



NEW HAVEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

CONNECTICUT
Board of Education Committee
Regular Meeting Minutes
July 12, 2021 via Zoom

<p>I. Called to Order</p>	<p>The meeting was called to order at 5: 40 p.m. by Ms. Rivera</p>
<p>Attendees:</p>	<p>Present: Ms. Yesenia Rivera, President; Mr. Matt Wilcox, Vice-President; Mayor Justin Elicker, Dr. Tamiko Jackson-McArthur, Dr. Edward Joyner, Mr. Larry Conaway, Mr. Donald Goldson, Ms. Ma’shai Roman, Mr. Fiore.</p>
<p>II. Pledge of Allegiance</p>	<p>Dr. Joyner led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.</p>
<p>III Public Participation</p>	<p>Channel Name: BOE TV You Tube Link: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCQ-rb_cxwWQvx9jRt-qJq3w Public Participation</p> <p>Lauren Anderson Mayce Torres Teresa Johnson Ms. Sonia Marie Leslie Blatteau Tawana Nijija-ife Waters Maria Steven Cousin Mr. Williams Dr. Rebecca Cohen Mickema Miller Kirsten M J Jackson CJ Maritza Spell Steven Cousin Ms. Laforza</p> <p>Concerns were raised on whether Board members could communicate with the public via the chat feature as well as among themselves during the meeting. In addition, determine if there are legal or technical issues associated with its use and provide a feedback to the Board.</p>
<p>IV. 131-21 i. Approval of Board Minutes June 28, 2021</p> <p>132-21</p>	<p>On the Motion by Dr. Joyner to approve minutes dated June 28, 2021 seconded by Mr. Wilcox. <u>Discussion:</u></p> <p>It was suggested that the minutes be approved at the next meeting due to errors. (Motion withdrawn)</p> <p>On the Motion by Ms. Rivera to amend the agenda to allow the swearing in of new Board member, Ms. Ma’shai Roman seconded by Mr. Wilcox.</p> <p>Mr. Wilcox, yes; Mayor Elicker, yes; Dr. Tamiko Jackson-McArthur, yes;Dr. Joyner, yes; Mr. Conaway, yes; Ms. Rivera, yes; Mr. Goldson, yes; Mr. Fiore, yes. (passed)</p>



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<p>Cont'd</p>	<p>Mayor Elicker administered the oath to swear in Ms. Ma'shai Roman, new Board member. Ms. Romans was welcomed by all to the Board.</p>
<p>ii. 133-21 Superintendent's Report Personnel Report <i>Dr. Tracey</i></p> <p>134-21</p> <p>135-21</p> <p>136-21</p>	<p>On the Motion by Mr. Wilcox to accept the Action Items on the Personnel Report seconded by Dr. Joyner. (Motion and second withdrawn)</p> <p>Discussion: Concern and queries were raised re the employment process by Central Office for principals.</p> <p>On the Motion by Mr. Goldson to separate the nomination of Ms. Kimberly Daniley as principal, Brennan Rogers Magnet School, from the previous motion (132-21), until a thorough investigative process is completed re the former principal, seconded by Dr. Jackson. (Motion and second withdrawn)</p> <p>On the Motion by Mr. Wilcox to accept the Personnel Report with the exception of the appointment of Ms. Kimberly Donnelly as principal Seconded by Dr. Joyner.</p> <p>Mr. Wilcox, yes; Mayor Justin Elicker, yes; Dr. Tamiko Jackson-McArthur, yes; Dr. Joyner, yes; Mr. Conaway, yes; Ms. Rivera, yes; Mr. Goldson, yes; Mr. Fiore, yes. (passed).</p> <p>On the motion by Mr. Goldson to table prior motion (135-21), until additional and completed investigative reports are presented to the Board re the former principal's transfer at Brennan Rogers School. Also, to inform the Board on the recruitment process utilized to select current principal as well as to determine whether the Assistant Principal there was discouraged from being a candidate seconded by Dr. Jackson-McArthur.</p> <p>Mr. Goldson, yes; Mr. Conaway, yes; Ms. Rivera, No; Mr. Wilcox, No; Dr. Joyner, No; Dr. Jackson-McArthur, yes. (motion failed)</p> <p>Request made: SPMT Committee Meeting minutes, votes and membership information that are releasable and public, to be submitted to the Board at next meeting.</p> <p>Mr. Wilcox, yes, Mr. Conaway, No, Mr., Goldson, No; Dr. Joyner, yes; Dr. Jackson-McArthur, No; Mayor Elicker, yes; Ms. Rivera, yes. (135-21 passed)</p> <p><u>Discussion</u></p> <p>Transfer of money between grants for salaries. Suggested - New Board members be oriented on this policy Requested - Legal justification prior to the transfer process.</p>



