

East Lansing Public Schools
Regular Meeting
Monday, January 27, 2025 7:00 PM Eastern

Board Room
509 Burcham Drive
East Lansing, Michigan 48823

I. Opening of Meeting

I.A. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President Chris Martin at 7:01 pm.

I.B. Roll Call

Dr. Terah Chambers:	Present
Dr. Kath Edsall:	Present
Ms. Tali Faris-Hylen:	Present
Dr. Elizabeth Lyons:	Absent - arrived at 7:02 pm
Mr. Chris Martin:	Present
Dr. Estrella Torrez:	Present
Ms. Abbie Tykocki:	Present
Student Representative Stella Alfredson	Absent
Student Representative Holyn Walsh	Absent
Superintendent Dori Leyko	Present

I.C. Mission Statement: *Nurturing Each Child, Educating All Students, Building World Citizens*
Trustee Tali Faris-Hylen read the mission statement.

I.D. Approval of Agenda

Motion: 24-25/061: *I move to approve the January 27, 2025, regular meeting agenda, as presented.*

This motion, made by Dr. Kath Edsall and seconded by Dr. Terah Chambers, Passed.

Dr. Terah Chambers: Aye, Dr. Kath Edsall: Aye, Ms. Tali Faris-Hylen: Aye, Dr. Elizabeth Lyons: Aye,
Mr. Chris Martin: Aye, Dr. Estrella Torrez: Aye, Ms. Abbie Tykocki: Aye

Aye: 7, Nay: 0

I.E. Approval of Minutes

Motion: 24-25/062: *I move to approve the minutes of the following meetings:*

I.E.1. January 13, 2025, organizational meeting

I.E.2. January 22, 2025, special meeting

I.E.3. January 22, 2025, closed session

This motion, made by Dr. Kath Edsall and seconded by Ms. Abbie Tykocki, Passed.

Dr. Terah Chambers: Aye, Dr. Kath Edsall: Aye, Ms. Tali Faris-Hylen: Aye, Dr. Elizabeth Lyons: Aye, Mr. Chris Martin: Aye, Dr. Estrella Torrez: Aye, Ms. Abbie Tykocki: Aye

Aye: 7, Nay: 0

II. Presentation

II.A. School Board Appreciation, Rep. Tsernoglu

III. Recognition

- Special Olympics basketball teams won their games;
- All State Band took place last weekend in Grand Rapids; three middle school students were selected; the 8th grade band were chosen to be a demo band for a session for music educators; the band did a fantastic job

IV. Student Representative Report

No student representative report

V. Superintendent's Report

Click [here](#) for the Superintendent's Report

Discussion followed

VI. Consent Agenda

Motion: 24-25/063: I move to approve the consent agenda item:

VI.A. Designation of Depositories

VI.A.1. The Board of Education approve the following financial institutions in which District funds may be deposited:

- Comerica Bank
- Huntington National Bank
- Michigan Liquid Asset Fund (MILAF)

This motion, made by Dr. Terah Chambers and seconded by Ms. Tali Faris-Hylen, Passed.

Dr. Terah Chambers: Aye, Dr. Kath Edsall: Aye, Ms. Tali Faris-Hylen: Aye, Dr. Elizabeth Lyons: Aye, Mr. Chris Martin: Aye, Dr. Estrella Torrez: Aye, Ms. Abbie Tykocki: Aye

Aye: 7, Nay: 0

Motion: 24-25/064: I move to approve the consent agenda item:

VI.B. New Hire

VI.B.1. Hiring of Luke Smith - 1.0 FTE School Counselor at East Lansing High School at MA Step 6 effective February 17, 2025.

This motion, made by Ms. Tali Faris-Hylen and seconded by Dr. Estrella Torrez, Passed.

Dr. Terah Chambers: Aye, Dr. Kath Edsall: Aye, Ms. Tali Faris-Hylen: Aye, Dr. Elizabeth Lyons: Aye, Mr. Chris Martin: Aye, Dr. Estrella Torrez: Aye, Ms. Abbie Tykocki: Aye

Aye: 7, Nay: 0

VII. Public Comment:

This is the opportunity to address the Board. Speakers are to confine their remarks to five minutes. If a speaker requires more than five minutes, after all other persons who have requested to speak during this part of the meeting have spoken, that speaker will be allowed additional time. The Superintendent or other district staff may comment to clear up or avoid significant misunderstandings.

No Public Comment

VIII. Closed Session

Motion: 24-25/065: The Board of Education meets in closed session pursuant to Section 8(1)(c) of the Open Meetings Act related to collective bargaining.

This motion, made by Dr. Terah Chambers and seconded by Dr. Kath Edsall, Passed.

Roll Call Vote

Dr. Terah Chambers: Aye, Dr. Kath Edsall: Aye, Ms. Tali Faris-Hylen: Aye, Dr. Elizabeth Lyons: Aye, Mr. Chris Martin: Aye, Dr. Estrella Torrez: Aye, Ms. Abbie Tykocki: Aye

Aye: 7, Nay: 0

Returned to Open Session at 8:20 pm

IX. Board Discussion

No Board Discussion

X. Action Items

X.A. Authorized Check Signers

Motion: 24-25/066: I move that the Board of Education authorize the following positions to be authorized check signers:

- *Board of Education Treasurer*
- *Superintendent*
- *Director of Finance and Operations*
- *Director of Finance*

This motion, made by Ms. Tali Faris-Hylen and seconded by Dr. Estrella Torrez, Passed.

Dr. Terah Chambers: Aye, Dr. Kath Edsall: Aye, Ms. Tali Faris-Hylen: Aye, Dr. Elizabeth Lyons: Aye, Mr. Chris Martin: Aye, Dr. Estrella Torrez: Aye, Ms. Abbie Tykocki: Aye

Aye: 7, Nay: 0

XI. Committee Reports

XI.A. Academic and Technology Committee

- Emailed committee to schedule the next meeting

XI.B. Facilities Committee

- The next meeting is scheduled for February 7 at 1:00 pm

XI.C. Finance Committee

- The next meeting is scheduled for February 3 at 1:00 pm

XI.D. Intergovernmental Relations

- Emailed committee members to schedule the next meeting

XI.E. Personnel Committee

- No meeting scheduled
- Will need to schedule a meeting for Superintendent's Evaluation

XI.F. Policy Committee

- The next meeting is scheduled for February 10 at 10:45 am

XI.G. Ingham School Officers Association (ISOA)

- Trustee Abbie Tykocki will be the new ISOA representative

XII. Announcements

XII.A. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Education is February 10, 2025.

XII.B President Chris Martin thanked all school board members for their service.

XIII. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:27 pm.

President

Secretary