



SOUTHFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS MINUTES

MEETING: Special Board Meeting/Candidate Interviews	DATE: December 8, 2025	TIME: 5:30 p.m.	LOCATION: John W. English Administrative Center
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BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yvette Ware-DeVaul, President	<input type="checkbox"/> Amani Johnson, Vice President	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Leslie L. Smith-Thomas, Secretary	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Talisha Belk, Treasurer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jillian Holloway, Trustee	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nicole Denson, Trustee	<input type="checkbox"/> Vacancy Trustee
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ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jennifer Green, Ed.D. Superintendent	<input type="checkbox"/> Lanissa Freeman, Deputy Superintendent	<input 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 Ware-DeVaul at 5:30 p.m. Board President Ware-DeVaul read the opening statement and Trustee roll call was taken. Trustee Johnson is out of the country.

- The Trustees took a recess from 5:32 p.m. to 5:57 p.m.

2. Candidate Interviews

- Keith Crispen
- Sheila Dugeon
- Brandi Mitchell
- Rachell Sharp
- Kimberly Flowers

- The Trustees interviewed these candidates for the school board vacant seat.

3. Action Items

a. Tally and Selection of Candidate

- There were two candidates that had 27 or more points.
- Trustee Holloway made a motion to selection Alcott Germany II and it was supported by Secretary Smith-Thomas.

President Ware-DeVaul asked Secretary Smith-Thomas to call for the vote.

Ayes: Trustee Holloway, Trustee Ware-DeVaul

Nays: Trustee Belk, Trustee Denson, Trustee Smith-Thomas

Absent: Trustee Johnson

Motion failed: 3 no and 2 yes

- Secretary Smith-Thomas made a motion to select Jenae Anderson and it was supported by Treasurer Belk.

President Ware-DeVauld asked Secretary Smith-Thomas to call for the vote.

Ayes: Trustee Belk, Trustee Denson, Trustee Smith-Thomas

Nays: Trustee Holloway, Trustee Ware-DeVauld

Absent: Trustee Johnson

Motion failed: 2 no and 3 yes

- Secretary Smith-Thomas made a motion to have a second interview for the two candidates and it was supported by President Ware-DeVauld.

President Ware-DeVauld asked Secretary Smith-Thomas to call for the vote.

Ayes: Trustee Denson, Trustee Smith-Thomas

Nays: Trustee Belk, Trustee Holloway, Trustee Ware-DeVauld

Absent: Trustee Johnson

Motion failed: 3 no and 2 yes

- Secretary Smith-Thomas motioned to rescind her vote for Alcott Germany II and it was supported by Trustee Denson.

President Ware-DeVauld asked Secretary Smith-Thomas to call for the vote.

Ayes: Trustee Holloway, Trustee Smith-Thomas, Trustee Ware-DeVauld

Nays: Trustee Belk, Trustee Denson

Absent: Trustee Johnson

Motion failed: 3 no and 2 yes

- President Ware-DeVauld motioned to rescind her vote for Jenae Anderson and it was supported by Trustee Denson.

President Ware-DeVauld asked Secretary Smith-Thomas to call for the vote.

Ayes: Trustee Belk, Trustee Denson, Trustee Smith-Thomas

Nays: Trustee Holloway, Trustee Ware-DeVauld

Absent: Trustee Johnson

Motion failed: 2 no and 3 yes

- President Ware-DeVauld made a motion to rescind her vote to have a second interview for the two candidates and it was supported by Secretary Smith-Thomas.

President Ware-DeVauld asked Secretary Smith-Thomas to call for the vote.

Ayes: Trustee Holloway, Trustee Smith-Thomas, Trustee Ware-DeVauld, Trustee Denson

Nays: Trustee Belk

Absent: Trustee Johnson

Motion passed: 1 no and 4 yes

4. Public Participation

- There was no public participation.

5. Adjournment

- President Ware-DeVauld adjourned the Special Board Meeting at 8:55 p.m.

Approved on: January 13, 2025
Leslie L. Smith-Thomas, Board Secretary

Proposed for Adoption