark Ashley Price accepts.
No additional nominations for Vice President.

Motion to Elect Vice President:

President Shamayim Harris entertained a motion to elect Member Janet Spight White as Vice President, so moved by Member Mark Ashley Price, supported by Member Linda Wheeler.

Discussion: None

Roll call vote: Janet Spight White – **Yes**, Shamayim Harris **No**, Linda Wheeler – **Yes**, Lorne McGee – **Yes**, Cheryl Sanford – **No**, Anthony Askew – **No**, Mark Ashley Price – **Yes**,

MOTION PASSES: 4-3

Member Janet Spight White is elected **Vice President** for the 2021–2021 Fiscal Year.

Nomination of Treasurer:

President Shamayim Harris requests nominations for the seat of Treasurer.

Member Janet Spight White nominates Member Lorne McGee, Member Lorne McGee accepts.

No additional nominations for Treasurer.

Motion to Elect Treasurer:

President Shamayim Harris entertained a motion to select Member Lorne McGee as Treasurer, so moved by Member Janet Spight White, supported by Member Anthony Askew.

Discussion: None

Roll call vote: Janet Spight White – **Yes**, Shamayim Harris **Yes**, Linda Wheeler – **Yes**, Lorne McGee – **Yes**, Cheryl Sanford – **Yes**, Anthony Askew – **Yes**, Mark Ashley Price – **Yes**,

MOTION PASSES: 7-0

Member Lorne McGee is elected **Treasurer** for the 2021–2021 Fiscal Year.

Nomination of Secretary:

President Shamayim Harris requests nominations for the seat of **Secretary and Sergeant of Arms**.

Member Janet Spight White nominates Member Linda Wheeler, Member Linda Wheeler accepts.

Member Anthony Askew nominates Cheryl Sanford, Member Cheryl Sanford accepts.

No additional nominations.

Motion to Elect Secretary:

President Shamayim Harris entertained a motion to vote either Member Linda Wheeler or Member Cheryl Sanford as Secretary/Sergeant of Arms, so moved by Member Anthony Askew, supported by Member Mark Ashley Price.

Roll call vote: Janet Spight White – Linda **Wheeler**, Shamayim Harris – **Cheryl Sanford**, Linda Wheeler – **Linda Wheeler**, Lorne McGee – **Cheryl Sanford**, Cheryl Sanford – **Cheryl Sanford**, Anthony Askew – **Cheryl Sanford**, Mark Ashley Price – **Linda Wheeler**

Vote Results: LINDA WHEELER 3-4

Vote Results: CHERYL SANFORD 4-3

Discussion: Whether office should be Secretary or Secretary/Sergeant of Arms. Board discussion on the role and title change from Secretary to Secretary/Sergeant of Arms. Board decides to vote to change Bylaws to add role of Sergeant of Arms responsibility.

Motion to Amend Bylaws to add Seargent of Arms to Role of Secretary:

President Shamayim Harris entertained a motion to amend Bylaws to add role of Sergeant of Arms to office of Secretary, so moved by Member Anthony Askew, supported by Member Cheryl Sanford.

Roll call vote: Janet Spight White – Yes, Shamayim Harris Yes, Linda Wheeler – Yes, Lorne McGee – Yes, Cheryl Sanford – Yes, Anthony Askew – Yes, Mark Ashley Price – No,

MOTION PASSES: 6-1

Member Cheryl Sanford is elected **Secretary/Sergeant of Arms** for the 2021–2021 Fiscal Year.

• **APPROVE BOARD OF EDUCATION AGENDA**

President Shamayim Harris entertained a motion to approve the meeting agenda.

Discussion: Vice President Janet Spight White, Linda Wheeler discussion. Board decides to remove reconsideration of PSA Board residency requirement from agenda; add renewal of the district’s insurance policy to the New Business agenda; discussed meaning of to “disapprove” ESP contract.

Motion to Remove Reconsideration of Residency from Agenda.

President Shamayim Harris entertained a motion to approve the amendment to remove reconsideration of residency requirement from meeting agenda; so moved by Secretary Lorne McGee, supported by Member Janet White.

Roll call vote: Anthony Askew – Yes, Mark Ashley Price – No, Linda Wheeler – No, Cheryl Sanford – Yes, Lorne McGee – Yes, Janet Spight White – Yes, Shamayim Harris – Yes

MOTION PASSES: 5-2

Motion to Add Renewal of Insurance Policy to Agenda.

