



SOUTHFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS MINUTES

MEETING: Special Board Meeting/Student Hearing	DATE: August 18, 2025	TIME: 5:30 p.m.	LOCATION: John W. English Administrative Center
BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ashanti Bland, President	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yvette Ware- DeVaul, Vice President	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Leslie L. Smith-Thomas, Secretary	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Talisha Belk, Treasurer
<input type="checkbox"/> Amani Johnson, Trustee	<input type="checkbox"/> Jillian Holloway, Trustee	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nicole Denson, Trustee	
ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT:			
<input type="checkbox"/> Jennifer Green, Ed.D. Superintendent	<input type="checkbox"/> Lanissa Freeman, Deputy Superintendent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> James Jackson, Chief of Staff	<input type="checkbox"/> , Chief of Talent Mtg
<input type="checkbox"/> Marc Ingram, Chief Financial Officer	<input type="checkbox"/> Rebecca Luddington, Manager of Pupil Accounting	<input type="checkbox"/> Sommer Caldwell- Carruthers, Executive Director of Instruction	<input type="checkbox"/> Joseph Corace, Chief Operations Officer
<input type="checkbox"/> April Rogers, Exe. Dir., State and Federal Programs	<input type="checkbox"/> Angela Smith, Exec. Director of ISSN	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Minutes: Carolyn Foster, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent and the Board of Education	Student Board Representatives: <input type="checkbox"/> Paris Whitman, SA&T <input type="checkbox"/> Chidi Nnaji, UK12

1. Opening of Meeting

The meeting was called to order by Board President Bland at 5:35 p.m. Board President Bland read the opening statement and Trustee roll call was taken. Trustee Johnson and Trustee Holloway were excused from this meeting.

2. Action Item

a. 18-2024-25

- President Bland and the other Trustees introduced themselves.
- Chief Jackson introduced himself, Ms. Foster, A.P. Denham and A.P. Patterson.
- The parent and student introduced themselves.
- The parent states that he did not receive the letter from the district regarding the suspension and the violations to the Southfield Public School's Student Code of Conduct but the student's mother may have received it.
- The parent understood the right to have legal counsel and waived that right.
- The parent wished to hold the meeting in public.
- The student does not receive special education services.
- The student pled not guilty to the violations and after the explanation of the violation the student changed the plea to guilty on both of the violations.
- All hands were sworn in.
- The student gave an overview of the situation.
- The student's father spoke about her situation and her character.
- The student answered the questions regarding the violation.
- President Bland asked the parent, student and administrators to step out for deliberations.
- After deliberations, the parent, student and administrators were asked back in.
- Vice President Ware-DeVaul introduced a motion to expel student 18-2024-25 and it was supported by Treasurer Belk.

President Bland asked Secretary Smith Thomas to call for the vote.

Ayes: Trustee Ware-DeVaull, Trustee Smith-Thomas, Trustee Denson, Trustee Bland, and Trustee Belk

Nays: Nil

Absent: Trustee Holloway and Trustee Johnson

Motion carried.

5 yes: 0 no

3. Public Participation

- There was no public participation.

4. Adjournment

- President Bland adjourned the Special Board Meeting/Student Hearing at 6:24 p.m.

Approved on: September 9, 2025

Leslie L. Smith-Thomas, Board Secretary