



The School District of Philadelphia

Board of Education Public Meeting Minutes January 25, 2024

A public meeting of the Board of Education was held in hybrid format on January 25, 2024. Some Board Members, select staff, and some registered speakers participated in-person, while others participated remotely. Members of the general public who did not attend in-person participated via Zoom meeting platform.

The meeting was convened at 4:00 p.m, Reginald Streater, President.

Opening Remarks

President Streater reported and commented on the following:

- Congratulatory remarks and acknowledges:
 - Congratulations to Mayor Cherelle Parker who was inaugurated as the 100th Mayor of Philadelphia on January 2, 2024
 - Congratulations to Councilman Kenyatta Johnson who was elected to serve as City Council President
 - Congratulations to all newly elected and reelected members of City Council and state representatives
 - Congratulations to Philadelphia Federation of Teachers President Jerry Jordan who announced his upcoming retirement
 - Acknowledgement of Arthur Steinberg who will become President of Philadelphia Federation of Teachers July 1, 2024
 - Recognition of January as Board of Education Recognition Month
 - Recognition of Martin Luther King Jr. Day observed on January 15, 2024
- Updates on the upcoming closure of the Mathematics, Civics and Sciences Charter School
- Acknowledgement and Recognition of the reorganization and painting of portraits, featuring former Board Presidents and Superintendents; special acknowledgement of the newest portrait of Board Member and former Board President Joyce S. Wilkerson to commemorate her tenure as Board of Education President and School Reform Commission Chair.
- Celebrating Success:
 - Congratulations to December Teacher of the Month, Carrie Bannon, a Special Education Case Manager at Alexander K. McClure School
 - Congratulations to Seniors of the month: Liaralis Santiago (Jules E. Mastbaum High School) and Robert King (Vaux Big Picture High School)
 - Congratulations to Tyek Johnson, district alum (Jules E. Mastbaum High School) on becoming a Auto Traders Helper for the City of Philadelphia
- Acknowledgement of Board of Education visits to West Oak Lane Charter School and Mary McLeod Bethune Elementary School

Announcements

Vice President Fix-Lopez made announcements concerning recording, copyright, participation in, and viewing of the meeting.

President Streater invited Vice President Fix-Lopez to provide additional remarks expressing gratitude for the work of the Basic Education Funding Commission. Vice President Fix-Lopez noted that President Streater testified before the commission in September 2023 asking the legislature to provide resources necessary to ensure every child, regardless of their background, has access to high quality, public education that prepares them for success in the 21st century. Vice President Fix-Lopez acknowledged the release of the commission's report on January 11, 2024 and its listed recommendations.

Roll Call, Minutes

Lynn Rauch, General Counsel, announced that the Board met in Executive Session on January 11, 2024 to discuss confidential and privileged quasi-judicial matters related to charter school matters and today to discuss confidential, privileged, personnel, and litigation matters, including information or strategy in connection with the following litigation: Franklin Towne Charter High School vs. The School District of Philadelphia, et.al Philadelphia County Court of Common Pleas #23100164 (seeking a preliminary injunction in the context of a charter revocation hearing); Southwest Leadership Academy Charter School vs. School District of Philadelphia Pennsylvania Charter Appeal Board #2023-02 (appeal from a non renewal decision). .

Ms. Rauch conducted Roll Call.

Members Present: Ms. Andrews, Ms. Danzy, Ms. Egea-Hinton , Ms. Lam, Vice President Fix-Lopez, Ms. Salley, President Streater, Ms. Thompson (*remotely*), Ms. Wilkerson – 9

Members Absent: 0

Attending: Tony B. Watlington, Ed.D, Superintendent, Cavance Snaith, Student Board Representative, De'Naiza Watson, Student Board Representative

The minutes from the December 7, 2023 meeting of the Board of Education were presented for approval.

