

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. Bergson Leneus, President, read the following notice:

Please take notice that this is a Special Public Meeting of the East Orange Board of Education. The purpose of the meeting is for the Board to conduct Interviews for the position of Superintendent and take action on items that are presented on the agenda. Notice of this meeting was published in the newspapers and a copy has been filed with the Office of the City Clerk of East Orange.

**II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

- III. ROLL CALL:**
- Dr. Kristie Howard – Present
  - Mr. Cameron B. Jones, Sr. – Absent
  - Ms. Marjorie Perry – Present
  - Ms. Joy B. Tolliver, Esq. – Absent (arrived at 6:45 p.m.)
  - Ms. Terry S. Tucker – Present
  - Mr. Jenabu Williams – Absent
  - Mr. Bergson Leneus – Present

Also Present: Mr. Victor R. Demming, Board Secretary/School Business Administrator (Acting Supt)

Absent:

- Dr. Gloria P. Watson, Interim Superintendent
- Dr. Deborah Harvest, Assistant Superintendent of Operations
- Mr. Craig Smith, Acting Assistant School Business Administrator
- Ms. Marissa McKenzie, Director of Labor Relations and Employment Services
- Ms. Avis Bishop Thompson, Esq., General Counsel (DeCotiis, Fitzpatrick, Cole)

**IV. REPORT OF THE INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS**

No report.

**V. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

1. Ms. Virginia Jeffries – 236 Brighton Avenue
  - Questioned the dates that have been posted for meetings
  - Questioned if principals having “bumping” rights

**VI. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS**

**A. EAST ORANGE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

On a motion of Ms. Marjorie Perry, duly seconded by Dr. Kristie Howard, the members of the Board of Education voted to approve the employment contract for Dr. Gloria Watson:

- ROLL CALL:
- Dr. Kristie Howard - Yes
  - Mr. Cameron B. Jones, Sr. - Absent
  - Ms. Marjorie Perry - Yes
  - Ms. Joy B. Tolliver, Esq. - Absent
  - Ms. Terry S. Tucker – Yes
  - Mr. Jenabu Williams – Absent
  - Mr. Bergson Leneus – Yes

1. Resolution to Approve the Employment Contract for Dr. Gloria Watson, Interim Superintendent of Schools

WHEREAS, the employment contract for Dr. Gloria Watson is attached delineating the salary of \$177,500 [established in accordance with the formula determined by the New Jersey Department of Education]; and

WHEREAS, the employment contract for Dr. Gloria Watson was submitted, reviewed and approved by the Essex County Executive Superintendent of Schools.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Education of the City of East Orange hereby approves the employment contract for Dr. Gloria Watson as Interim Superintendent of Schools from July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017, or until a permanent Superintendent has been selected, as approved and stipulated by the Essex County Executive Superintendent of Schools.

**VII. RETIRE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mr. Leneus read the following:

*Be it resolved that the Board of Education will retire to executive session to conduct interviews and discuss items that pertain to personnel and/or litigation.*

*Minutes of this meeting will be released when the matters discussed are no longer confidential. The Board will resume the business portion of the meeting at or about 9:00 p.m.*

On a motion of Ms. Marjorie Perry, duly seconded by Ms. Terry S. Tucker, the members of the Board of Education voted to retire to Executive Session at 6:49 p.m.

- ROLL CALL: Dr. Kristie Howard - Yes
- Mr. Cameron B. Jones, Sr. - Absent
- Ms. Marjorie Perry - Yes
- Ms. Joy B. Tolliver, Esq. - Yes
- Ms. Terry S. Tucker - Yes
- Mr. Jenabu Williams - Absent
- Mr. Bergson Leneus - Yes

**VIII. RECOMMENCE PUBLIC MEETING**

The Members of the Board and Executive Staff resumed the Public Session at 10:25 p.m.

- IX. ROLL CALL: Dr. Kristie Howard - Present
- Mr. Cameron B. Jones, Sr. - Absent
- Ms. Marjorie Perry - Present
- Ms. Joy B. Tolliver, Esq. - Present
- Ms. Terry S. Tucker - Present
- Mr. Jenabu Williams - Absent
- Mr. Bergson Leneus - Present

Also Present: Mr. Victor R. Demming, Board Secretary/School Business Administrator (Acting Supt)

- Absent: Dr. Gloria P. Watson, Acting Superintendent
- Dr. Deborah Harvest, Assistant Superintendent of Operations
- Mr. Craig Smith, Acting Assistant School Business Administrator
- Ms. Marissa McKenzie, Manager of Human Resource Services
- Ms. Avis Bishop Thompson, Esq., General Counsel (DeCotiis, Fitzpatrick, Cole)

**X. ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Leneus read the following notice:

*The East Orange Board of Education has scheduled a series of special meetings to conduct interviews for the position of Superintendent. The next special meeting is Monday, July 25th, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. in Conference Room A, at the Administration Building, 199 Fourth Avenue, East Orange, NJ.*

*The Board of Education will retire to Executive Session after "Comments from the Public" in which they will discuss matters pertaining to negotiations, personnel and/or litigation. The Board will resume the regular public meeting at or about 8:00 p.m.; immediately following the Executive Session.*

On the motion of Ms. Joy B. Tolliver, duly seconded by Dr. Kristie Howard, the members of the Board voted to approve to adjourn the meeting:

- ROLL CALL: Dr. Kristie Howard - Yes
- Mr. Cameron B. Jones, Sr. - Absent
- Ms. Marjorie Perry - Yes
- Ms. Joy B. Tolliver, Esq. - Yes
- Ms. Terry S. Tucker - Yes
- Mr. Jenabu Williams - Absent
- Mr. Bergson Leneus - Yes

The meeting adjourned at 10:28 p.m.

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Victor R. Demming, Board Secretary

BOARD APPROVED \_\_\_\_\_