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<p>137-21 V. Governance/Second Reading: Food Allergy Policy 5141.25 <i>Dr. Jackson-McArthur</i></p>	<p>On the Motion to by Dr. Jackson-McArthur to accept the Food Allergy Policy seconded by Dr. Joyner.</p> <p>Mr. Wilcox, yes, Mr. Conaway, yes, Mr. Goldson, yes; Dr. Joyner, yes; Dr. Jackson-McArthur, yes; Mayor Elicker, yes, Ms. Rivera, yes. (Passed)</p>
<p>138-21 Finance and Operations Committee <i>Mr. Matthew Wilcox</i></p> <p>139-21</p>	<p>On the Motion by Mr. Conaway to approve Agreement #7 with Clifford W. Beers Child Guidance Clinic, to provide 44 full day/full year School Readiness spaces, from July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022, in an amount not to exceed \$392,656.00 seconded by Dr. Joyner.</p> <p>Mr. Wilcox, recused; Mayor Elicker, yes; Dr. Tamiko Jackson-McArthur, yes; Dr. Joyner, yes; Mr. Conaway, yes; Ms. Rivera, yes; Mr. Goldson, yes. (passed).</p> <p>Agreement with Clifford W. Beers Child Guidance Clinic, to provide 44 full day/full year School Readiness spaces, from July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022, in an amount not to exceed \$392,656.00. Funding Source: School Readiness Program</p> <p>On the Motion by Mr. Wilcox to approve 28 Agreements, 3 Abstracts, 1 Purchase Order and 15 Contracts seconded by Dr. Joyner.</p> <p>Mr. Wilcox, yes; Mayor Elicker, yes; Dr. Tamiko Jackson-McArthur, yes; Dr. Joyner, yes; Mr. Conaway, yes; Ms. Rivera, yes; Mr. Goldson, yes; Mr. Fiore, yes. (passed).</p> <p>A. ABSTRACTS:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Black Lives Matter at Metro, (BLM@Metro), in the amount of \$5,000.00 for September 9, 2021 to August 31, 2022. Funding Source: William Casper Graustein Memorial Fund Head Start State Services, in the amount of \$122,708.00 for July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022. Funding Source: Connecticut State Department of Education Head Start American Recovery Plan in the amount of \$635,342.00 for April 1, 2021 to March 31, 2023. Funding Source: U.S. Office of Head Start <p>B. AGREEMENTS:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Agreement with Foundation for the Arts & Trauma, Inc., to provide the Strong Leaders program for up to 12 students from High School in the Community, from July 6, 2021 to July 23, 2021, in an amount not to exceed \$13,000.00. Funding Source: ESSER II Program



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2. Agreement with Grinand Bare, LLC to provide summer enrichment activities for HSC Summer Camp and to collaborate in the planning and facilitation of the HSC Bridge orientation program for freshmen and sophomores, from July 13, 2021 to August 4, 2021 in an amount not to exceed \$11,070.00.
Funding Source: ESSER II Program
3. Agreement with Center for Pediatric Therapy to provide speech-language remediation, evaluation and consultation services from July 13, 2021 to July 30, 2021, in an amount not to exceed \$8,500.00.
Funding Source: 2021-2022 Operating Budget
4. Agreement with Auntie Rose Child Care Development Center to provide 20 full day/full year School Readiness spaces, from July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022, in an amount not to exceed \$178,480.00.
Funding Source: School Readiness Program
5. Agreement with Catholic Charities Archdiocese of Hartford, to provide 164 full day/full year School Readiness spaces, from July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022, in an amount not to exceed \$1,463,536.00.
Funding Source: School Readiness Program
6. Agreement with Creative M.E., to provide 22 full day/full year School Readiness spaces, from July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022, in an amount not to exceed \$196,328.00.
Funding Source: School Readiness Program
7. Agreement with Friends Center for Children, to provide 60 full day/full year School Readiness spaces, from July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022, in an amount not to exceed \$535,440.00.
Funding Source: School Readiness Program
8. Agreement with The Little Schoolhouse, to provide 18 full day/full year School Readiness spaces, from July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022, in an amount not to exceed \$160,632.00.
Funding Source: School Readiness Program
9. Agreement with Lulac Head Start, to provide 136 full day/full year School Readiness spaces, from July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022, in an amount not to exceed \$1,213,664.00.
Funding Source: School Readiness Program