Yes: Ms. Andrews, Ms. Danzy, Ms. Egea-Hinton , Ms. Lam, Vice President Fix-Lopez, Ms. Salley, President Streater, Ms. Wilkerson – 8

No: Ms. Thompson - 1

Committee Reports

Board Member Thompson provided a report from the Parent and Community Advisory Council, including information on activities of Advisory Council members related to supporting their school communities in the following ways:

- Assistance in acquiring groceries and fresh fruit from non-profit organizations to support families dealing with food insecurities
- Assistance with acquiring winter coats, hats, and gloves distributed in partnership with legislative officials and non-profit organizations
- Providing homework assistance and referrals to social services to families in their school communities
- Participation in their respective School Advisory Councils and Home and School Associations
- Preparing families for report card conferences
- Participation in the organization of their school communities' "clothes closets"
- Participation in activities related to the celebration of the 100th and first female Mayor of Philadelphia, Cherelle Parker
- Participation in the School District of Philadelphia's January 11, 2024 community engagement activities related to the FY25 budget process led by Chief Mike Herbstman, Chief Financial Officer

Student Board Representative De'Naiza Watson reported on her and Student Board Representatives Cavance Snaith and Doha Gassem's activities throughout the last month. Student Representative Watson reported that throughout the month, she along with her fellow student board representatives have participated in the following activities:

- Participation in the December 12, 2023 bi-annual meeting of the Board of Education, City Council, and Mayor Jim Kenney
- Participation in January 3, 2024 meeting with the World Affairs Council in begin preparing for the Global House of Young Voices Conference taking place in Frankfurt, Germany
- Met with Mike Herbstman, Chief Financial Officer on January 8, 2024 to learn about this year's budget cycle and discuss ways for students to get involved

Registered Student Speakers

The meeting was opened to the public for presentation of statements by registered students speakers. Ms. Rauch provided the applicable provisions of the speakers' policy for the meeting. Ms. Rauch called the following student speakers:

The following students spoke in support of Southwest Leadership Academy Charter School and the impact the the school has had on their community:

- Renee Fernandes, student
- Morris Donzo, student
- Djibrill Koita, student

Julia Elbaum, student, asked the District to please do something to ensure that teachers in school communities are teaching and providing students with information regarding the Israeli–Palestinian conflict from both sides.

Paris Waters, student, spoke about the impact of Camp Akili, and the importance of having programs that allow students to learn healing techniques and practices that empower them.

The following students spoke about the impact of many changes over the past two years to the J.R. Masterman school community including changes to the school schedule, changes to the language

curriculum, and new admission policies that have increased the number of freshman students being admitted:

- Laura Dragomir, student
- Nicolas Dorazio, student
- Kaddy Ren, student
- Luc Bastien, student

Aaliya Gamble, student, expressed concerns regarding the high school application process and asked the Board of Education for support in figuring out where she will go to high school in the fall of 2024.

The following students expressed concerns regarding the District's school selection process, noting that the process lacks guidance for students, has compressed deadlines, and is extremely anxiety producing and ultimately does not create the equity that the District sought to achieve with the lottery process:

- Daniela Samba-Losocha, student
- Zihan Lin, student

Superintendent Remarks

President Streater invited Dr. Watlington to provide remarks. Dr. Watlington reported/commented on the following:

- District Recognition
 - Recognition of Board Appreciation Month
 - Congratulations to City Leaders and Elected Officials
- Inclement Weather Decision Making Process
- Ongoing Priorities
 - Increase School Safety
 - Increase Student Attendance
 - Increase Teacher Attendance
 - Decrease Dropouts
- Act 158 Update
- Division of Academic Services Reorganization
- School Selection Update

Board Members asked clarifying questions to better understand the information presented by Dr. Watlington. Questions included a request for better understanding of the waitlist process as it relates to the school selection process, hiring timeline related to the appointment of a staff person who will support with the monitoring and implementation of strategies related to high school dropout rates, and information related to the District's process for notifying families of school related delays and closures. Board Members also requested additional data related to dropout rates of students living with disabilities and information on strategies that are currently in place to address the dropout rate as the District and Board prepares for the upcoming budget season.

Dr. Watlington invited the following individuals to provide responses to Board Members questions:

- Oz Hill, Chief of Operations
- Monique Braxton, Deputy Chief of Communications/Spokesperson
- Jermaine Dawson, Deputy Superintendent of Academic Services

Copies of presentations are included within the meeting agenda.

Public Testimony and General Speakers

Board Member Salley acknowledged the receipt of and summarized sixteen (16) pieces written testimony submitted to the Board from:

- Rachel Loeper and Grace Bernicker, directors of Mighty Writers
- Fourteen (14) students from Southwest Leadership Academy Charter School
- Barbara McDowell Dowdall, community member

Complete copies of the written testimony are included within the meeting agenda.

