

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF
ESCAMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA

MINUTES, NOVEMBER 19, 2019

The School Board of Escambia County, Florida, convened in Special Meeting at 5:15 p.m., in Room 160, at the J.E. Hall Educational Services Center, 30 East Texar Drive, Pensacola, Florida, with the following present:

Board Members: Mr. Kevin L. Adams (District I) – *via speakerphone*
Mr. Paul Fetsko (District II)
Dr. Laura Dortch Edler (District III)
Mrs. Patricia Hightower (District IV)
Mr. Bill Slayton (District V)

School Board General Counsel: Mrs. Donna Sessions Waters

Superintendent of Schools: Mr. Malcolm Thomas

Meeting advertised in the *Pensacola News Journal* on October 21, 2019 – Legal No. [3848023](#)

NOTE: Minutes from this session have been prepared according to *Roberts Rules of Order, Newly Revised*.
Video from this session is available at <http://escambiacountysdf1.swagit.com/play/11192019-1257>

- I. WELCOME/CALL TO ORDER
The Superintendent called the Special Meeting to order at 5:15 p.m.
- II. INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
Postponed until the Regular Meeting immediately following this session.
- III. ORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD
(Pursuant to Florida Statutes, Section 1001.371) Motion by Mr. Slayton, seconded by Mrs. Hightower, to adopt the agenda, carried unanimously.
 - A. Election of Chairman for 2019-2020
Mr. Slayton nominated Mrs. Patricia Hightower, School Board Member-District IV, to serve as Chairman for 2019-2020. There being no further nominations, the Superintendent called for the vote. The nomination of Mrs. Hightower to serve as Chairman for 2019-2020 carried unanimously.
 - B. Election of Vice Chairman for 2019-2020
Mr. Fetsko nominated Mr. Bill Slayton, School Board Member-District V, to serve as Vice Chairman for 2019-2020. There being no further nominations, the Superintendent called for the vote. The nomination of Mr. Slayton to serve as Vice Chairman for 2019-2020 carried unanimously.
 - C. Designation of Date, Time, and Location of Regular Monthly Workshop and Meeting
Motion made by Mr. Slayton and seconded by Mrs. Hightower, to maintain the current schedule of monthly workshops and meetings:
 - *Regular Meetings on the third Tuesday of each month, beginning at 5:30 p.m.;*
 - *Special Workshops (for the purpose of open discussion and presentations) on the Thursday prior to the Regular Meeting, beginning at 3:00 p.m.; and*
 - *Regular Workshops on the Friday prior to the Regular Meeting, beginning at 9:00 a.m.*
*Unless otherwise advertised, each monthly workshop and meeting would be held in Room 160, at the J.E. Hall Educational Services Center.*Motion to maintain the current schedule of monthly workshops and meetings carried unanimously.

D. Appointment of Parliamentarian

Motion by Mrs. Hightower, seconded by Mr. Slayton, to appoint the School Board General Counsel, Mrs. Donna Session Waters as Parliamentarian, carried unanimously.

E. Selection of Parliamentary Procedure

Motion by Mr. Fetsko, seconded by Mrs. Hightower, to designate the latest version of *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised* as the parliamentary procedure followed in the conduct of official business of the School Board, carried unanimously.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Special Meeting adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

Attest:

Approved:

Superintendent

Chair

PENDING BOARD APPROVAL