

2:00 P.M. SCHOOL BOARD OCTOBER 10, 2024

# BOARD AUDITORIUM AND BOARD SERVICES CONFERENCE ROOM 4400 WEST 18TH STREET HOUSTON, TEXAS 77092

#### **MEETING HELD - PURPOSE**

The School Board of the Houston Independent School District (HISD) held a hearings meeting on October 10, 2024, beginning at 2 p.m. in the board auditorium of the Hattie Mae White Educational Support Center, 4400 West 18th St., Houston, TX 77092.

# **MEETING CALLED TO ORDER - MEMBERS PRESENT**

Board President Momanaee called the meeting to order at 2:09 p.m. and declared the board convened to consider matters pertaining to HISD as listed on the duly posted meeting notice.

**Present:** Board President Audrey Momanaee

Board Vice President Ric Campo

Board Member Cassandra Auzenne Bandy

Board Member Rolando Martinez Board Member Paula Mendoza Board Member Adam Rivon

**Absent:** Board Secretary Angela Lemond Flowers

Board Member Michelle Cruz Arnold
Board Member Janette Garza Lindner

# SPEAKERS TO AGENDA ITEMS

# **HEARINGS**

1. Michelle Mayberry-Johnson, Teacher, Fonville Middle School

At the grievant's request, the room was not closed to the public.

#### **ROLL CALL UPDATE**

Board member Cruz Arnold arrived at 2:21 p.m.

**Present:** Board President Audrey Momanaee

Board Vice President Ric Campo

Board Member Cassandra Auzenne Bandy

Board Member Michelle Cruz Arnold Board Member Rolando Martinez Board Member Paula Mendoza

**Board Member Adam Rivon** 

**Absent:** Board Secretary Angela Lemond Flowers

Board Member Janette Garza Lindner

1. Michelle Mayberry-Johnson, Teacher, Fonville Middle School

On motion by board member Martinez, with a second by board member Mendoza, the board voted to adopt the decision and recommendation of the independent hearing examiner that Ms. Mayberry-Johnson's contract be non-renewed, adopt the findings of fact and conclusions of law recommended by the independent hearing examiner, and non-renew Michelle Mayberry-Johnson's employment with the district effective immediately.

RESULT: APPROVED
MOVER: Rolando Martinez
SECONDER: Paula Mendoza

AYE: Momanaee, Campo, Auzenne Bandy, Cruz Arnold, Martinez,

Mendoza, and Rivon

2. Angelica Bravo Anez, Teacher, Coop Elementary School

At the grievant's request, the room was not closed to the public.

#### ADJOURNMENT TO CLOSED SESSION

The board adjourned to closed session under Chapter 551 of Texas Government Code, Open Meetings Act, Subsections 551.071 through 551.089 at 3:07 p.m. for the purposes stated in the notice of this meeting. If any final action, vote, or decision on any matter considered in the closed session was required, such final action, vote, or decision was taken at the open meeting covered by this notice upon the reconvening of this public meeting or at a subsequent public meeting of the board upon notice thereof.

e) Consideration of Hearing Examiner's Recommendation, TEA Docket No. 144-LH-06-2024, Angelica Bravo Anez, Teacher, Coop Elementary School

## RECONVENED IN OPEN SESSION IN THE BOARD AUDITORIUM

Board President Momanaee declared the meeting reconvened at 3:16 p.m. to consider matters pertaining to HISD as listed on the duly posted meeting notice.

2. Angelica Bravo Anez, Teacher, Coop Elementary School

On motion by board member Martinez, with a second by board member Cruz Arnold, the board voted to adopt the decision and recommendation of the independent hearing examiner, adopt the findings of fact and conclusions of law recommended by the independent hearing examiner, and non-renew Angelica Bravo Anez's 2023–2024 term contract with the district.

RESULT: APPROVED

MOVER: Rolando Martinez

SECONDER: Michelle Cruz Arnold

AYE: Momanaee, Campo, Auzenne Bandy, Cruz Arnold, Martinez,

Mendoza, and Rivon

3. Mary Ann Plewinski, Teacher, J.P. Henderson Elementary School

## ADJOURNMENT TO CLOSED SESSION

The board adjourned to closed session under Chapter 551 of Texas Government Code, Open Meetings Act, Subsections 551.071 through 551.089 at 3:19 p.m. for the purposes stated in the notice of this meeting. If any final action, vote, or decision on any matter considered in the closed session was required, such final action, vote, or decision was taken at the open meeting covered by this notice upon the reconvening of this public meeting or at a subsequent public meeting of the board upon notice thereof.

f) Consideration of Hearing Examiner's Recommendation, TEA Docket No. 138-LH-06-2024, Mary Ann Plewinski, Teacher, J.P. Henderson Elementary School

# RECONVENED IN OPEN SESSION IN THE BOARD AUDITORIUM

Board President Momanaee declared the meeting reconvened at 3:27 p.m. to consider matters pertaining to HISD as listed on the duly posted meeting notice.

3. Mary Ann Plewinski, Teacher, J.P. Henderson Elementary School

On motion by board member Martinez, with a second by Board Vice President Campo, the board voted to adopt the decision and recommendation of the independent hearing examiner, adopt the findings of fact and conclusions of law recommended by the independent hearing examiner, and non-renew Mary Ann Plewinski's 2023–2024 one-year term contract with the district.

