

**Atlantic City Board of Education  
Reorganization Meeting  
January 7, 2025 - 5:30 p.m.**

**A. Call To Order** Mrs. Celeste Ricketts, Board Secretary

**B. Roll Call:** Ms. Bridgers \_\_\_\_; Mr. Chowdhury \_\_\_\_; Mr. McKinley \_\_\_\_; Mr. Johnson \_\_\_\_;  
Mr. Siddik \_\_\_\_

**Also Present:** Dr. Small \_\_\_\_; Ms. Morris \_\_\_\_; Dr. Hyman \_\_\_\_; Mrs. Ricketts \_\_\_\_;  
Mr. Rose \_\_\_\_; Ms. Saunders \_\_\_\_; Mrs. Riley \_\_\_\_; Ms. Wallace \_\_\_\_

**C. Statement of Notice**

A notice of the reorganization meeting was published in the Press of Atlantic City, mailed to the City Clerk and posted on the bulletin board of the CitiCenter Building at 1300 Atlantic Avenue, Atlantic City, New Jersey 08401 on January 16, 2024.

**D. Flag Salute**

**E. Vision & Mission Statement**

Vision: Atlantic City Public Schools and members of the community believe in the development of the whole child. Together we are committed to providing a nurturing, safe and stimulating environment for all students to continuously learn and grow.

Mission: All students will be actively engaged and supported as they learn and grow on the journey to become independent, life-long learners equipped for the 21st Century.

**F. Public Comment**

The Board welcomes input from parents, students and community members and encourage participation in its meetings. Those who wish to speak during public comments must sign in prior to the public portion. The Board wishes to remind residents that public complaints and grievances concerning district personnel shall be handled in accordance with Policy & Regulation number 9130 and that personnel matters will not be discussed by the board in public. It is incumbent upon us a Board to advise the public that comments asserted that are stated in such a way as to convey to the listeners that they are factual and true, when in fact, may just be the speaker's opinion, may be considered slanderous and present the risk of liability to the speaker as well as to the Board. The Board desires to make it known that verbal abuse, threats, or other pressure tactics shall not be tolerated. In the event that inappropriate behavior becomes evident, the board shall reserve the right to limit or cease public discussion. The Board kindly asks that you limit your comments to three (3) minutes and wishes to thank you for coming and for taking your time to join us.

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**Reorganization - Election Results**

1. Resolution to accept the November 7, 2024 election results:

<b><u>Three Year Term</u></b>	
Shay Steele	3,460
Ronald Bailey	3,232
Torres Mayfield	2,907
Geoffrey F. Dorsey	2,793

Motion By: \_\_\_\_\_ Seconded By: \_\_\_\_\_

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Abstain \_\_\_\_\_

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**Revised Roll Call:**

Mr. Bailey \_\_\_\_; Ms. Bridgers \_\_\_\_; Mr. Chowdhury \_\_\_\_; Mr. Dorsey \_\_\_\_; Mr. Johnson \_\_\_\_;  
Mr. Mayfield \_\_\_\_; Mr. McKinley \_\_\_\_; Mr. Siddik \_\_\_\_; Mr. Steele \_\_\_\_

**Oath of Office - Mrs. Tracy Riley, Solicitor**

- Shay Steele
- Ronald Bailey - Assemblyman Donald Guardian
- Geoffrey F. Dorsey
- Torres Mayfield

**Nominations for  
President  
(Board Secretary)**

1. \_\_\_\_\_

Motion By: \_\_\_\_ Seconded By: \_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

Motion By: \_\_\_\_ Seconded By: \_\_\_\_

**Motion to close  
Nominations for  
President**

Motion By: \_\_\_\_ Seconded By: \_\_\_\_

Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_ Abstain \_\_\_\_

**President Assumes Chair**

**Nominations for  
Vice - President**

1. \_\_\_\_\_

Motion By: \_\_\_\_ Seconded By: \_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

Motion By: \_\_\_\_ Seconded By: \_\_\_\_

**Motion to close  
Nominations for  
Vice - P resident**

Motion By: \_\_\_\_ Seconded By: \_\_\_\_

Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_ Abstain \_\_\_\_

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**REORGANIZATION - RESOLUTIONS**