President Shamayim Harris entertained a motion to approve addition of policy renewal to agenda; so moved by Member Anthony Askew, seconded by Member, Lorne McGee.

Roll call vote: Anthony Askew – Yes, Mark Ashley Price – Yes, Linda Wheeler – Yes, Cheryl Sanford – Yes, Lorne McGee – Yes, Janet Spight White – Yes, Shamayim Harris – Yes

MOTION PASSES: 7-0

Motion to Remove the Motion to Disapprove ESP Contract from Agenda.

President Shamayim Harris entertained a motion to remove the motion to disapprove HPPSA System’s ESP contract with Accel from agenda; so moved by Member Linda Wheeler, seconded by Member, Mark Ashley Price.

Discussion: confirmation of what the yes vote was for.

Roll call vote: Anthony Askew – Yes, Mark Ashley Price – Yes, Linda Wheeler – Yes, Cheryl Sanford – No, Lorne McGee – No, Janet Spight White – Yes, Shamayim Harris – No

MOTION PASSES: 4-3

Motion to Add Retaining Separate Education Attorney to Agenda

President Harris entertained a motion to add agenda item to approve retaining a separate “education” attorney to agenda.

Discussion: Organizational resolution already includes requirement for Board to designate its counsel. Disagreement on education counsel distinction from general counsel.

So moved by Member Janet White, seconded by Member, Mark Ashley Price.

Roll Call vote: Anthony Askew – **No**, Mark Ashley Price – **Yes**, Linda Wheeler – **Yes**, Cheryl Sanford – **No**, Lorne McGee – **No**, Janet Spight White – **Yes**, Shamayim Harris – **No**

MOTION FAILS: 3-4

Motion to Approve Meeting Agenda with Amendments.

President Shamayim Harris entertained a motion to approve the agenda with the amendments; so moved by Secretary Cheryl Sanford, seconded by Member, Anthony Askew.

Roll call vote: Anthony Askew – **Yes**, Mark Ashley Price – **No**, Linda Wheeler – **No**, Cheryl Sanford – **Yes**, Lorne McGee – **Yes**, Janet Spight White – **No**, Shamayim Harris – **Yes**

MOTION PASSES: 4-3

Re-discussed need for amending agenda to add education attorney.

• **COMMUNICATIONS**

None

• **PUBLIC COMMENTS (3 minutes)**

None

• **APPROVE MEETING MINUTES**

Motion to Approve 5-18-2021 Special Meeting Minutes:

President Harris entertained a motion to approve the 5-18-2021 Special Meeting Minutes, so moved by Member Wheeler, seconded by Secretary Cheryl Sanford.

Discussion: Discussion that closed session conversations not permissible for inclusion in minutes.

Roll call vote: Anthony Askew – **Yes**, Mark Ashley Price – **Yes**, Linda Wheeler – **Yes**, Cheryl Sanford – **Yes**, Lorne McGee – **Yes**, Janet Spight White – **No**, Shamayim Harris – **Yes**

MOTION PASSES: 6-1

Motion to Approve 5-26-2021 Special Meeting Minutes:

President Harris entertained a motion to approve the 5-26-2021 Special Meeting Minutes, so moved by Member Linda Wheeler, supported by Secretary Cheryl Sanford.

Discussion: None

Roll call vote: Anthony Askew – **Yes**, Mark Ashley Price – **Yes**, Linda Wheeler – **Yes**, Cheryl Sanford – **Yes**, Lorne McGee – **Yes**, Janet Spight White – **Yes**, Shamayim Harris **Yes**

MOTION PASSES: 7-0

Motion to Approve 6-3-2021 Special Meeting Minutes:

President Harris entertained a motion to approve the 6-3-2021 Special Meeting Minutes, so moved by Member Anthony Askew, supported by Secretary Cheryl Sanford.

Discussion: Linda Wheeler, Janet White comments, corrections. Board agreed to corrections as part of approval.

Roll call vote: Anthony Askew – **Yes**, Mark Ashley Price – **Yes**, Linda Wheeler – **Yes**, Cheryl Sanford – **Yes**, Lorne McGee – **Yes**, Janet Spight White – **Yes**, Shamayim Harris **Yes**

MOTION PASSES: 7-0

Motion to Approve 6-8-2021 Budget Hearing Minutes:

President Harris entertained a motion to approve the 6-8-2021 Budget Hearing Minutes, so moved by Member Linda

Wheeler, supported by Member Anthony Askew.

