

**Atlantic City Board of Education
Committee Meeting & Executive Session Minutes
September 16, 2025**

Call To Order Mr. Steele, President at 5:02pm

Roll Call:

Name	Present	Absent
Mr. Ronald Bailey	X	
Ms. Hollisha Bridgers	X-5:13 pm	
Mr. Subrata Chowdhury	X	
Mr. Geoffrey Dorsey	X	
Mr. Walter Johnson	X	
Mr. Torres Mayfield	X	
Mr. KaShawn McKinley	X-5:06 pm	
Mr. Mohammad Siddik	X	
Mr. Shay Steele	X	

School Officials in Attendance: Dr. Small, Ms. Trueba, Dr. Hyman, Mr. Rose, Ms. Saunders, Mrs. Riley and Ms. Morris.

Statement of Notice:

A notice of the committee/regular meeting was published in the Press of Atlantic City, mailed to the City Clerk and posted on the bulletin board of the Citi Center Building at 1300 Atlantic Avenue, Atlantic City, New Jersey 08401 on January 18, 2025.

Flag Salute – Ms. Trueba lead those assembled in the flag salute.

Vision & Mission Statement: Noted for the Record

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.

Noted for the record: Board Members and administration reviewed and discussed the agenda resolutions for the Regular Public Meeting 9/16/2025. No action was taken by the board.

Closed Meeting – Executive Session:

On a motion made by Mr. Mayfield and seconded by Mr. Chowdhury, the Atlantic City Board of Education unanimously voted affirmative to go into Executive Session at 5:36 pm to discuss matters of litigation and worker compensation.

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**BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE CITY OF ATLANTIC CITY RESOLUTION
AUTHORIZING AN EXECUTIVE SESSION**

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 allows for a Public Body to go into closed session during a Public Meeting; and
WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the City of Atlantic City has deemed it necessary to go into closed session to discuss certain matters which are exempted from the Public; and
WHEREAS, the regular meeting of this Board of Education will reconvene at the conclusion of closed session at approximately 6:00 p.m. this evening.
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the City of Atlantic City will go into closed session, for the following reason(s) as outlined in N.J.S.A. 10:4-12:
Any matter which, by express provision of Federal Law, State Statute or Rule of Court shall be rendered confidential or excluded from discussion in public (Provision relied upon:); Any matter in which the release of information would impair a right to receive funds from the federal government;
Any matter the disclosure of which constitutes an unwarranted invasion of individual privacy;
Any collective bargaining agreement, or the terms and conditions of which are proposed for inclusion in any collective bargaining agreement, including the negotiation of terms and conditions with employees or representatives of employees of the public body;
Any matter involving the purpose, lease or acquisition of real property with public funds, the setting of banking rates or investment of public funds where it could adversely affect the public interest if discussion of such matters were disclosed;
Any tactics and techniques utilized in protecting the safety and property of the public, provided that their disclosure could impair such protection;
Any investigations of violations or possible violations of the law; Any pending or anticipated litigation or contract negotiation in which the public body is or may become a party. Any matters falling within the attorney-client privilege, to the extent that confidentiality is required in order for the attorney to exercise his ethical duties as a lawyer: - **Workers' Compensation and Litigation.**
Any matter involving the employment, appointment, termination of employment, terms and conditions of employment, evaluation of the performance, promotion or disciplining of any specific prospective public officer or employee or current public officer or employee employed or appointed by the public body, unless all individual employees or appointees whose rights could be adversely affected request in writing that such matter or matters be discussed at a public meeting (Subject to the balancing of the public's interest and the employee's privacy rights under *South Jersey Publishing*, 124 N.J. 478, the employee(s) nature of discussions are employment requirements/modifications.
Any deliberation of a public body occurring after a public hearing that may result in the imposition of a specific civil penalty upon the responding party or the suspension or loss of a license or permit belonging to the responding party as a result of an act of omission for which the responding party bears responsibility;
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby declares that its discussion of the aforementioned subject(s) may be made public at a time when the Board Attorney advises the Board of Education that the disclosure of the discussion will not detrimentally affect any right, interest or duty of the School District or any other entity with respect to said discussion.
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Education, for the aforementioned reasons, hereby declares that the public is excluded from the portion of the meeting during which the above discussion shall take place and hereby directs the Board Secretary to take the appropriate action to effectuate the terms of this resolution. I, Tina Trueba, Board Secretary do hereby certify the above to be a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Education of the City of Atlantic City at their meeting held on July 15, 2025.

Return to Open Session from Executive (Closed) Session:

On a motion made by Mr. Bailey and seconded by Mr. Dorsey, the Atlantic City Board of Education returned to Open Session at 6:02 pm.

In open session Ms. Trueba read three additional resolutions for Good and Services (Resolutions #26, #27, #28), pertaining to workers compensation that were added to the Regular agenda for voting.

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- 26.** Approve the workers compensation settlement claim with employee 102897 in the amount of \$9,000.00, Section 20.
- 27.** Approve the workers compensation settlement claims with employee 100639, date of incident 9/5/2023 in the amount of \$8,500.00, Section 20 and date of incident 7/16/2024 in the amount of \$22,650 at rate of \$302.00/week for 75 weeks – not full accrued, attorney fees \$4,398.00. Total due in lump sum \$24,500.00 (\$8,500 & \$16,000)
- 28.** Approve the workers compensation settlement claim with employee 103284, in the amount of \$5,805.50 lump sum.

Adjournment of Committee meeting:

On a motion made by Mr. Johnson and seconded by Mr. Mayfield, the Atlantic City Board of Education adjourned the Committee Meeting at 6:03pm.

President Steele announced during executive session there would be a need to reconvene into a second executive session following the regular meeting to further discuss matters of litigation.

Executive (Closed) Session Continued - On a motion by The Board and seconded by Mr. Bailey the board returned to executive session at 6:17 p.m. Mrs. Riley stated the topic to be discussed is litigation and the anticipated time to return to regular session is one hour.

Return from Executive (Closed) to Open Session - On a motion made by Mr. Mayfield and seconded by Ms. Bridgers the board voted in favor to return to the open session board meeting at 7:05 p.m.

Ms. Trueba read aloud goods and services resolution # 29.

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- 29.** To approve the settlement, offer in the amount of \$600,000.00 in the matter of Philip Eisenstein Vs. Atlantic City Board of Education, James Knox, Atiba Rose, Paul Spaventa in Atlantic County Superior Court Docket # ATL-L1200-17.

Respectfully Submitted,



Tina L. Trueba, SFO, QPA
Board Secretary