

**Barber Preparatory Academy
45 E. Buena Vista Street
Highland Park, MI 48023
April 24, 2024, 4:00 p.m.**

BOARD MEMBERS

Janet Sight White
President

Doris Harris
Vice President

Linda Wheeler
Secretary

Lorne McGee
Treasurer

Mark Ashley Price
Sergeant-at-Arms

Anthony Askew
Member

Cheryl Sanford
Member

Zakia Gibson, Ed.D.
Chief Education Officer

Joseph Urban, Esq.
Board Attorney

- **Call to Order**
- **Roll Call**
- **Communications**
- **Approve Meeting Agenda**
- **Public Comments and Questions (Agenda Items 3 Minutes Only)**
- **Approve Meeting Minutes**
 - (1) April 18, 2024
- **District Department Reports and Information**
- **New Business**
 - (1) Motion to reaffirm appointment of Tammy Stafford to Highland Park Public School Academy System Board of Directors for a Three Year Term
 - (2) Motion to reaffirm appointment of Marcelis Turner to Highland Park Public School Academy System Board of Directors for a Three Year Term
 - (3) Motion to Amend COO Contract to affirm a maximum number of working hours per week of 20 hours
 - (4) Panther Security Guard Contract
 - (5) Detroit Soul
 - (6) Closed Session pursuant to MCL 15.268(d)
- **Board of Education Affairs & Comments**
- **Public Comments and Questions (3 Minutes Only)**
- **Board overview of MSAB CBA classes**
- **Confirmation of the Next Scheduled Meetings**
 - Regular Meeting: May 1, 2024 @ 6:00PM
- **Adjournment**

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This meeting is a meeting of the Board of Education in public for the purpose of conducting the School District's business and is not to be considered a public community meeting. There is a time for public participation during the meeting as indicated in the agenda item.

The proposed minutes of this meeting will be available for public inspection at The School District of the City of Highland Park Central Office, located at 12360 Woodward Avenue, Highland Park, MI 48203, eight (8) business days after the meeting. Approved minutes are available on the District website within five (5) business days after the meeting at which at which they are approved.



**SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

Held at: 45 East Buena Vista Street
Highland Park, MI 48203-3322

Tuesday, April 23, 2024
4:00PM

APPROVED MINUTES

Call to Order –

Meeting was called to order by Janet Spight-White @ 4:09PM

Roll Call –

Present: Janet Spight-White, President/ Doris Harris, Vice-President/ Linda Wheeler, Secretary / Mark Ashley Price, Sergeant-at-Arms/ Lorne McGee, Treasurer/ Cheryl Sanford, Member/ Anthony Askew, Member

QUORUM

Communications - None

Approve Meeting Agenda

Motion to Approve the Special Meeting Agenda

President Spight-White entertained a motion to approve the special meeting agenda, so moved by Vice-President Harris, seconded by Member Price.

Discussion: Members discussed the motion.

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

MOTION PASSES: 7-0

Public Comments and Questions (Agenda Items 3 Minutes Only) - None

Approve Meeting Minutes

Motion to Approve the April 18, 2024, Special Meeting Minutes

President Spight-White entertained a motion to approve the April 18, 2024, Special Meeting Minutes, so moved by Vice-President Harris, seconded by Member Price.

Discussion: Members discussed the motion.

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

MOTION PASSES: 7-0

District Department Reports and Information - None

New Business

Motion to Reaffirm Appointment of Tammy Stafford to Highland Park Public School Academy System Board of Directors for a Three-Year Term

President Spight-White entertained a motion to reaffirm appointment of Tammy Stafford to Highland Park Public School Academy System Board of Directors for a three-year term, so moved Member Price, seconded by Member McGee.

Discussion: Member Askew questioned why the oath was being restated and re-notorized.

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

MOTION PASSES: 5-2

Motion to Reaffirm Appointment of Marcelles Turner to Highland Park Public School Academy System Board of Directors for a Three-Year Term

President Spight-White entertained a motion to reaffirm appointment of Marcelles Turner to Highland Park Public School Academy System Board of Directors for a three-year term, so moved Member Price, seconded by Member McGee.

Discussion: Members discussed the motion

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

MOTION PASSES: 5-2

Motion to Amend COO Contract to Affirm a Maximum Number of Working Hours per Week of 20 Hours

President Spight-White entertained a motion to amend COO contract to affirm a maximum number of working hours per week of 20 Hours, so moved Vice-President Harris, seconded by Member Price.

Discussion: Members discussed the motion

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

MOTION PASSES: 5-2

Motion to Approve Panther Security Guard Contract

President Spight-White entertained a motion to approve Panther Security Guard contract, so moved by Member Wheeler, seconded by Member Price.

Discussion: Members discussed the motion

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

MOTION PASSES: 5-2

Motion to Approve the Detroit Soul Catering Invoice for the Regular Meeting on April 16,2024

President Spight-White entertained a motion to approve the Detroit Soul catering invoice for the Regular Meeting on April 16,2024, so moved by Vice-President Harris, seconded by Member Price.