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10. Agreement with Montessori School on Edgewood, to provide 31 full day/full year School Readiness spaces, from July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022, in an amount not to exceed \$276,644.00.
Funding Source: School Readiness Program
11. Agreement with Morning Glory Early Learning Center, to provide 30 full day/full year School Readiness spaces, from July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022, in an amount not to exceed \$267,720.00.
Funding Source: School Readiness Program
12. Agreement with St. Aedan Pre-School, to provide 69 full day/full year School Readiness spaces, from July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022, in an amount not to exceed \$615,756.00.
Funding Source: School Readiness Program
13. Agreement with St. Andrew Child Care Center, to provide 36 full day/full year School Readiness spaces, from July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022, in an amount not to exceed \$321,264.00.
Funding Source: School Readiness Program
14. Agreement with Yale New Haven Hospital Day Care Center, to provide 22 full day/full year School Readiness spaces, from July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022, in an amount not to exceed \$196,328.00.
Funding Source: School Readiness Program
15. Agreement with Central Connecticut Coast YMCA, to provide 32 full day/full year School Readiness spaces, from July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022, in an amount not to exceed \$285,568.00.
Funding Source: School Readiness Program
16. Agreement with Advance Child Care Center, to provide 5 full day/full year School Readiness spaces, from July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022, in an amount not to exceed \$44,620.00.
Funding Source: School Readiness Program
17. Agreement with First Step Learning Center, to provide 11 full day/full year School Readiness spaces, from July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022, in an amount not to exceed \$321,264.00.
Funding Source: School Readiness Program
18. Agreement with All Our Children, to provide 8 full day/full year School Readiness spaces, from July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022, in an amount not to exceed \$71,392.00.
Funding Source: School Readiness Program



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| | <p>19. Agreement with Friends Center for Children, to provide 25 full day/full year Infant-Toddler, from July 5, 2021 to June 30, 2022, in an amount not to exceed \$256,053.98.
Funding Source: Child Day Care Program</p> <p>20. Agreement with Lulac Head Start, to provide 53 full day/full year Infant-Toddler spaces and 22 spaces for Infant-Toddler wrap-around services, from July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022, in an amount not to exceed \$626,097.02.
Funding Source: Child Day Care Program</p> <p>21. Agreement with Montessori School on Edgewood, to provide 20 full day/full year Infant Toddler spaces, from July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022, in an amount not to exceed \$206,497.10.
Funding Source: Child Day Care Program</p> <p>22. Agreement with Morning Glory Early Learning Center, to provide 16 full day/full year Infant Toddler spaces, from July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022, in an amount not to exceed \$165,197.68.
Funding Source: Child Day Care Program</p> <p>23. Agreement with Blackboard Inc. to provide custom templates configuration, maintenance, online training to District Webpage, from July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022, in an amount not to exceed \$28,970.00.
Funding Source: ESSER II Program</p> <p>24. Agreement with Total Communications Inc. to provide system upgrade for hardware and software of phone system, from July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022, in an amount not to exceed \$560,000.00.
Funding Source: ESSER II Program</p> <p>25. Agreement with CDW Government to provide software system helpdesk, inventory tracking that integrates into Powerschool, from July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022, in an amount not to exceed \$59,500.00
Funding Source: ESSER II Program</p> <p>26. Agreement with CDW Government to provide Google Workspace for Education Plus, from July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022, in an amount not to exceed \$112,500.00.
Funding Source: ESSER II Program</p> |
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27. Amendment #1 to an Agreement with SHI International Corp for Securely filtering software, to change the Agreement from a one-year Agreement, July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022 with two options to renew, to a three-year Agreement, July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2024, and, to increase the funding amount from \$52,250.00 by \$2,000.00 to \$54,250.00 for three years.
Funding Source: ESSER II
28. Amendment #1 to an Agreement with GoGuardian to change the Agreement from a one year Agreement, July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022, with two options to renew, to a three-year Agreement, July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2024, with no change in funding amount of \$211,860.00, and to change the funding account # from ESSER II Program, Acct. # 2552-6363-58704-0000 to ESSER II Program, Acct. #2552-6363-54409-0000.
Funding Source: ESSER II
- C. CONTRACTS:**
1. Award of Contract for Dairy and Juice under RFP 2021-05-1380 from July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022, in an amount not to exceed \$900,000.00.
Funding Source: 2021-2022 Food Service Budget
2. Award of Contract for MGD Graphics, Inc. for Graphic Art Supplies from July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022, in an amount not to exceed \$190,145.00.
Funding Source: 2021-2022 Operations Budget
3. Award of Contract for Lindenmeyr Munroe for Color and Specialty Paper Supplies from July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2022, in an amount not to exceed \$434,039.00.
Funding Source: 2021-2022 Operations Budget
4. Award of Contract #21707A-2-5 with Amazon Landscaping Design & Handyman for On Call Landscaping from July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022, in an amount not to exceed \$105,000.00.
Funding Source: 2021-2022 Operations Budget
5. Award of Contract #50525-2-4 with Amazon Landscaping Design & Handyman for On Call Painting and Varnishing Services from July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022, in an amount not to exceed \$33,000.00.
Funding Source: Capital Projects
6. Award of Contract #21749 with Biosvert Plumbing LLC for On Call HVAC Repair Services from July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022, in an amount not to exceed \$200,000.00.
Funding Source: Capital Projects



