

NORTH BRUNSWICK TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
Reorganization Minutes Meeting, Monday, January 4, 2023
Board Office – 7:00 p.m.

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag
3. Rosa Hock, Board Secretary called the Regular Public Meeting of the North Brunswick Board of Education to order at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was held at the Board Office, Linwood Campus. This meeting of the North Brunswick Township Board of Education is being recorded and broadcast via YouTube.

On a Roll call, the following members were present: Mr. Brockman, Mr. Duran Harris, Ms. James, Ms. Keefe, Mr. Liguori, Dr. Patel, Ms. Toth, Mr. Wen.
Absent: Ms. Zulick.

Present: Superintendent, Ms. Ciarrocca, Business Administrator/Board Secretary, Ms. Hock, Assistant Superintendent, Ms. Kita, Board Attorney, Ms. Blackburn.
Absent: Ms. Zulick.

4. Board President’s Statement: Read by Ms. Hock

The New Jersey Open Public Meetings Law was enacted to ensure the right of the public to have advance notice of and to attend the meetings of public bodies, at which any business affecting their interests is discussed or acted upon. In accordance with the Open Public Meetings Law, the public notice of this meeting, which included the time, date, and location was distributed by 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, December 25, 2022 in the following manner:

- a. Posted on the Bulletin Board reserved announcements in the Board Office, 25 Linwood Place, North Brunswick.
- b. Mailed to the Home News Tribune, Sentinel, and the Clerk of the Township Of North Brunswick.
- c. Delivered to the nine (9) duly elected board members.

5. Presentations:

- a. Ms. Ciarrocca thanked the two Board Member Honorees - Ms. Janell Zulick, Board Member and Mr. Barry Duran Harris, Board President for their service to the Board and the community. She presented both with a plaque that read,

Presented to
Barry Duran Harris
In recognition of your service
to the children of North Brunswick
As a member of the
North Brunswick Township Board of Education
2016-2022
Vice President
2018-2021
Board President
2022

Presented to
Janell Zulick
In recognition of your service
to the children of North Brunswick
As a member of the
North Brunswick Township Board of Education
2021-2022

6. Ms. Hock Administered the Oath of Office to the newly elected Board Members:
Zaire Ali
Jason Carter
Coleen Keefe

7. Seating of Board Members

8. Ms. Hock shared the results of the annual school election held on November 8, 2022:

Number of Registered Voter: 28,170
Number of Votes Cast: 8,982

- a. Members of the Board Election

VOTES COUNTED FOR CANDIDATES

Candidates	Term	Total
Zaire Ali	3 Years	3,280
Jason Carter	3 Years	2,933
Barry Duran Harris	3 Years	2,743
Coleen Keefe	3 Years	3,618
Janell Zulick	3 Years	2,739

9. A motion was made by Mr. Brockman and seconded by Ms. Toth to approve the result of the annual school election.

The results of the motion were:

Aye: Mr. Ali, Mr. Brockman, Mr. Carter, Ms. James, Ms. Keefe, Mr. Liguori, Dr. Patel, Ms. Toth, Mr. Wen.

Nay: None

Abstain: None

10. Nominations for and Election of Officers

Ms. Hock opened the Nomination for President.

Mr. Wen nominated Mr. Liguori

Ms. Toth nominated Mr. Brockman.

11. Hearing no other nominations, a motion was made by Mr. Brockman and seconded by Ms. James to close the nominations.

A vote was taken by the Board Secretary for the Board President position and the results of the vote were as follows::

Nominee Mr. Liguori: Mr. Ali, Mr. Carter, Mr. Liguori, Ms. James, Ms. Keefe, Mr. Wen
Nominee Mr. Brockman: Mr. Brockman, Dr. Patel, Ms. Toth

12. Mr. Liguori, President of the Board, assumed control of the meeting.

Mr. Liguori opened the nominations for Vice President.

Mr. Brockman nominated Ms. Toth
Mr. Wen nominated Dr. Patel
Ms. James nominated Ms. James

13. Hearing no other nominations, a motion was made Mr. Brockman. and seconded by Ms. Toth to close the nominations.

Nominee Ms. Toth: Mr. Ali, Mr. Brockman, Ms. Keefe, Mr. Liguori, Ms. Toth
Nominee Dr. Patel: Mr. Wen, Dr. Patel
Nominee Ms. James: Mr. Carter, Ms. James

15. A motion was made by Ms. Toth and seconded by Mr. Brockman to adopt the 18A:12-24.1 Code of Ethics for School Board Members:

The results of the motion were:

Aye: Mr. Ali, Mr. Brockman, Mr. Carter, Ms. James, Ms. Keefe, Mr. Liguori, Dr. Patel, Ms. Toth, Mr. Wen.
Nay: None
Abstain: None

Code of Ethics

According to New Jersey statute, a school board member shall abide by the following Code of Ethics:

- a. I will uphold and enforce all laws, rules and regulations of the State Board of Education, and court orders pertaining to schools. Desired changes shall be brought about only through legal and ethical procedures.
- b. I will make decisions in terms of the educational welfare of children and will seek to develop and maintain public schools that meet the individual needs of all children regardless of their ability, race, creed, sex, or social standing.
- c. I will confine my board action to policy making, planning, and appraisal, and I will help to frame policies and plans only after the board has consulted those who will be affected by them.
- d. I will carry out my responsibility, not to administer the schools, but, together with my fellow board members, to see that they are well run
- e. I will recognize that authority rests with the board of education and will make no personal promises nor take any private action that may compromise the board.
- f. I will refuse to surrender my independent judgment to special interest or partisan political groups or to use the schools for personal gain or for the gain of friends.

- g. I will hold confidential all matters pertaining to the schools which, if disclosed, would needlessly injure individuals or the schools. In all other matters, I will provide accurate information and, in concert with my fellow board members, interpret to the staff the aspirations of the community for its school.
- h. I will vote to appoint the best qualified personnel available after consideration of the recommendation of the chief administrative officer.
- i. I will support and protect school personnel in proper performance of their duties
- j. I will refer all complaints to the chief administrative officer and will act on the complaints at public meetings only after failure of an administrative solution.

16. **PUBLIC SESSION:**

Mr. Harris, former Board Member and resident, congratulated the new members.

A motion was made by Mr. Brockman and seconded by Ms. Toth to close the public portion of the meeting. The results of the motion were:

Aye: Mr. Ali, Mr. Brockman, Mr. Carter, Ms. James, Ms. Keefe, Mr. Liguori, Dr. Patel, Ms. Toth, Mr. Wen.

Nay: None

Abstain: None

17. **ADJOURNMENT:**

A motion was made by Ms. Keefe at 7:35 p.m. and seconded by Dr. Patel that the meeting be adjourned.

The results of the motion were:

Aye: Mr. Ali, Mr. Brockman, Mr. Carter, Ms. James, Ms. Keefe, Mr. Liguori, Dr. Patel, Ms. Toth, Mr. Wen.

Nay: None

Abstain: None



Rosa Hock, Board Secretary