



PUBLIC NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE OF THE SPECIAL MEETING
FOR THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF HIGHLAND PARK SCHOOL DISTRICT

DATE OF MEETING:

March 21, 2025

LOCATION OF MEETING:

The Board of Education Members Meet at
Barber Preparatory Academy (In Person)
45 E. Buena Vista Street
Highland Park, MI 48203

Public Guests Join via Zoom (Virtual)

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Meeting ID: 85148355568
Passcode: 036760

TIME OF MEETING:

6:00 p.m.

**TELEPHONE NUMBER OF
THE PRINCIPAL OFFICE OF THE
BOARD OF EDUCATION:**

313-402-0266

**THE BOARD MINUTES ARE LOCATED AND
AVAILABLE FOR INSPECTION AT THE HPSD
OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION:**

12360 Woodward Avenue
Highland Park, MI 48203

PURPOSE:

**A Special Board of Education Meeting to
Discuss the Written Legal Opinion of Counsel**

p.p. Yolanda Harrison
Yolanda Harrison,
Secretary, Board of
Education

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT NOTICE:

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MISSION STATEMENT: *To provide a high-quality public education that assures students will receive a comprehensive learning experience which prepares them to compete in a global 21st century society.*



THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF HIGHLAND PARK
12360 Woodward Avenue Highland
Park, Michigan
48203-3322

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

President Cheryl Sanford

Vice President Famika Roberts

Barber Preparatory Academy

45 E. Buena Vista

Secretary Yolanda Harrison

Highland Park, MI 48203

March 21, 2025, 6:00pm

Treasurer Cassandra Walker

Trustee Doris Harris

Trustee Linda Wheeler

Trustee Janet Spight-White

Isaiah Pettway, Chief Educational
Officer

Joseph Urban, Esq., Board
Attorney

- Call to Order
- Roll Call
- Approve Meeting Agenda
- Public Comments (Agenda Items Only 3 minutes)
- Approved Meeting Minutes
 - (1) March 13th, 2025
- President Comments
 - Closed Session-Discussion of Written Opinion of Legal Counsel
- Extended Public Comments (3 minutes only)
- Board of Education Affairs & Comments
- Confirmation of the Next Scheduled Meeting

Regular Meeting: Tuesday, April 8th , 2025 @6:00pm

- **Adjournment**

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's website within five (5) business days after the meeting at which they are approved.



The School District of the City of Highland Park | **3.21.2025**

**SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

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

Friday, March 21, 2025
6:00PM

APPROVED MINUTES

Call to Order –

Meeting was called to order by President Cheryl Sanford @ 6:17PM.

Roll Call –

Present: Cheryl Sanford, President/ Famika Roberts, Vice President/ Yolanda Harrison, Secretary/
Cassandra Walker, Treasurer

Absent: Doris Harris, Member/ Linda Wheeler, Member/ Janet Spight-White, Member

QUORUM

Approve Meeting Agenda

Motion to Amend Agenda to Remove Closed Session and Add Communications for Attorney

President Sanford entertained a motion to amend agenda to remove closed session and add Communications for Attorney, so moved by Vice President Roberts, seconded by Member Walker.

Discussion: None

Roll call vote: Cheryl Sanford- Yes, Famika Roberts- Yes, Cassandra Walker - Yes, Yolanda Harrison - Yes

MOTION PASSES: 4-0

Motion to Approve Meeting Agenda

President Sanford entertained a motion to approve meeting agenda, so moved by Vice President Roberts, seconded by Member Walker.

Discussion: None

Roll call vote: Cheryl Sanford- Yes, Famika Roberts- Yes, Cassandra Walker - Yes, Yolanda Harrison - Yes

MOTION PASSES: 4-0

Motion to Approve March 13, 2025, Regular Meeting Minutes

President Sanford entertained a motion to approve March 13, 2025, Regular Meeting Minutes, so moved by Vice President Roberts, seconded by Member Harrison.

Discussion: None

Roll call vote: Cheryl Sanford- Yes, Famika Roberts- Yes, Cassandra Walker - Yes, Yolanda Harrison - Yes

MOTION PASSES: 4-0

President Comments

President Sanford discussed the importance of BOE members attending and participating in meetings.

Communications

Attorney Joe Urban

Extended Public Comments (3 Minutes Only) - None

Board of Education Affairs & Comments

Cheryl Sanford – Behind the Scenes @ the Capitol

Motion to Go into Recess for 5 Minutes at 6:29 PM

President Sanford entertained a motion to go into recess for 5 minutes at 6:29 pm, so moved by Vice President Roberts, seconded by Member Walker.

Discussion: None

Roll call vote: Cheryl Sanford- Yes, Famika Roberts- Yes, Cassandra Walker - Yes, Yolanda Harrison - Yes

MOTION PASSES: 4-0

Motion to Come Out of Recess for 5 Minutes at 6:35 PM

President Sanford entertained a motion to come out of recess at 6:35pm, so moved by Vice President Roberts, seconded by Member Walker.

Discussion: None

Roll call vote: Cheryl Sanford- Yes, Famika Roberts- Yes, Cassandra Walker - Yes, Yolanda Harrison - Yes

MOTION PASSES: 4-0

Board of Education Affairs & Comments

Famika Roberts – Expressed appreciation to BOE members who attended meeting; the new administration was here for the community and putting their best foot forth.

Isaiah Pettway – Confirmed BOE accommodations for NCSC Conference in June.

Confirmation of the Next Scheduled Meeting

Regular Meeting: Tuesday, April 8, 2025 @ 6:00pm

Adjournment -

Motion to Adjourn @ 6:42PM

President Sanford entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:42pm, so moved by Vice President Roberts, seconded by Member Walker.

Discussion: None

Roll call vote: Cheryl Sanford- Yes, Famika Roberts- Yes, Cassandra Walker - Yes, Yolanda Harrison - Yes

MOTION PASSES: 4-0

Respectfully submitted by: Yolanda Harrison, Board Secretary