RESULT: APPROVED
MOVER: Rolando Martinez

**SECONDER:** Ric Campo

AYE: Momanaee, Campo, Auzenne Bandy, Cruz Arnold, Martinez,

Mendoza, and Rivon

NAY:

ABSTAIN:

4. Linda Scott, Teacher, Jane Long Academy

## ADJOURNMENT TO CLOSED SESSION

The board adjourned to closed session under Chapter 551 of Texas Government Code, Open Meetings Act, Subsections 551.071 through 551.089 at 3:35 p.m. for the purposes stated in the notice of this meeting. If any final action, vote, or decision on any matter considered in the closed session was required, such final action, vote, or decision was taken at the open meeting covered by this notice upon the reconvening of this public meeting or at a subsequent public meeting of the board upon notice thereof.

g) Consideration of Hearing Examiner's Recommendation, TEA Docket No. 165-LH-06-2024, Linda Scott, Teacher, Jane Long Academy

#### <u>RECONVENED IN OPEN SESSION IN THE BOARD AUDITORIUM</u>

Board President Momanaee declared the meeting reconvened at 4:13 p.m. to consider matters pertaining to HISD as listed on the duly posted meeting notice.

4. Linda Scott, Teacher, Jane Long Academy

On motion by board member Martinez, with a second by board member Cruz Arnold, the board voted to adopt the decision and recommendation of the independent hearing examiner, adopt the findings of fact and conclusions of law recommended by the independent hearing examiner, and non-renew Linda Scott's 2023–2024 term contract with the district.

RESULT: APPROVED

MOVER: Rolando Martinez

SECONDER: Michelle Cruz Arnold

AYE: Momanaee, Campo, Auzenne Bandy, Cruz Arnold, Martinez,

Mendoza, and Rivon

5. Rebecca Russo, Teacher, Briargrove Elementary School

At the grievant's request, the room was not closed to the public.

On motion by board member Martinez, with a second by board member Mendoza, the board voted to adopt the decision and recommendation of the independent hearing examiner, adopt the findings of fact and conclusions of law recommended by the independent hearing examiner, and to terminate Rebecca Russo's employment with the district effective immediately.

RESULT: APPROVED
MOVER: Rolando Martinez
SECONDER: Paula Mendoza

AYE: Momanaee, Campo, Auzenne Bandy, Martinez, Mendoza, and

Rivon

6. Felecia Scales, Parent, Longfellow Elementary School

At the grievant's request, the room was not closed to the public.

## ADJOURNMENT TO CLOSED SESSION

The board adjourned to closed session under Chapter 551 of Texas Government Code, Open Meetings Act, Subsections 551.071 through 551.089 at 5:11 p.m. for the purposes stated in the notice of this meeting. If any final action, vote, or decision on any matter considered in the closed session was required, such final action, vote, or decision was taken at the open meeting covered by this notice upon the reconvening of this public meeting or at a subsequent public meeting of the board upon notice thereof.

e) Parent Dispute Resolution Hearing, Felecia Scales, Parent, Longfellow Elementary School

## RECONVENED IN OPEN SESSION IN THE BOARD AUDITORIUM

Board President Momanaee declared the meeting reconvened at 5:21 p.m. to consider matters pertaining to HISD as listed on the duly posted meeting notice.

6. Felecia Scales, Parent, Longfellow Elementary School

On motion by board member Martinez, with a second by Board Vice President Campo, the board voted to deny the grievance and uphold the decision of the level II hearing officer.

RESULT: APPROVED
MOVER: Rolando Martinez

**SECONDER:** Ric Campo

AYE: Momanaee, Campo, Auzenne Bandy, Martinez, Mendoza, and

Rivon

NAY: ABSTAIN:

#### **CLOSED SESSION**

#### Personnel

a) Deliberate the duties of the superintendent of schools, chief officers, deputy chief officers, executive directors, principals, employees, and board members; evaluations of the superintendent; consideration of compensation, and contractual provisions of same.

- b) Consider and approve proposed appointments, reassignments, proposed terminations, terminations/suspensions, contract lengths, proposed nonrenewals, renewals, and resignations/retirements of personnel including teachers, assistant principals, principals, chiefs, division superintendents, senior executive directors, executive directors, directors, and other administrators, and, if necessary, approve waiver and release and compromise agreements.
- c) Hear complaints against and deliberate the appointment, evaluation, and duties of public officers or employees and resolution of same.
- d) Consideration of Hearing Examiner's Recommendation, TEA Docket No. 139-LH-06-2024, Michelle Mayberry-Johnson, Teacher, Fonville Middle School
- h) Consideration of Hearing Examiner's Recommendation, TEA Docket No. 176-LH-06-2024, Rebecca Russo, Teacher, Briargrove Elementary School

# Legal

- a) Matters on which the district's attorney's duty to the district under the Code of Professional Responsibility clearly conflicts with the Texas Open Meetings Law, including specifically any matter listed on this agenda and meeting notice.
- b) Pending or contemplated litigation matters and status report.
- c) Update on federal law enforcement activity on February 27, 2020.
- d) Receive legal advice regarding 2024 bond.

# District Safety, Emergency Management, And Security Audits

a) Discussion of district safety concerns, including districtwide intruder detection audit report findings and HB3 compliance.

#### **ADJOURN**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:22 p.m.

Audrey Momanaee School Board, President

Houston Independent School District

Angela Lemond Flowers School Board, Secretary

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