



SOUTHFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS MINUTES

MEETING: Special Board Meeting/Student Hearings	DATE: April 15, 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- DeVaull, 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 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 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 5:37 p.m. Board President Bland read the opening statement and Trustee roll call was taken. Trustee Johnson, Trustee Holloway and Trustee Denson were excused from the meeting.

2. Action Items

a. 12-2024-25

- President Bland and the Trustees introduced themselves.
- Chief Jackson introduced himself and Ms. Foster.
- The administrators introduced themselves.
- The parent and student introduced themselves.
- The parents states they did receive the letter from the district regarding the suspension and the violations to the Southfield Public School's Student Code of Conduct.
- The parent understood the right to have legal counsel and waived that right.
- The parent wished to hold the meeting in public.
- All hands were sworn.
- President Bland read the letter written by administration.
- The student provided insight on the incident.
- The administrators gave their account of the incident.
- The Trustees asked the student and parent questions and they were answered by the student and parent.
- 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-DeVaull recommended a motion to expel 12-2024-25 and it was supported by Treasurer Belk.

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

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

Nays: Nil

Absent: Trustee Johnson, Trustee Holloway, and Trustee Denson

Motion carried.

b. 13-2024-25

- President Bland and the Trustees introduced themselves.
- Chief Jackson introduced himself and Ms. Foster.
- The administrators introduced themselves.
- The parents and student introduced themselves.
- The parents states they did receive the letter from the district regarding the suspension and the violations to the Southfield Public School's Student Code of Conduct.
- The parent understood the right to have legal counsel and waived that right.
- The parent wished to hold the meeting in private.
- The Trustees went into Closed Session.
- Vice President Ware-DeVaull recommended a motion to expel 13-2024-25 and it was supported by Treasurer Belk.

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

Ayes: Trustee Bland, Trustee Ware-DeVaull, and Trustee Belk

Nays: Trustee Smith-Thomas

Absent: Trustee Johnson, Trustee Holloway, and Trustee Denson

Motion failed.

3 yes, 1 no votes

- The vote will be renewed at the Tuesday, April 22, 2025 Special Board meeting where the Trustees will vote on 13-2024-25.

c. 14-2024-25

- President Bland and the Trustees introduced themselves.
- Chief Jackson introduced himself and Ms. Foster.
- The administrators introduced themselves.
- The parent and student introduced themselves.
- The parents states they did receive the letter from the district regarding the suspension and the violations to the Southfield Public School's Student Code of Conduct.
- The parent understood the right to have legal counsel and waived that right.
- The parent wished to hold the meeting in public.
- All hands were sworn.
- President Bland read the letter written by administration.
- The student provided insight on the incident.
- The administrators gave their account of the incident.
- The Trustees asked the student and parent questions and they were answered by the student and parent.
- President Bland asked the parent, student and administrators to step out for deliberations.
- After deliberations, the parent, student and administrators were asked back in.
- Treasurer Belk left at 8:39 p.m.
- There was no quorum. The Trustees will vote on 14-2024-25 at the April 22, 2025, Special Board meeting.

3. Public Participation

- #### 4. Adjournment

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