1. To designate the Press of Atlantic City and the Catamaran Media Group, LLC as newspapers of record for advertising through December 31, 2025. The Asbury Park Press, 1451 Route 37, W #2, Toms River, NJ 08755 will also be for NJ Cooperative bid requirements.
2. To appoint Celeste Ricketts through December 31, 2025 as Custodian of Records.
3. To appoint Diane Saunders as the Affirmative Action Officer (N.J.A.C.6A7 -1.4 to 1.5), through December 31, 2025.
4. To appoint Diane Saunders as the CEPA Officer (Conscientious Employee Protection Act), N.J.S.A.34: 19-1, through December 31, 2025.
5. To appoint Christopher Ford as the Title IX Coordinator and advertise name, address and telephone number [34C.F.R. 106.8(a)], through December 31, 2025.
6. To appoint Atiba N. Rose, Sr. as Section 504 Compliance Officer [34CFR104.7(a)], through December 31, 2025.
7. To appoint Dr. LaKecia Hyman as the ADA Coordinator, (American Disabilities Act) advertise name, address and telephone number [28CFR35.107 (a)], through December 31, 2025.
8. To appoint Kelly Vazquez as the HIPAA Compliance Officer through December 31, 2025.
9. To appoint Kurt Austin as Asbestos Management Officer through December 31, 2025.
10. To appoint Kurt Austin as Right to Know Officer through December 31, 2025.
11. To appoint the Business Administrator and Purchasing Administrator, as Public Agency Compliance Officers (PACO) for Contract Affirmative Action Compliance through December 31, 2025.
12. To appoint Celeste Ricketts as Board Secretary with an annual stipend of \$17,500, charged to account 11-000-251-105-00-015-105, through December 31, 2025.
13. To appoint Kim C. Wallace as Assistant Board Secretary with an annual stipend of \$8,750, charged to account 11-000-251-105-00-015-105, through December 31, 2025.
14. To appoint Joanne Shepherd as Treasurer of School Monies with an annual stipend of \$15,000, charged to account 11-000-230-104-00-015-104 through December 31, 2025.
15. To approve that all rules, regulations, resolutions, statements of policy, and other actions passed, adopted, promulgated, or otherwise, by the preceding Board of Education of Atlantic City, except those which expired by their own terms, import, and contemplation, shall be and are hereby re-established, passed and adopted by this reference thereunto, by the Atlantic City Board of Education from further amending and supplementing Board Policies, including those policies establishing its own by-laws and operational procedures.

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16. To authorize the use of penned and/or facsimile signatures for the President, Superintendent and Business Administrator on accounts. Also, the Secretary is instructed to furnish the depositories with a certified copy of this resolution.

17. To authorize the signature of the Board President and Superintendent and Treasurer of School Monies for withdrawal of funds from the Atlantic City Board of Education Payroll Account.

18. To authorize that the Board President, Superintendent and Business Administrator are authorized to withdraw and transfer funds of the following Atlantic City Board of Education Funds:

Bond Account  
Operating Account

19. To authorize that the following financial institutions be designated, as required, as depositories of Board Funds and that the Business Administrator is authorized to invest in interest bearing accounts in any of those institutions:

**Checking & Savings Account:**  
Ocean First Bank

20. To approve the continuation of signatories for withdrawals from the Atlantic City Education Agency and Unemployment Trust Accounts, be confirmed as follows:

Board President  
Business Administrator  
Superintendent  
Special Revenue Bookkeeper

21. To approve the continuation of signatories for withdrawals from the Atlantic City Education Student Activity Account and Athletic Account, be confirmed as follows:

Business Administrator  
Board President  
Student Activities Clerk  
Superintendent

22. To authorize the Qualified Purchasing Administrator to award contracts that are in the aggregate less than 15% of the bid threshold per N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-37c, from January 1, 2024 - December 31, 2025.

23. To approve the bid threshold and appoint a Qualified Purchasing Administrator, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-3(a) and N.J.A.C. 5:34-5 et. Seq. as follows:

Whereas, the Public School Contracts Law gives boards of education the ability to designate their bid threshold up to \$44,000.00 and

Whereas, N.J.A.C. 5:34-5 et seq. establishes the criteria for qualifying as a Qualified Purchasing Administrator; and

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I, Celeste Ricketts, Secretary of the Atlantic City Board of Education, in the County of Atlantic, State of New Jersey do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by the governing body of the Atlantic City Board of Education, County of Atlantic, State of New Jersey at the reorganization meeting of said governing body held on January 7, 2025.

24. To authorize payment of bills between board meetings, per 18A:19-4.1.
25. To approve the committee (5:00 p.m.) and regular meeting (6:00 p.m.) schedule as follows: All meetings will be held at the CitiCenter Building, 1300 Atlantic Avenue Sixth Floor, Atlantic City, NJ 08401.

Tuesday, January 28, 2025	Tuesday, July 15, 2025
Tuesday, February 18, 2025	Tuesday, August 19, 2025
Tuesday, March 18, 2025	Tuesday, September 16, 2025
Tuesday, April 15, 2025	Tuesday, October 21, 2025
Tuesday, May 20, 2025	Tuesday, November 18, 2025
Tuesday, June 17, 2025	Tuesday, December 9, 2025

**Reorganization meeting - Tuesday, January 7, 2026 - 5:30 p.m.**

26. Authorization to use the competitive contracting process pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-4.2(k) to procure construction management services.

Motion By: \_\_\_\_\_ Seconded By: \_\_\_\_\_

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Abstain \_\_\_\_\_

**Adjourn**

Motion By: \_\_\_\_\_ Seconded By: \_\_\_\_\_

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Abstain \_\_\_\_\_

Time: \_\_\_\_\_