The meeting was opened to the public for presentation of statements by registered students, elected, and general speakers. Ms. Rauch provided the applicable provisions of the speakers' policy for the meeting. Ms. Rauch called general speakers:

The following individuals spoke about the positive impact of Flourish Agenda and Camp Akili and urged the Board to make an investment to expand the reach of Camp Akili to provide more students with a safe space to express themselves, learn about where they come from, the importance of leadership in their community, and the tools to healing from the trauma they experience are children in the City of Philadelphia:

- Ashley Rosario, community member
- Inella Ray, community member
- Joshua Fortune, community member
- Dr. Shawn Ginwright, community member

Caroline Tiger, parent/guardian, expressed concern regarding anti-semitism in schools since the event that took place on October 7, 2023. Ms. Tiger asked what will be done by the administration to ensure that school communities are fully equitable and inclusive of Jewish students and their families.

Tashi Grant, parent/guardian, shared her concerns regarding her experience when advocating for her daughter at Henry Lea school. Ms. Grant asked the Board to read the document that she provided and asked that her school be transferred to a Greenfield or an approved private school. Ms. Grant also urged the Board to investigate the principal at Lea School and his treatment of black and brown families of the school.

The following students expressed concerns regarding the lack of sexual education given to students. Additionally these students urged the Board to make it a priority for the District to provide comprehensive sex education and establish a monitoring and compliance process to ensure that students are receiving sex education:

- Taleen Hamad, community member
- Midnight Lyons, community member

Dawn Chavous, African American Charter School Coalition, spoke in support of Southwest Leadership Academy Charter School, request a moratorium on nonrenewal of charter schools until the Charter School Framework is revamped or dissolved, expressed support for Global Leadership Academy International High School Application, and expressed a desire to work with the Board of Education to reach of a solution to support the students of Mathematics, Civics, and Science Charter School given it's pending closure at the end of the 2023-2024 school year.

Claudia Lyles, African American Charter School Coalition, asked the Board to consider changes to the process for charter schools that would include a request for a moratorium on nonrenewal of charter schools until the Charter School Framework and renewal process is revamped or dissolved and to remove surrender clauses from school charters.

The following individuals shared their experiences at Southwest Leadership Academy Charter School and urged the Board of Education to vote to approve the renewal of the schools charter:

- Shirlene Thomas-Moore, parent/guardian
- Aima Arogundade, charter school staff member
- Cee Crowner, charter school staff member
- Leigh Purnell, charter school staff member

Liz Fitzgerald, parent/guardian, spoke about the importance of school libraries and its impact on student literacy. Ms. Fitzgerald asked the Board to collaborate with students, parents, community members, and advocates to restore school libraries.

The following individuals expressed concerns regarding the school selection process and spoke about the impact of selection process:

- Kristyn McCrohan, district staff member
- Johanna Bogdan, district staff member

Stacey Mandel, parent/guardian, expressed concerns and requested oversight of curriculum related to the Israeli–Palestinian conflict and the need for education professionals to distinguish between their role as citizens and their role as educators to ensure that those teaching our students are not sharing opinions.

Horace Clouden, Parent and Community Advisory Council, spoke about the need to bring back junior high schools and the impact that junior high schools have on students' development.

Thomas Quinn, district staff, spoke about the impact of gun violence and ways that the District can work to help students understand policies in the city that impact. Mr. Quinn spoke about the importance of student voter registration/education and civics curriculum.

Mariyam Walker, community member, spoke about her daughter's experience with the school selection process due to inaccurate issues with her daughter's attendance record.

Tameko Torres, community member, expressed concerns regarding principals who do not feel that students need additional support beyond the school day. Ms. Torres also expressed concerns regarding data being used by the Office of Strategic Partnerships to identify schools who could benefit from the programs that her organization provides to support students and families.

Marvin Reese, community member, shared his experience interacting with school staff and spoke about Team USA's decision to withdraw from after school programs.

Camille Bell, parent/guardian, expressed her support for the need for junior high schools and separation of older children from the younger children.

Charisma Presley, Friends of Philly Aquatics, spoke about the need for real progress which would include honoring the District's core value of equity by making swimming pools and swimming instruction accessible to all students as well as acting with urgency to create after school spaces for students. Mrs. Presley also spoke about the importance of a comprehensive plan that includes collaboration to discuss how all students can have access to resources across the District and the creation of pool catchments.

May Freda Watson, community member, spoke about the importance of reaching the children to help them utilize the talents that God has given them. Mrs. Watson also spoke about the importance of listening to children.

