

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING
BOARD OF EDUCATION
HOUSTON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT**

January 19, 2023

MEETING HELD - MEMBERS PRESENT

The Board of Education of the Houston Independent School District (HISD) held a special meeting on January 19, 2023, beginning at 9 a.m. in the board auditorium of the Hattie Mae White Educational Support Center, 4400 West 18th St., Houston, TX 77092.

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived	Departed
Dani Hernandez	District III Trustee, President	Present		
Myrna Guidry	District IX Trustee, First Vice President	Absent		
Bridget Wade	District VII Trustee, Second Vice President	Present		
Kendall Baker	District VI Trustee, Secretary	Present		
Kathy Blueford-Daniels	District II Trustee, Assistant Secretary	Absent		
Elizabeth Santos	District I Trustee	Present	9:59 a.m.	
Patricia K. Allen	District IV Trustee	Present		
Sue Deigaard	District V Trustee	Present		
Judith Cruz	District VIII Trustee	Absent		

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER - PURPOSE

Board President Hernandez called the special meeting to order at 9:04 a.m. and declared the board convened to consider matters pertaining to HISD as listed on the duly posted meeting notice.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion by Trustee Baker, with a second by Trustee Wade, the board approved the minutes of the special board meeting held on December 15, 2022.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Kendall Baker, District VI Trustee
SECONDER:	Bridget Wade, District VII Trustee
AYES:	Hernandez, Deigaard, Allen, Wade, Baker
ABSENT:	Santos, Guidry, Blueford-Daniels, Cruz

**DISPUTE RESOLUTION HEARING, YARVEY LEMON, FORMER EMPLOYEE, HISD
POLICE – ~~WITHDRAWN~~**

**DISPUTE RESOLUTION HEARING, SHANDRA STEVENS, FORMER EMPLOYEE,
HISD POLICE**

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ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

The board adjourned to closed or executive session under Chapter 551 of Texas Government Code, Open Meetings Act, Subsections 551.004, 551.071, 551.072, 551.073, 551.074, 551.076, 551.082, 551.0821, 551.083, 551.084, and 551.089 at 9:07 a.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.

RECONVENED IN OPEN SESSION

Board President Hernandez declared the meeting reconvened at 9:59 a.m. to consider matters pertaining to HISD as listed on the duly posted meeting notice.

On motion by Trustee Wade, with a second by Trustee Deigaard, the board upheld the decision of the hearing officer and denied the grievance.

RESULT:	APPROVED [5 TO 0]
MOVER:	Bridget Wade, District VII Trustee
SECONDER:	Sue Deigaard, District V Trustee
AYES:	Allen, Hernandez, Deigaard, Wade, Baker
ABSTAIN:	Santos
ABSENT:	Guidry, Blueford-Daniels, Cruz

DISPUTE RESOLUTION HEARING, MELANEE DAGNES, PARENT, THE HIGH SCHOOL FOR LAW AND JUSTICE – ~~RESCHEDULED~~

Board President Hernandez announced that the grievant was not present for the hearing. Lisa McBride from the firm Thompson & Horton LLP then spoke.

Lisa McBride, Board Counsel: Good morning, board members. As the board president has indicated, the grievant is not present this morning. As is our process we would like to put in the record the means and the date on which the grievant was notified of this hearing. We're waiting on getting that information from Board Services. Ms. Mabasa will be out shortly. And it's my understanding from speaking with general counsel and the administration, as is our process, we allow one time to reschedule if a grievant misses a hearing and I believe that that's going to be applied in this case. Is that correct, Ms. Woods?

Catosha Woods, interim general counsel: Yes, that is correct.

Lisa McBride: So unless there's any objection from the board, that would be my recommendation, is that we place on the record that the grievant was notified, how, and when (once that becomes available from Ms. Mabasa in Board Services) and then we extend to the grievant one more opportunity to reschedule.

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So on December 20th, Ms. Mabasa reached out to the grievant and attached a letter notifying her of the Level III hearing that would be taking place today, Thursday, January 19th, 2023, at 9 a.m. And then on January 9th Ms. Mabasa reached out to the grievant and attached a copy of the entire record for her consideration and preparation for today's hearing and then reminded her again that that hearing before the board would be this Thursday, January 19th, 2023. She also gave the grievant the opportunity, if she so chose, to receive the record as a paper copy, not just an electronic copy, which the email provided, an electronic copy. And then on Tuesday of this week, January 17th, 2023, Ms. Mabasa left a follow-up email in addition to a phone message regarding notifying her again that the hearing would be taking place January 19th, Thursday, at 9 a.m., and to please call at her earliest convenience if she had any questions. So three communications, also transmittal of the record, and an opportunity to receive the record in a paper form if the electronic form was not suitable to her needs.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the hearings meeting adjourned at 10:06 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

The board adjourned to closed or executive session under Chapter 551 of Texas Government Code, Open Meetings Act, Subsections 551.004, 551.071, 551.072, 551.073, 551.074, 551.076, 551.082, 551.0821, 551.083, 551.084, and 551.089 at 10:06 a.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.

RECONVENED IN OPEN SESSION IN THE BOARD AUDITORIUM

Board President Hernandez declared the meeting reconvened at 1:10 p.m. to consider matters pertaining to HISD as listed on the duly posted meeting notice.

BOARD MEMBER TRAINING ON ILEGISLATE

Brian Kinkade, manager, Policy Management, led the training on ILegislate.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:58 p.m.

MINUTES APPROVED

The foregoing minutes of the special meeting of the HISD Board of Education held on January 19, 2023, in the board auditorium of the Hattie Mae White Educational Support Center, 4400 West 18th Street, Houston, Texas, were duly approved at a meeting held on February 16, 2023.

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ATTEST



Dahi Hernandez
Board of Education, President
Houston Independent School District



Kendall Baker
Board of Education, Secretary
Houston Independent School District