Discussion: Members discussed the motion.

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

MOTION PASSES: 7-0

Motion to go into Closed Session at 4:39PM

President Spight-White entertained a motion to go into closed session, so moved by Vice-President Harris, seconded by Member Price.

Discussion: None

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

MOTION PASSES: 7-0

Motion to Come Out of Closed Session at 5:13PM

President Spight-White entertained a motion to come out of closed session at 5:13PM.

Discussion: None

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

MOTION PASSES: 7-0

Board of Education Affairs & Comments - None

Public Comments and Questions (3 Minutes Only)

Famika Jackson-Roberts - Vice-President, HPPSAS BPA BOD – Asked for an update on Lorne McGee’s censure.

Board of Overview of MASB CBA Classes

President Spight-White stated that for the moment MASB classes were on hold until the summer and wants all BOE members to understand.

Confirmation of the Next Scheduled Meetings

Regular Meeting Tuesday, May 7, 2024 @ 6:00PM.

Adjournment -

Motion to Adjourn @ 5:16PM

President Spight-White entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:16PM, so moved by Vice-President Harris, seconded by Member Price.

Discussion: All Say “I”

Roll call vote: Janet Spight-White - I, Doris Harris – I, Linda Wheeler - I, Mark Price - I, Lorne McGee – I, Cheryl Sanford- I, Anthony Askew-I

MOTION PASSES: 7-0

Respectfully submitted: Linda Wheeler, Board Secretary.

**THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF HIGHLAND PARK
COUNTY OF WAYNE
STATE OF MICHIGAN**

**RESOLUTION REAFFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF TAMMY STAFFORD TO
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE HIGHLAND PARK PUBLIC SCHOOL
ACADEMY SYSTEM**

A special meeting of the Board of Education (the "Board") of the School District of the City of Highland Park (the "School District"), County of Wayne, State of Michigan, was held at 45 E. Buena Vista, Highland Park, MI on April 23, 2024, at 4:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Members: White, Wheeler, Harris, McGee, Price, Askew, Sanford

ABSENT: Members: _____

The following preamble and resolution were offered by Member Price and supported by Member McGee.

WHEREAS, pursuant to the School District's Public School Academy System Board of Directors Method of Selection Resolution, dated July 26, 2012, which remains in full force and effect as incorporated into the Contract to Operate a Public School Academy between The School District of the City of Highland Park and The Highland Park Public School Academy System, as reauthorized on June 11, 2019 for the term ending June 30, 2024, a candidate for Director of The Highland Park Public School Academy System may be appointed as follows:

1. The District Board will appoint the initial and subsequent members of the System Board. A public school academy applicant may recommend individuals to serve as initial members of the System Board. Any recommended individual shall be available for interview by the District Board or the District Board's designee. The District Board may reject any and all System Board nominees proposed for appointment.
2. The System Board, by resolution and majority vote, shall nominate its subsequent members, except as otherwise provided in this resolution. The System Board shall recommend to the District Board at least one nominee for each vacancy. Nominees shall submit the *Public School Academy System Board Member Appointment Questionnaire* for review by the District Board. The District Board may or may not appoint a nominee submitted by the System Board, may select another individual for appointment, or request that the System Board submit additional nominees for consideration.

WHEREAS, the Bylaws of The Highland Park Public School Academy System restate the above-referenced process of removal as follows:

The method of selection and appointment, length of term, number of directors, oath of public office requirements, tenure, removal, resignation, compensation and

prerequisite qualifications for members of the System Board shall comply with the resolution adopted by the District Board;

WHEREAS, Tammy Stafford has previously submitted a Public School Academy Board Member Application, which had been offered for review to all members of The School District of the City of Highland Park Board of Education, has submitted to the requisite screening procedures, and has been interviewed, on March 25, 2024, before a majority of the Board sitting at a meeting posted pursuant to the Michigan Open Meetings Act;

WHEREAS, Tammy Stafford meets the statutory qualifications to be seated as a Director as follows:

1. She is a citizen of the United States;
2. She is a resident of the State of Michigan;
3. She has submitted all materials requested by the District Board of Education, including, but not limited to, the Public School Academy Board Member Appointment Questionnaire, which includes authorization to process a criminal background check;
4. She has, as part of the Application, disclosed any potential conflicts of interest.

WHEREAS, based upon the information contained in the Application and disclosed in the interview, Tammy Stafford does not fit any of the disqualifying factors listed in the Method of Selection and Appointment in that she is:

1. Not a member appointed or controlled by another profit or non-profit corporation;
2. Not a system employee or independent contractor performing services for the Academy;
3. Not a current or former director, officer, or employee of an educational management company that contracts with the Academy; or
4. Not a School District Board of Education Member or other official or employee of the School District.