Lisa Haver, APPS, expressed dissatisfaction with the picture of Paul Vallas along the wall of Superintendents outside of the auditorium at 440 N. Broad St. Ms. Haver also expressed concerns regarding Action Item 25 - Approval of Release and Settlement Agreement and Renewal Charter with Southwest Leadership Academy Charter School ("SLACS") - Added 01.22.2024 noting that the Board has a responsibility to share with the community why they have made the decision to reverse their previous decision to non-renew a charter school.

Barbara Dowdall, community member, invited Board Members and encouraged the School District to consider participating in the National African American Read-In.

"Mama" Gail Clouden, community member, spoke in support of Horace Clouden noting that his recommendation regarding the need for junior high schools is based on his experience. Mama Gail questioned why there has not been a serious discussion regarding junior high schools. Mama Gail also expressed concerns regarding the Board's Parent and Community Advisory Council and lack of information that is being shared with the group.

Leah Clouden, community member, thanked the Board for the love and support sent for her father, Horace Clouden. Ms. Clouden spoke about the need for and the importance of junior high schools to give students the tools to navigate their lives.

Consideration of Action Items

President Streater described the process of how Action Items would be presented for consideration:

- Action Item 7, Administration's Recommendation for Termination of Professional Employees - WITHDRAWN 01.18.2024
- Priority Item(s): Action Item 25, Approval of Release and Settlement Agreement and Renewal Charter with Southwest Leadership Academy Charter School
- Consent agenda for the remaining Action Items, which are Action Items 1-6 and 8-24

Item No. 1 - Acceptance of Grants from Various Public Sources for the Operation of Preschool Programs (\$127,600,000) - Updated 01.12.2024

Yes: Ms. Andrews, Ms. Danzy, Ms. Egea-Hinton , Ms. Lam, Vice President Fix-Lopez, Ms. Salley, President Streater, Ms. Thompson, Ms. Wilkerson – 9

No: 0

Item No. 2 - Acceptance of Donation from Philadelphia Mural Arts Advocates; Amendment to the Memorandum of Understanding; License and Right of Entry Agreements for Various Schools (\$104,375)

Yes: Ms. Andrews, Ms. Danzy, Ms. Egea-Hinton , Ms. Lam, Vice President Fix-Lopez, Ms. Salley, President Streater, Ms. Thompson, Ms. Wilkerson – 9

No: 0

Item No. 3 - Ratification of Contract Amendment with Philadelphia Higher Education Network for Neighborhood Development - VISTA Project (No Cost Extension)

Yes: Ms. Andrews, Ms. Danzy, Ms. Egea-Hinton , Ms. Lam, Vice President Fix-Lopez, Ms. Salley, President Streater, Ms. Wilkerson – 8

No: 0

Abstention - Ms. Thompson - 1 (*personal relationships*)

Item No. 4 - Adoption of Board Policies

Yes: Ms. Andrews, Ms. Danzy, Ms. Egea-Hinton , Ms. Lam, Vice President Fix-Lopez, Ms. Salley, President Streater, Ms. Thompson, Ms. Wilkerson – 9

No: 0

Item No. 5 - Approval of Personnel Hires (Updated 01.18.2024)

Yes: Ms. Andrews, Ms. Danzy, Ms. Egea-Hinton , Ms. Lam, Vice President Fix-Lopez, Ms. Salley, President Streater, Ms. Thompson, Ms. Wilkerson – 9

No: 0

Item No. 6 - Approval of Personnel Terminations (Pending)

Yes: Ms. Andrews, Ms. Danzy, Ms. Egea-Hinton , Ms. Lam, Vice President Fix-Lopez, Ms. Salley, President Streater, Ms. Thompson, Ms. Wilkerson – 9

No: 0

Item No. 7. Administration's Recommendation for Termination of Professional Employees - **WITHDRAWN BY STAFF 01.18.2024**

Item No. 8 - Approval of Resignations and Retirements (Pending)

Yes: Ms. Andrews, Ms. Danzy, Ms. Egea-Hinton , Ms. Lam, Vice President Fix-Lopez, Ms. Salley, President Streater, Ms. Thompson, Ms. Wilkerson – 9

No: 0

Item No. 9. - Contract with Benefits Consultant: Marsh and McClennan Agency (\$750,000)

Yes: Ms. Andrews, Ms. Danzy, Ms. Egea-Hinton , Ms. Lam, Vice President Fix-Lopez,, President Streater, Ms. Thompson, Ms. Wilkerson – 9

No: Ms. Salley - 1

Item No. 10. - Contract with Drexel University for Computer Science Teacher Professional Development (\$84,061)

Yes: Ms. Andrews, Ms. Danzy, Ms. Egea-Hinton , Ms. Lam, Vice President Fix-Lopez, Ms. Salley, President Streater, Ms. Thompson, Ms. Wilkerson – 9

No: 0

Item No. 11. - Contracts with Various Vendors for IT Contracted Staffing Services (\$11,800,000) - Updated 01.08.2024

Board Member's Thompson, Lam, Salley and Egea-Hinton Lam expressed concerns regarding the large spend attached to this action item as well as making a request for additional information to better understand the District's IT needs and overall spend. Board Members also expressed interest in this being an ongoing discussion. Dr. Watlington provided a response.