Discussion: L. Wheeler comments and questions.

Roll call vote: Anthony Askew – Yes, Mark Ashley Price – Yes, Linda Wheeler – Yes, Cheryl Sanford – Yes, Lorne McGee – Yes, Janet Spight White – Yes, Shamayim Harris Yes

MOTION PASSES: 7-0

Motion to Approve 6-8-2021 Regular Meeting Minutes:

President Harris entertained a motion to approve the 6-8-2021 Regular Meeting Minutes, so moved by Secretary Cheryl Sanford, supported by Member Anthony Askew.

Discussion: None

Roll call vote: Anthony Askew – Yes, Mark Ashley Price – Yes, Linda Wheeler – Yes, Cheryl Sanford – Yes, Lorne McGee – Yes, Janet Spight White – Yes, Shamayim Harris Yes

MOTION PASSES: 7-0

Motion to Table 6-15-2021 Special Meeting Minutes:

President Harris entertained a motion to approve the 6-15-2021 Special Meeting Minutes.

Discussion: L. Wheeler and J. White comments for clarification and clean up.

Member Linda Wheeler made motion to table the 6-15-2021 Special Meeting Minutes pending revisions, seconded by Member Mark Ashley Price.

Roll call vote: Anthony Askew – Yes, Mark Ashley Price – Yes, Linda Wheeler – Yes, Cheryl Sanford – Yes, Lorne McGee – Yes, Janet Spight White – Yes, Shamayim Harris Yes

MOTION PASSES: 7-0

• DISTRICT DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Presentation of Resolution Approving Organizational Business (K. Smith) (see attached Resolution read by Attorney Smith). Resolution included consent approvals for:

- List named Board officers elected for 2021-22;
- Designation of CEO as chief administrator for district per bylaws;
- Renewal of Edge Partnerships contract;
- Designation of PSG as general counsel;
- Designation of Yeo&Yeo, PC as auditor;
- Designation of TCF Bank, as bank depository;
- Approved authorized signatories of District;
- Established regular Board meeting dates (2nd Tuesday of month);
- Approved 2021-22 school calendar;

Discussion of Treasury proposal to amend of Emergency Loans. Treasury and State Emergency Loan Board agree in principal with District to refinance Emergency Loan Notes to lower interest rates. K. Smith read Series I & Series II Resolutions into the record.

Presentation of June 2021 Financials (Alan Young & Associates). Luska German read and presented financial information for year end. Board discussed budget approvals for contractors, reported on Deficit Elimination Plan. Luska German requested time to update financials.

• **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Motion to Approve Issuing RFP for Landscapping Services:

President Harris entertained a motion to approve issuing RFP for landscaping services; so moved by Treasurer, Lorne McGee; seconded by Secretary Cheryl Sanford.

Discussion: Janet White and Linda Wheeler comments and questions.

Roll call vote: Anthony Askew – **Yes**, Mark Ashley Price – **No**, Linda Wheeler – **No**, Cheryl Sanford – **Yes**, Lorne McGee – **Yes**, Janet Spight White – **No**, Shamayim Harris **Yes**

MOTION PASSES: 4-3

• **NEW BUSINESS**

Motion to Approve Resolution Approving Organizational Business for FY 2021-22:

President Harris entertained a motion to approve the Resolution Approving Organizational Business for FY 2021-22; so moved by Secretary Cheryl Sanford, supported by Treasurer Lorne McGee.

Discussion: None

Roll call vote: Anthony Askew – **Yes**, Mark Ashley Price – **Yes**, Linda Wheeler – **No**, Cheryl Sanford – **Yes**, Lorne McGee – **Yes**, Janet Spight White – **No**, Shamayim Harris **Yes**

MOTION PASSES: 5-2

Motion to Table June 2021 Financial Statements per Accountant's Request:

President Harris entertained a motion to table June 2021 Financial Statements at request of Alan Young & Associates, so moved by Secretary Cheryl Sanford, supported by Linda Wheeler.

