



SOUTHFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS MINUTES

MEETING: Special Board Meeting/Organizational Meeting	DATE: January 14, 2025	TIME: 6:00 p.m.	LOCATION: John W. English Administrative Center
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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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amani Johnson, Trustee	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jillian Holloway, Trustee	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nicole Denson, Trustee

ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT:							
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jennifer Green, Ed.D. Superintendent	<input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rebecca Luddington, Manager of Pupil Accounting	<input checked="" 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"/> Micaela Beckford, UHSA <input type="checkbox"/> Eric Spragins, Southfield A&T		

1. Opening of Meeting

The meeting was called to order by Board President Bland at 6:03 p.m. Board President Bland read the opening statement and Trustee roll call was taken. All Trustees were present.

2. Election of Officers

- President Bland spoke about how informative her Lunch 'n Learn was with Trustee Denson.
- President Bland indicated that the voting of the cabinet positions would start with the first person to be nominated. If that Trustee has the most yes votes, the Board would move to the next cabinet position. If they did not have enough yes votes, then the Board would move to the next nominee and then take that vote until there were enough yes votes for a Trustee.

❖ Board President

- Vice President Ware-DeVaul opened the floor up for the Board President nominations.
- Vice President Ware-DeVaul nominated Trustee Bland for President and it was supported by Trustee Johnson.
- Vice President Ware-DeVaul asked three times if there were any other nominations and there were none.
- Trustee Bland stated that she accepts the nomination for Board President.

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

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

Nays: Trustee Holloway

Trustee Holloway states that she would like to have another Board President.

Motion carried with 6 yes and 1 no votes.

The vote was for Trustee Bland for Board President.

❖ **Board Vice President**

- President Bland opened the floor for the Board Vice President nominations.
- President Bland nominated Trustee Ware-DeVauil for Board Vice President and it was supported by Trustee Johnson.
- President Bland asked three times if there were any other nominations and there were none.
- Trustee Ware-DeVauil accepted the nomination for Board Vice President.

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

Ayes: Trustee Belk, Trustee Bland, Trustee Holloway, Trustee Johnson, Trustee Denson, Trustee Smith-Thomas, and Trustee Ware-DeVauil

Nays: Nil

Motion carried unanimously.

The vote was for Trustee Ware-DeVauil for Vice President.

❖ **Board Secretary**

- President Bland opened the floor for the Board Secretary nominations.
- President Bland nominated Trustee Smith-Thomas for Board Secretary and it was supported by Trustee Johnson.
- President Bland asked three times if there were any other nominations and there were none.
- Trustee Smith-Thomas accepted the nomination for Board Secretary.

President Bland asked Vice President Ware-DeVauil to call for the vote.

Ayes: Trustee Belk, Trustee Bland, Trustee Holloway, Trustee Johnson, Trustee Denson, Trustee Smith-Thomas, and Trustee Ware-DeVauil

Nays: Nil

Motion carried unanimously.

The vote was for Trustee Smith-Thomas for Board Secretary.

❖ **Board Treasurer**

- President Bland opened the floor for the Board Treasurer nominations.
- Vice President Ware-DeVauil nominated Trustee Belk for Board Treasurer and it was supported by Trustee Johnson.
- President Bland asked three times if there were any other nominations and there were none.
- Trustee Belk accepted the nomination for Board Treasurer.

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

Ayes: Trustee Ware-DeVauil, Trustee Smith-Thomas, Trustee Denson, Trustee Johnson, Trustee Holloway, Trustee Bland, and Trustee Belk

Nays: Nil

Motion carried unanimously.

The vote was for Trustee Belk for Board Treasurer.

3. Public Participation

- There was no public participation.

4. Adjournment

President Bland adjourned the Special Board Meeting/Study Session at 6:13 p.m.

Approved on: February 11, 2025

Leslie L. Smith-Thomas, Board Secretary

Proposed for Adoption