Yes: Ms. Andrews, Ms. Danzy, Ms. Egea-Hinton, Vice President Fix-Lopez, Ms. Salley, President Streater, Ms. Wilkerson – 6

No: Ms. Lam, Ms. Salley - 2

Abstention - Ms. Thompson - 1 (*personal relationships*)

Item No. 12. - Contracts with Various Vendors for Network and Telecommunications Equipment, Maintenance, and Support (\$7,750,000)

Yes: Ms. Andrews, Ms. Danzy, Ms. Egea-Hinton , Ms. Lam, Vice President Fix-Lopez, Ms. Thompson, President Streater, Ms. Wilkerson – 8

No: Ms. Salley - 1

Item No. 13. - Contract with Funds for Learning LLC for Universal Service (E-rate) Consulting and Support Services (\$2,387,500)

Yes: Ms. Andrews, Ms. Danzy, Ms. Egea-Hinton , Ms. Lam, Vice President Fix-Lopez, Ms. Salley, President Streater, Ms. Thompson, Ms. Wilkerson – 9

No: 0

Item No. 14. - A.M. v. School District of Philadelphia

Yes: Ms. Andrews, Ms. Danzy, Ms. Egea-Hinton , Ms. Lam, Vice President Fix-Lopez, Ms. Salley, President Streater, Ms. Thompson, Ms. Wilkerson – 9

No: 0

Item No. 15. - Capital Award for Major Renovation at William Dick Elementary School (\$12,358,100)

Yes: Ms. Andrews, Ms. Danzy, Ms. Egea-Hinton , Ms. Lam, Vice President Fix-Lopez, Ms. Salley, President Streater, Ms. Thompson, Ms. Wilkerson – 9

No: 0

Item No. 16. - Change Orders at Various Locations (\$210,939)

Yes: Ms. Andrews, Ms. Danzy, Ms. Egea-Hinton , Ms. Lam, Vice President Fix-Lopez, Ms. Salley, President Streater, Ms. Wilkerson – 8

No: Ms. Thompson - 1

Item No. 17. -Ratification and Authorization of Purchase Order Contracting Authority - Calendar Year 2024

Yes: Ms. Andrews, Ms. Danzy, Ms. Egea-Hinton , Ms. Lam, Vice President Fix-Lopez, Ms. Salley, President Streater, Ms. Wilkerson – 8

No: Ms. Thompson - 1

Item No. 18. - Contract with O Z Collaborative for Services Creating Floor Plans and Site Plans for Twelve Schools in the CCTV Transformation Program (\$88,920)

Yes: Ms. Andrews, Ms. Danzy, Ms. Egea-Hinton , Ms. Lam, Vice President Fix-Lopez, Ms. Salley, President Streater, Ms. Thompson, Ms. Wilkerson – 9

No: 0

Item No. 19. - Ratification of Contracts with Various Vendors for Two-Way Radios for Student Climate Staff (\$265,850)

Yes: Ms. Andrews, Ms. Danzy, Ms. Egea-Hinton , Ms. Lam, Vice President Fix-Lopez, Ms. Salley, President Streater, Ms. Thompson, Ms. Wilkerson – 9

No: 0

Item No. 20. - Amendment of Contract with Atriade LLC for Program Support, Technical Services, and Design Services of CCTV Security Camera Systems for CCTV Transformation Program (\$120,000)

Board Member Danzy asked clarifying questions to better understand if this action item serves as the total spend for the completion of the CCTV Transformation Program.