Roll call vote: Anthony Askew – **Yes**, Mark Ashley Price – **Yes**, Linda Wheeler – **Yes**, Cheryl Sanford – **Yes**, Lorne McGee – **Yes**, Janet Spight White – **Yes**, Shamayim Harris **Yes**

MOTION PASSES: 7-0

Motion to Approve the Resolutions to Authorize Amendments of Emergency Loan Notes (Series I & II):

Attorney Smith read Emergency Loan Note Resolutions. President Harris entertained a motion to approve the Resolutions to Authorize Amendments of Emergency Loan Note, Series I and Series II; so moved by Secretary Cheryl Sanford, supported by Treasurer Lorne McGee.

Discussion: Discussed interest rate reductions and process; discussed meeting recordings.

Motion to Add Recording of Zoom Meetings to Webpage

In middle of discussion about Emergency Loans, Linda Wheeler made request to add recordings of Board zoom meetings to website. Harris requested motion. Linda Wheeler made motion, seconded by Member Ashley Price.

Discussion on sub-topic about recordings: Janet White, Cheryl Sanford, Shamayim Harris comments.

Roll call vote: Anthony Askew – **Yes**, Mark Ashley Price – **Yes**, Linda Wheeler – **Yes**, Cheryl Sanford – **Yes**, Lorne McGee – **Yes**, Janet Spight White – **Yes**, Shamayim Harris **Yes**

MOTION PASSES: 7-0

Motion to Include Archives of Zoom Recordings from January forward to website

Linda Wheeler made request to add recordings from January. Harris requested another motion. Linda Wheeler made motion, seconded by Member Ashley Price.

Discussion: Janet White comments.

Roll call vote: Anthony Askew – **Yes**, Mark Ashley Price – **Yes**, Linda Wheeler – **Yes**, Cheryl Sanford – **Yes**,

Lorne McGee – **Yes**, Janet Spight White – **Yes**, Shamayim Harris **Yes**
MOTION PASSES: 7-0

Motion to Add Recording of Zoom Meetings to Webpage

After discussion about Emergency Loans, Linda Wheeler made request to add recordings of Board zoom meetings to website, seconded by Member Ashley Price.

Discussion on recordings topic: Janet White, Cheryl Sanford, Shamayim Harris comments.

Roll call vote: Anthony Askew – **Yes**, Mark Ashley Price – **Yes**, Linda Wheeler – **Yes**, Cheryl Sanford – **Yes**, Lorne McGee – **Yes**, Janet Spight White – **Yes**, Shamayim Harris **Yes**

MOTION PASSES: 7-0

After discussing other topics under Board of Education Affairs, Secretary Sanford reminded of New Business agenda items for vote on Refinancing the Emergency Loan Notes.

Roll call vote on Emergency Loans Motion: Anthony Askew – **(absent)**, Mark Ashley Price – **Yes**, Linda Wheeler – **No**, Cheryl Sanford – **Yes**, Lorne McGee – **Yes**, Janet Spight White – **Yes**, Shamayim Harris **Yes**

MOTION PASSES: 5-1

(Member Askew exited meeting during vote, at 10:00pm)

Motion to Approve Renewal of Insurance Policy:

Secretary Cheryl Sanford reminded during BOE Affairs section that Board needed vote come back to vote to renew insurance policy for Ford School. President Harris entertained motion, moved by Secretary Cheryl Sanford, seconded by Member Lorne McGee.

Discussion: Discussed policy premium, terrorism coverage;

Roll call vote: Anthony Askew – **(absent)**, Mark Ashley Price – **Yes**, Linda Wheeler – **Yes**, Cheryl Sanford – **Yes**, Lorne McGee – **Yes**, Janet Spight White – **Yes**, Shamayim Harris **Yes**

MOTION PASSES: 6-0

• **BOARD OF EDUCATION AFFAIRS & COMMENTS** –

Discussion of ESP Contract between HPPSA BOD and ACCEL.

Janet White raise discussion regarding summer school. Discussion about ESP contract with Barber Prep, and meaning of Revised School Code wording “disapprove”.

• **PUBLIC COMMENTS** –

None

• **ADJOURNMENT** –

President Harris entertains a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:32 PM, so moved by Member Linda Wheeler, seconded by Treasurer Lorne McGee.

Roll call vote: Anthony Askew – **(absent)**, Mark Ashley Price – **Yes**, Linda Wheeler – **Yes**, Cheryl Sanford – **Yes**, Lorne McGee – **Yes**, Janet Spight White – **Yes**, Shamayim Harris **Yes**

MOTION PASSES: 6-0

Respectfully submitted: Cheryl Sanford, Board Secretary and Zakia Gibson, Chief Education Officer.