

MEETING MINUTES

Attendees

Voting Members

Ms. Tracy Rookard, Chair

Mr. D.T. Jackson, Vice Chair

Ms. Ruth Morgan, Board Member

Ms. Michelle Simmons, Board Member

Mr. Glenn Easterwood, Board Member & Legislative Liaison

Non-Voting Members

Mr. Trent North, Superintendent

Dr. Michelle Ruble, Associate Superintendent of General Administration

Dr. Chris Small, Executive Director of Operations

Chelsie Goodman, Assistant Superintendent

Pam Nail, Assistant Superintendent

Tracey Whaley, Chief of Police

Holly Timms, Chief Financial Officer

Portia Lake, Interim Executive Director of Communications

Shilah Prothro, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent

I. Call to Order

II. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

III. Moment of Silent Reflection

IV. Election of Board Officers

Superintendent North declared the floor open for Board Chair nominations.

A. Board Chair

A motion was made to nominate Ms. Tracy Rookard for Board Chair.

Motion made by: Mr. D.T. Jackson

Motion seconded by: Mr. Glenn Easterwood

Voting:

Ms. Tracy Rookard - Yes

Mr. D.T. Jackson - Yes

Ms. Ruth Morgan - Yes

Ms. Michelle Simmons - No

Mr. Glenn Easterwood - Yes

B. Vice-Chair

A motion was made to nominate Mr. D. T. Jackson for Vice Chair.

Motion made by: Ms. Tracy Rookard

Motion seconded by: Mr. Glenn Easterwood

Voting:

Ms. Tracy Rookard - Yes

Mr. D.T. Jackson - Yes

Ms. Ruth Morgan - Yes

Ms. Michelle Simmons - No

Mr. Glenn Easterwood - Yes

C. Legislative Liaison

A motion was made to nominate Mr. Glenn Easterwood for Legislative Liaison.

Motion made by: Mr. D.T. Jackson

Motion seconded by: Ms. Ruth Morgan

Voting:

Ms. Tracy Rookard - Yes

Mr. D.T. Jackson - Yes

Ms. Ruth Morgan - Yes

Ms. Michelle Simmons - No

Mr. Glenn Easterwood - Yes

D. Deputy Legislative Liaison

No motion for a nomination at this time.

E. Sergeant at Arms

A motion was made to nominate Ms. Ruth Morgan for Sergeant at Arms.

Motion made by: Ms. Tracy Rookard

Motion seconded by: Mr. Glenn Easterwood

Voting:

Ms. Tracy Rookard - Yes

Mr. D.T. Jackson - Yes

Ms. Ruth Morgan - Yes

Ms. Michelle Simmons - No

Mr. Glenn Easterwood - Yes

V. Mission, Vision and Beliefs

VI. District Strategic Goals

VII. Setting of Agenda

VIII. Board Recognition

IX. Audience Participation

X. New Business

XI. Work Session Presentations

A. Annual Report

B. Mid-Year Data Update

C. DCSS Police Department Vehicles

XII. Action Items

A. Code of Ethics Adoption

Motion made by: Mr. D.T. Jackson

Motion seconded by: Mr. Glenn Easterwood

Voting:

Unanimously Approved

B. Employee Retention Supplement

Motion made by: Mr. D.T. Jackson

Motion seconded by: Mr. Glenn Easterwood

Voting:

Unanimously Approved

XIII. Work Session Board Agenda Items

A. Minutes of Previous Meeting

1. December 4, 2023 Minutes

B. Communications

C. Finance

D. General Administration

E. Operations

1. Surplus of Various Items

F. Personnel

G. Program for Exceptional Children

H. School Nutrition

I. Student Services

1. Brighten Academy FY 24 State Charter School Facilities Grant Award

2. Georgia Accelerated Career Academy

J. Teaching and Learning

K. Technology

XIV. Information Only

A. Out of State and Overnight Field Trips

XV. Board Member Comments and Announcements

- Mr. Glenn Easerwood had no additional comments.
- Ms. Ruth Morgan had no additional comments.
- Mr. D. T. Jackson thanked everyone for their support during his 14 years of serving on the Board.
- Ms. Michelle Simmons wished everyone a Happy New Year and thanked them for their support.
- Ms. Tracy Rookard reported that the Board had shown interest in submitting an application for Board Governance of the Year. She went on to explain that this type of recognition is difficult to obtain in the state of Georgia. There was consensus from the Board to move forward with the application process.
- Superintendent North thanked the Douglas County School System employees for not wavering from high expectations, for working through the non-negotiables, and for their patience as we learn Beacon and become better with it. I feel proud as your Superintendent for the way you are leading.

A. Next Board Meeting: January 16, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

XVI. Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

XVII. Executive Session

Superintendent

Chairperson