Yes: Ms. Andrews, Ms. Danzy, Ms. Egea-Hinton , Ms. Lam, Vice President Fix-Lopez, Ms. Salley, President Streater, Ms. Thompson, Ms. Wilkerson – 9

No: 0

Item No. 21.- Amendment of Contract with Flourish Agenda, Inc. (\$1,466,183))

Yes: Ms. Andrews, Ms. Danzy, Ms. Egea-Hinton , Ms. Lam, Vice President Fix-Lopez, Ms. Salley, President Streater, Ms. Thompson, Ms. Wilkerson – 9

No: 0

Item No. 22. - Extension of Time to Accept Donation from the Fund for Teacher Stipends and Hands-on Materials for Students

Yes: Ms. Andrews, Ms. Danzy, Ms. Egea-Hinton , Ms. Lam, Vice President Fix-Lopez, Ms. Salley, President Streater, Ms. Thompson, Ms. Wilkerson – 9

No: 0

Item No. 23. - Amendment of Contract with Multiple Vendors - Interpretation and Translation Services (\$2,400,000) - Added 01.10.2024

Vice President Fix-Lopez expressed gratitude and appreciation for the continued focus and public commitment on the work being addressed through this action item.

Yes: Ms. Andrews, Ms. Danzy, Ms. Egea-Hinton , Ms. Lam, Vice President Fix-Lopez, Ms. Salley, President Streater, Ms. Wilkerson – 8

No: Ms. Thompson - 1

Item No. 24. - Contract with Square Button for IT Needs Assessment for the Office of Environmental Management and Services (\$330,000) - Added 01.10.2024

Yes: Ms. Andrews, Ms. Danzy, Ms. Egea-Hinton , Ms. Lam, Vice President Fix-Lopez, Ms. Salley, President Streater, Ms. Thompson, Ms. Wilkerson – 9

No: 0

Item No. 25. - Approval of Release and Settlement Agreement and Renewal Charter with Southwest Leadership Academy Charter School (“SLACS”) - Added 01.22.2024

Board Member Salley asked clarifying questions to better understand the role of the Charter School Office in supporting Charter School Succession Planning as well as expectations related to involvement of a charter school's Board.

Board Member Egea-Hinton asked clarifying questions to better understand what academic improvements have occurred that the Board should consider and what can the Board expect to look different when the school is up for renewal in the Spring of 2027.

Board Member Lam asked questions related to understanding improved practices that would be sustained throughout the renewal term, ways that SLACS has worked to address financial concerns, and mechanisms that will be used to ensure that the conditions listed within the charter agreement are met throughout the renewal process.

Board Member Thompson asked for clarification related to if the parents and families have been made aware of the nineteen conditions that exist within the charter agreement.

President Streater provided brief remarks regarding Action Item 25 - Approval of Release and Settlement Agreement and Renewal Charter with Southwest Leadership Academy Charter School ("SLACS") - Added 01.22.2024 noting that the Board's decision to approve Action item 25 comes back to what is in the best interest of the students at Southwest Leadership Academy. President Streater shared that the terms outlined in the proposed agreement and conditions set forth for the renewal of this charter are meant to address the Board's concerns related to the academic, organizational compliance and financial domain and to set the school up for expected success in the future. President Streater noted that while he is in support of a 5 year renewal with conditions through June 2027, he does remain concerned about the school's current financial position.

Board Member Andrews shared brief remarks stating that decisions such as this are never easy and stated that the Board's commitment to student achievement must guide their direction. Board Member Andrews noted that while the school has challenges in the areas of governance as well as organizational compliance and finances, the school has made new commitments to rectify the challenges and work with the Charter School's Office to address these issues. Board Member Andrews shared that she looks forward to reviewing the school's Annual Charter Evaluation and seeing the improvements based upon the agreed to conditions.

Peng Chao, Chief of Charter Schools provided a response to all questions raised by Board Members.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the Release and Settlement Agreement with Southwest Leadership Academy Charter School, including the Renewal Charter for Southwest Leadership Academy Charter School for the five-year term commencing on July 1, 2022 and ending on June 30, 2027.

Yes: Ms. Andrews, Ms. Danzy, Ms. Egea-Hinton , Ms. Lam, Vice President Fix-Lopez, Ms. Salley, President Streater, Ms. Thompson, Ms. Wilkerson – 9

No: 0

Adjournment

President Streater announced that the Board will hold its next public business on February 29 2024, at 4:00 p.m., via hybrid format.

Reminder that tomorrow January 25, 2024 is the last day to submit written testimony for the New Charter School Hearings related to the application of Global Leadership International Academy High School

Goals and Guardrail meeting on February 8, 2024 @ 4:00pm

On motion, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm

Reginald L. Streater, Esq., President
Board of Education

Tony Watlington, Ed.D.
Superintendent