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St. HOPE Public Schools  
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Date: July 8, 2022

Time: 4:00 p.m.

Location: Teleconference

**I. CHAIRPERSON'S WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL**

St. HOPE Public Schools Board Vice Chairperson, Ron Tom by teleconference, called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. and requested a roll call.

**Board Members Present (via zoom):** Gladys Mitchell, Ron Tom, Ronald K. West, Angelia Dickens, Michelle Johnson, Stephanie Walton

**Board Members Absent:** None.

Vice Chairperson Tom announced a quorum was present and asked for any public comment speakers to be introduced.

**II. PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

**III. CONSENT AGENDA**

The Consent Agenda consisted of items A-E, which were A) Approve Resolution #22/23-01: A Resolution Making Findings Necessary to Permit Virtual Board Meetings Pursuant to AB 361 and Government Code Section 54953(e), B) Approve Minutes from 06/24/22 Board of Directors Meeting, C) Approve SHPS + SHA Statement of Work, D) Approve SHPS + SHDC Statement of Work, E) Approve Updated SHPS Bylaws.

**Director Johnson made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, and Director West seconded the motion. A vote was conducted, and the Consent Agenda was unanimously approved.**

**IV. NOMINATING COMMITTEE UPDATE**

Vice Chairman of the Nominating Committee, Ron Tom shared that the Nominating Committee recommends the appointment of Cassandra Jennings, Carolyn Veal-Hunter, Janet Rice and Kathy McKim to the St. HOPE Public Schools Board of Directors.

**Director Johnson made a motion to approve the appointment of Cassandra Jennings, Carolyn Veal-Hunter, Janet Rice and Kathy McKim to the St. HOPE Public Schools Board of Directors. Director West seconded the motion. A vote was conducted, and the selection of Cassandra Jennings, Carolyn Veal-Hunter, Janet Rice and Kathy McKim to the St. HOPE Public Schools Board of Directors was unanimously approved.**

Vice Chairman Ron Tom presented to the Board an updated slate recommending director terms and officer positions for the upcoming school year.

**Director Johnson made a motion to approve the updated Board Slate, and Director Walton seconded the motion. A vote was conducted, and the updated Board Slate was unanimously approved.**

Directors: Tom, Dickens, Mitchell (1-year term), and McKim have terms expiring in October 2023.

Directors: Walton, Veal-Hunter, Rice, West, Jennings have terms expiring in October 2024.

Director Johnson has a term ending in October 2022.

Officer Slate: Chairwoman Jennings; Vice Chairman Tom; Secretary Walton.

Executive Committee: Jennings (Chair), Tom, Walton, and Johnson.

Finance and Audit Committee: Rice (Chair), Tom, and West.

Nominating Committee: West (Chair), Walton, Veal-Hunter.  
Transition Committee: Johnson (Chair), Dickens, Jennings, Mitchell.

**V. CLOSED SESSION**

Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation; Significant Exposure to litigation pursuant to paragraph (2) or (3) of subdivision (d) of Government Code Section 54956.9: One Case

Public Employee Employment - Title: Superintendent

Vice Chairman Tom announced the full Board of Directors were going to move into Closed Session.

The Full Board of Directors returned out of closed session to open session.

**Vice Chairman Tom announced that no action was taken during the closed session regarding Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation; Significant Exposure to litigation pursuant to paragraph (2) or (3) of subdivision (d) of Government Code Section 54956.9: One Case.**

**Vice Chairman Tom announced that per a unanimous roll call vote, Lisa Ruda was appointed to the position of Interim Superintendent and Kevin Heistand was authorized to finalize the terms of the Interim Superintendent contract.**

**VI. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:42 p.m.

Executed this 8th day of July 2022.



Dr. Stephanie Walton

Secretary, St. HOPE Public Schools Board of Directors