

HIGHLAND PARK PUBLIC SCHOOL ACADEMY SYSTEM
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

BARBER PREPARATORY ACADEMY (BPA)

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REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, November 28, 2023 5:30PM

MINUTES TYPE:	PROPOSED	APPROVED
		X

Meeting Minutes

The Regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Barber Preparatory Academy was held on Tuesday, November 28, 2023 via in-person and Zoom Cloud Meetings App at 5:30PM.

I. Call to Order:

The meeting was officially called to order by President Cassandra Walker at 5:40PM.

II. Roll Call:

The following Board Members were:

Ms. Cassandra Walker, President (X) Present () Absent Ms.
Famika Roberts, Vice President (X) Present () Absent
Ms. Candice Bennis, Secretary & Treasurer (X) Present () Absent

Quorum Present:

(Yes 3-0)

III. Approval of the Agenda:

Vice President Famika Roberts makes a Motion to approve the Agenda with the amendments.

Secretary/Treasurer Candice Bennis seconds.

Discussion: None.

Vote: 3-0

MOTION CARRIED

IV. Citizen(s) Participation on Agenda Items ONLY: (limited to 3 minutes per comment)

None.

V. Approval of Minutes

Vice President Famika Roberts to approve the October 24, 2023 Regular meeting minutes.

Secretary/Treasurer Candice Bennis seconds.

Discussion: None

Vote: 3-0

MOTION CARRIED

A copy of the Meeting Minutes are available for public inspection at the Barber Preparatory Academy Board Office at 45 Buena Vista, Highland Park, Michigan 48203- within 8 business days for proposed minutes and within 5 business days of approval for approved minutes.

VI. Educational Service Provider

- a. Principal's Report – *Nicole Arnold (BPA School Leader)*
- b. ESP - *Pamela Ferris (ACCEL) presents.*

VII. Committee Reports

- a. Finance Committee – **Cassandra Walker (Chair)**
 - i. October 2023 Financial Summary – *Patti Ashley (ACCEL) presents.*
 - ii. October 2023 Financials Report – *President Cassandra Walker.*
- b. Facilities Committee – **Vice President Famika Roberts (Chair)**

Vice President Famika Roberts makes a motion to change the order of the Agenda to bring item IX(B) up for the next topic of discussion.

Secretary/Treasurer Benns seconds.

Discussion: None

Vote: 3-0

MOTION CARRIED

VIII. Unfinished Business:

None.

IX. New Business:

A. Approval of October 2023 Financials

President Cassandra Walker makes Motion to approve the October 2023 Financials Report

Vice President Famika Roberts seconds.

Discussion: None.

Vote: 2-0

MOTION CARRIED

B. Approval of City Works contract

Vice President Famika Roberts makes a Motion to approve the City Works contract with the addendum that gives the Authority for ACCEL Schools to execute.

Secretary/Treasurer Benns seconds.

Discussion: None

Vote: 3-0

MOTION CARRIED

C. Approval of the FY24 Amended Budget

Vice President Famika Roberts makes a Motion to approve the FY24 Amended Budget.

Candice Benns seconds.

Discussion: Zakia Gibson (Authorizer) states the reason for the Amended Budget.

Vote: 3-0

MOTION CARRIED

Secretary/Treasurer Benns exits the meeting at 6:43 PM.

D. Approval of FY23 Audit Report

President Cassandra Walker makes a Motion to approve the FY23 Audit Report.

Vice President Famika Roberts seconds.

Discussion: None.

Vote: 2-0

MOTION CARRIED

X. Authorizer Comments –

- a. Zakia Gibson, Ed.D., CEO/HPSD – Reports
- b. HPSD BOE Trustee Comments (3 minutes per member)

Secretary Linda Wheeler
Vice President Janet Spight-White
Trustee Mark Ashley Price
Trustee Doris Harris

Zakia Gibson states for the record: “When there was a change in leadership for the Highland Park Public School Academy Systems Board of Directors President, Madame Walker felt more comfortable with questions that were asked in public. The notification was stated at her first meeting in which she facilitated. The reason that she stated was to give her an opportunity, as an neophyte leader of this Board of Directors, to be able to provide an accurate statement to answer the questions that have been presented by any member of this community, including questions that have been presented by their own Board of Directors members. She wanted to ensure that she presented those questions to their attorney, Attorney McCargo, to present an accurate statement to the community. She has also stated that any question that is asked in public, please email those question, they will respond, and at the next meeting, they will respond and answer that question on the record. She is very diligent in not making significant errors that can create a liability for this Board. I am sure the community members appreciate receiving an accurate answer to their questions after she identifies the proper data that supports their question. The process will be, according to Madame President Walker’s wishes:

1. Question will be presented by the public individual presented the question on email.
2. Madame Walker will answer the question with the support of Dr. Farris, Principal Arnold and their attorney, Mr. McCargo, to ensure that the answer is accurate.
3. At the following meeting, she will provide on public record the answer to the question.
She is about order; she is about respect in providing accurate information to this community as Leader and representation to this community and the effective leadership with high level of efficacy. Please be respectful of that.”

XI. Board Member Comments:

XII. Public Comment (3 minutes):

Janet Spight-White (BOE Vice President)

XIII. Confirmation of Next Regular Board Meeting: Tuesday, January 23, 2023, at 5:30PM.

President Cassandra Walker confirms the next Regular Board Meeting on Tuesday, January 23, 2023 at 5:30PM.

XIV. Adjournment

Motion made by Vice President Famika Roberts to adjourn the meeting.

President Cassandra Walker seconds.

Discussion: None

Vote: 2-0

MOTION CARRIED

The Highland Park Public School Academy System Board of Directors for Barber Preparatory Academy Meeting adjourned at 7:42PM.

Minutes Certification:

Proposed minutes respectfully submitted by:

/s/LaTonia Coleman

12/5/2023

LaTonia Coleman, Board Liaison

Date

Minutes approved by the Barber Preparatory Academy Board of Directors by:

/s/Candice Bennis

02/27/2027

Candice Bennis, HPPSAS BOD Secretary

Date