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7. Award of Contract with Cintas for Mops and Mats Services from July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022, in an amount not to exceed \$60,000.00.
Funding Source: Capital Projects
8. Award of Contract #50517-2-4 with Cohen's Key Shop Inc. for On Call Locksmith Repair Services from July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022, in an amount not to exceed \$50,000.00.
Funding Source: Capital Projects
9. Award of Contract #50519-2-5 with East Shore Glass Inc. for On Call Glass Repairs Services from July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022, in an amount not to exceed \$95,000.00.
Funding Source: 2021-2022 Operations Budget
10. Award of Contract with Kone, Inc. for On Call Elevator Repair Services from July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022, in an amount not to exceed \$215,000.00.
Funding Source: Capital Projects
11. Award of Contract #21611-2-2 with New Haven Pictograph for On Call Audio Visual Services from July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022, in an amount not to exceed \$50,000.00.
Funding Source: Capital Projects
12. Award of Contract #50544R with Select Fence for On Call Fence Repair Services from July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022, in an amount not to exceed \$35,000.00.
Funding Source: Capital Projects
13. Award of Contract #21687-2-5 with Sports Construction for On Call Gym Equipment Repairs/Replacement Services from July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022, in an amount not to exceed \$50,000.00.
Funding Source: Capital Projects
14. Award of Contract # 21684-2-3 with Trassig Corp. for On Call Playground Inspection Services from July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022, in an amount not to exceed \$50,000.00.
Funding Source: Capital Projects
15. Award of Contract #21749 with Tucker Mechanical Inc. for On Call HVAC Repair Services from July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022, in an amount not to exceed \$200,000.00.
Funding Source: Capital Projects



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	<p>D. PURCHASE ORDERS:</p> <p>1. Purchase Order for Advanced Office Systems to provide 1,000 PCs to teachers in the district from July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022, in an amount not to exceed \$732,000.00. Funding Source: ESSER II Program</p>
<p>VI. Superintendent's Update <i>Dr. Tracey</i></p> <p>Cont'd</p>	<p>Implemented strategic school reopening guidelines, Implemented plans for students learning, improved IT infrastructure, invested in professional development, wrote grants, conducted webinars with students, focused on student academics, expanded community partnership and afterschool program, addressed chronic absenteeism, implement vaccination clinics, strengthened Youth Connection Program, etc.</p> <p>Dr. Tracey apologized for the slow response to address the matter of the transfer of former principal of Brennan Rogers School due to use of racial slur. The District has implemented measures to overcome the issues concerning racism in the District. She spoke of the work and support the District had implemented and projected to continue re race and equity to create the climate that students and staff deserves. She reiterated her apology to Brennan Rogers School and Families for the hurt that was experienced as a result and spoke on the creative plans that will be further implemented along with restorative strategies to assist in the healing process. She implored everyone to work together with the school community to move forward.</p> <p>Mr. Wilcox apologized for any hurt he may have contributed to during this time and offered to be of help in the restorative process for race and equity healing.</p> <p>Suggestion: Provide copies of reports that are presented at meetings to the Board and community for perusal.</p> <p>Request was made for the number of student who opted out of standardized testing to be made available for next meeting.</p> <p>Dr. Joyner commended Tristan Ward from New Haven Academy, being the winner of the state-wide essay competition on social justice.</p>
<p>VII. Summer School Update <i>Keisha Hannans</i></p>	<p>Ms. Hannans commended the Brennan Rogers Staff and expressed her desire to be a part of the healing process in the community.</p> <p>Highlights – Summer program, was launched on July 1, 2021. LitCamps, Soars and High School Credit Recovery summer programs reflected positive increases compared to same time period in summer 2020.</p>
<p>140-21</p>	<p>On the Motion by Mr. Goldson to amend the agenda to include Dr. Tracey's request to increase the salaries of the non-certified teachers to Twenty Five Dollars per hour as well as part-time Para-Professionals to Seventeen Dollars per hour for Summer Program 2021 only, seconded by Dr. Joyner.</p> <p>Mr. Wilcox, yes; Mayor Elicker, yes; Dr. Tamiko Jackson-McArthur, yes; Dr. Joyner, yes; Mr. Conaway, yes; Ms. Rivera, yes; Mr. Goldson, yes. (passed)</p>