WHEREAS, all of the above-referenced findings and actions were taken at a previous meeting of the Board of Education posted and open to the public pursuant to Michigan's Open Meetings Act on March 25, 2024;

WHEREAS, after consideration of the aforementioned information, Ms. Stafford was appointed by the Board of Education, and has sworn her oath of office this date. She therefore shall be an eligible, voting member, of the Highland Park Public School Academy System Board of Directors;

WHEREAS, the School District desires reaffirm the appointment of Tammy Stafford as a Director of The Highland Park Public School Academy System Board of Directors as having met the qualifying factors listed above and not being disqualified for any reason set forth above.

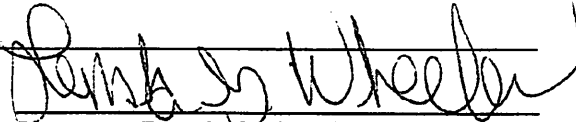
NOW THEREFORE

1. The School District for the City of Highland Park hereby reaffirms the appointment of Tammy Stafford to the position of a Director of The Highland Park Public School Academy System for a term of 3 years, ending April 9, 2027; and
2. All other resolutions, to the extent they conflict with this resolution, be and the same are hereby rescinded.

Ayes: White, Wheeler, McGee, Price

Nays: Sanford, Harris, Askew

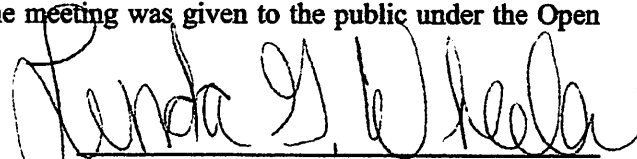
RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.



Secretary, Board of Education
School District of the City of Highland Park

CERTIFICATION

The undersigned duly qualified and acting Secretary of the Board of Education of the School District of the City of Highland Park, County of Wayne, Michigan, hereby certifies that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Education at a special meeting held on April 23, 2024, the original of which resolution is a part of the Board's minutes and further certifies that notice of the meeting was given to the public under the Open Meetings Act, 1976 PA 267.



Secretary, Board of Education
School District of the City of Highland Park

**THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF HIGHLAND PARK
COUNTY OF WAYNE
STATE OF MICHIGAN**

**RESOLUTION REAFFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF MARCELIS TURNER TO
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE HIGHLAND PARK PUBLIC SCHOOL
ACADEMY SYSTEM**

A special meeting of the Board of Education (the "Board") of the School District of the City of Highland Park (the "School District"), County of Wayne, State of Michigan, was held at 45 E. Buena Vista, Highland Park, MI 48203 on April 23, 2024, at 4:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Members: White, Wheeler, Harris, Askew, Sanford, Price, McGee

ABSENT: Members: _____

The following preamble and resolution were offered by Member Price and supported by Member Wheeler.

WHEREAS, pursuant to the School District's Public School Academy System Board of Directors Method of Selection Resolution, dated July 26, 2012, which remains in full force and effect as incorporated into the Contract to Operate a Public School Academy between The School District of the City of Highland Park and The Highland Park Public School Academy System, as reauthorized on June 11, 2019 for the term ending June 30, 2024, a candidate for Director of The Highland Park Public School Academy System may be appointed as follows:

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prerequisite qualifications for members of the System Board shall comply with the resolution adopted by the District Board;

WHREAS, Marcelis Turner has previously submitted a Public School Academy Board Member Application, which has been offered for review to all members of The School District of the City of Highland Park Board of Education, has submitted to the requisite screening procedures, and has been interviewed, on April 2, 2024, before a majority of the Board sitting at a meeting posted pursuant to the Michigan Open Meetings Act;

WHEREAS, based upon the information contained in the Application and disclosed during the interview, Marcelis Turner meets the statutory qualifications to be seated as a Director as follows:

1. He is a citizen of the United States;
2. He is a resident of the State of Michigan;
3. He has submitted all materials requested by the District Board of Education, including, but not limited to, the Public School Academy Board Member Appointment Questionnaire, which includes authorization to process a criminal background check;
4. He has, as part of the Application, disclosed any potential conflicts of interest.

WHEREAS, based upon the information contained in the Application and disclosed during the interview, Marcelis Turner does not fit any of the disqualifying factors listed in the Method of Selection and Appointment in that he is:

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WHEREAS, after consideration of the aforementioned information, Mr. Turner was appointed by the Board of Education, and has sworn his oath of office this date. He therefore shall be an eligible, voting member, of the Highland Park Public School Academy System Board of Directors;

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NOW THEREFORE

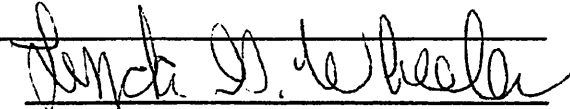
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Ayes: White, Wheeler, Price, McGee

Nays: Sanford, Askew, Harris

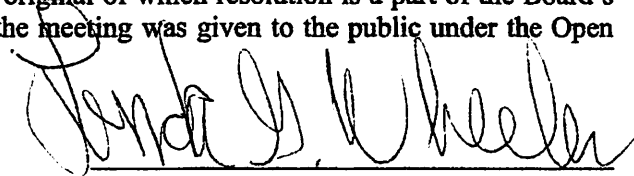
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