



**Official Report of the Proceedings
of the
BOARD OF EDUCATION
of the City of Chicago**

**Special Meeting-Wednesday, April 19, 2023
1:00 P.M.**

**(Hybrid of in-person for Board Members and Senior Cabinet
Members and electronically via Zoom and Live Stream at
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**Miguel del Valle
President**

**Susan J. Narrajos
Secretary**

ATTEST:



Secretary of the Board of Education
of the City of Chicago

President del Valle took the Chair and the Special Board Meeting* being called to order there were then:

PRESENT: Board Member Todd-Breland, Board Member Chapman**, Board Member Scott, Jr.**, Board Member Ponder, Board Member Lewis, and President del Valle – 6

ABSENT: Board Member Medrano-Novak

ALSO PRESENT: Mr. Pedro Martinez**, Chief Executive Officer, Ms. Bogdana Chkoumbova**, Chief Education Officer, and Ms. Ruchi Verma, General Counsel

ABSENT: None

***NOTE:** The Special Board Meeting was held as a hybrid of in-person for Board Members, the Chief Executive Officer and the General Counsel and electronically via Zoom and Live Stream at cpsboe.org

****NOTE:** Board Member Chapman was not present for the roll and joined Closed Session at approximately 1:27 p.m. Board Member Scott, Jr. left the meeting at 4:10 p.m. and did not join to reconvene. Mr. Pedro Martinez, Chief Executive Officer and Ms. Bogdana Chkoumbova, Chief Education Officer were not present for roll call and joined Closed Session.

President del Valle provided the order of the meeting.

President del Valle thereupon opened the floor to the Public Participation segment of the Board Meeting.

President del Valle thereupon opened the floor to the Discussion of Public Participation.

President del Valle proceeded to entertain a Motion to go into Closed Session.

Board Member Todd-Breland presented the following Motion:

23-0419-MO1

MOTION TO HOLD A CLOSED SESSION

MOTION ADOPTED, that the Board hold a closed session to consider the following matters:

- (1) Discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees, specific individuals who serve as independent contractors in a park, recreational, or educational setting, or specific volunteers of the public body or legal counsel for the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee, a specific individual who serves as an independent contractor in a park, recreational, or educational setting, or a volunteer of the public body or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity pursuant to Section 2(c)(1) of the Open Meetings Act.
- (2) Litigation, when an action against, affecting or on behalf of the particular public body has been filed and is pending before a court or administrative tribunal, or when the public body finds that an action is probable or imminent, in which case the basis for the finding shall be recorded and entered into the minutes of the closed meeting pursuant to Section 2(c)(11) of the Open Meetings Act.

Board Member Scott, Jr. seconded the Motion to adopt Board Report 23-0419-MO1.

The Secretary called the roll and the vote was as follows:

Yeas: Board Member Todd-Breland, Board Member Scott, Jr., Board Member Ponder, Board Member Lewis, and President del Valle – 5

Nays: None

President del Valle thereupon declared Board Report 23-0419-MO1 adopted.

**CLOSED SESSION
RECORD OF CLOSED SESSION**

The following is a record of the Board's Closed Session:

- (1) The Closed Meeting was held on April 19, 2023, beginning at 1:14 p.m., at the Board Office, 1 N. Dearborn Street, Suite 950, Room 9W106, Chicago, Illinois 60602 and via Google Meet.
- (2) Members Present: Joyce Chapman*, Elizabeth Todd-Breland, Michael Scott, Jr., Paige Ponder, Miquel A. Lewis, Miguel del Valle and Board Secretary Susan Narrajos

Members Absent: Sulema Medrano Novak

*Notes: Member Chapman joined Closed Session approximately 1:27 p.m. The Board Secretary left the meeting after the roll call.

- (3) STAFF PRESENT: Pedro Martinez, Bogdana Chkoumbova, Ruchi Verma, Adam Lechnir, Vincentia Egonmwan, Lauro Roman, Zabrina Evans*, Alfonso Carmona*, Jeff Broom* and Judith Camacho-Campbell

*(Individuals noted with asterisk only joined for a portion of the meeting)

- Discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees, specific individuals who serve as independent contractors in a park, recreational, or educational setting, or specific volunteers of the public body or legal counsel for the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee, a specific individual who serves as an independent contractor in a park, recreational, or educational setting, or a volunteer of the public body or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity pursuant to Section 2(c)(1) of the Open Meetings Act.
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No votes were taken in Closed Session.

After Closed Session the Board reconvened.

Members present after Closed Session: Board Member Todd-Breland, Board Member Chapman, Board Member Ponder, Board Member Lewis, and President del Valle – 5

Members absent after Closed Session: Board Member Scott, Jr. and Board Member Medrano Novak – 2

The Secretary presented the following Statement for the Public Record:

Mr. President, I would like to note for the record that there are no items to vote on from Executive Session.

OMNIBUS

At the Special Board Meeting held on April 19, 2023, the foregoing motion number 23-0419-MO1 was adopted.

ADJOURNMENT

President del Valle called to adjourn the meeting, and Board Member Chapman moved and Board Member Ponder seconded, it was so ordered by a voice vote, all members present voting therefore.

President del Valle thereupon declared the Special Board Meeting adjourned.

I, Susan Narrajos, Secretary of the Board of Education and Keeper of the records thereof, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct record of certain proceedings of said Board of Education of the City of Chicago at its Special Board Meeting held as a hybrid of in-person for Board Members, the Chief Executive Officer and the General Counsel and electronically via Zoom and Live Stream at cpsboe.org

Susan Narrajos
Secretary

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