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<p>141-21</p>	<p>On the Motion by Mr. Goldson to accept Dr. Tracey’s request to increase the salaries of the non-certified teachers to Twenty Five Dollars per hour as well as part-time para-professionals to Seventeen Dollars per hour for Summer Program 2021 only, seconded by Dr. Joyner.</p> <p>Mr. Wilcox, yes; Mayor Elicker, yes; Dr. Tamiko Jackson-McArthur, yes; Dr. Joyner, yes; Mr. Conaway, yes; Ms. Rivera, yes; Mr. Goldson, yes. (passed)</p>
<p>IX President’s Report <i>Ms. Yesenia Rivera</i></p>	<p>There was no president report.</p>
<p>VIII. Students’ Report</p>	<p>There was no student reports.</p>
<p>X. Head Start Report <i>Mr. Matthew Wilcox</i></p>	<p>Next meeting July 15, 2021. Several pre-school vacancies are available for student registration. All funding for school readiness program has been approved.</p>
<p>XI. Citywide School Bldg. Committee Report <i>Mr. Matthew Wilcox</i></p>	<p>Met on July 8, 2021. Information presented by Segal Partners re Long Term Facility Study Include revised timeline on work schedule.</p> <p>Re: Infrastructure Planning and Projects for construction – Mr. Lamb presented information re new process for work orders.</p>
<p>XI. Finance & Operations Report – <i>Mr. Matthew Wilcox</i></p>	<p>Discussed scheduling several months for the committee. Will discuss repeating topics re terms of disbursement to minority contractors.</p>
<p>XII. Governance 1. 1st Reading</p> <p>XIII. Facility Naming Report <i>Dr. Tamiko Jackson-McArthur</i></p> <p>XIV. Teaching and Learning Report <i>Dr. Edward Joyner</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Policy 5188 - The Enrollment /Handling Non-Resident School Age Students Implored all to read packet on Policy 5188. • Gender Policy – Desired to apologize to Parents of student who was disciplined because child revealed gender through the school district email, is actively being sought. <p>There was not report for Facility Naming.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need to develop comprehensive systematic language initiative in the District • Zaila Avant-garde, age 14, won the 2021 Scripps National Spelling Bee Championship. • Policy will be developed to support language skills. • Guidelines will be received from curriculum leaders and other superintendent leadership
<p>XV. Food Service Task Group Report <i>Mr. Larry Conaway</i></p>	<p>Summer funding program is in effect. Full report will be given at next meeting.</p>



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<p>XVI Compensation Equity Committee Report <i>Mr. Larry Conaway</i></p>	<p>Will meet with Dr. Tracey and team tomorrow to continue further action steps toward part-time para-professionals salary increase. Dr. Jackson thanked all who helped in effecting the food allergy policy. Efray Waters and the late Daisy Gonzalez was recognized for their contribution in initiating the Food Allergy Policy. Dr. Tracey reminded the meeting of the reading challenge as well as the fitness walk commencing at William Lanson's Park on Tuesday, July 13, 2021 at 4:00pm.</p>
<p>XVII. 142-21 Executive Session ii. Discussion and possible action on matters heard in executive session</p>	<p>On the Motion by President Rivera to enter into Executive Session pursuant to Conn. Gen. Stat. § 1-200(6)(A) re: discussion concerning performance and evaluation of public officer or employee Dr. Iline Tracey, Superintendent, seconded by Dr. Joyner. Mr. Wilcox, yes; Mayor Elicker, yes; Dr. Tamiko Jackson-McArthur, yes; Dr. Joyner, yes; Mr. Conaway, yes; Ms. Rivera, yes; Mr. Goldson, yes. (passed) No votes were taken in executive session. Dr. Tracey's evaluation will continue at the next full Board meeting.</p>
<p>XVIII. 143-21 Adjournment</p>	<p>On the Motion by Dr. Joyner seconded by Mr. Wilcox, it was voted by roll call to adjourn at 10:31pm. Mr. Wilcox, yes; Mayor Elicker, yes; Dr. Tamiko Jackson-McArthur, yes; Dr. Joyner, yes; Mr. Conaway, yes; Ms. Rivera, yes; Mr. Goldson, yes. (passed)</p>

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Respectfully Submitted
Myrtis Mason
Recording Secretary