



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

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**Agenda Review Committee Meeting-Wednesday, June 21, 2023  
10:30 A.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

Elizabeth Todd-Breland took the Chair and the meeting\* being called to order there were then:

**PRESENT:** Board Member Todd-Breland, Board Member Medrano Novak\*\*, Board Member Scott, Jr., Board Member Ponder, Board Member Lewis -

**ABSENT:** President Miguel del Valle and Board Member Joyce Chapman

**ALSO PRESENT:** Mr. Pedro Martinez, Chief Executive Officer, Ms. Ruchi Verma \*\*, General Counsel, Mr. Charles Mayfield, Interim Chief Operating Officer.

**ABSENT:** Bogdana Chkoumbova.

**\*NOTE:** The meeting was held as a hybrid of in-person for Board Members, Senior Cabinet Members and electronically via Zoom and Live Stream at cpsboe.org.

**\*\*NOTE:** Board Member Medrano Novak joined the meeting via Zoom at approximately 11:28 a.m.

General Counsel Ruchi Verma joined the meeting in person at approximately 10:20a.m.

Board Member Todd-Breland provided the order of the meeting.

Board Member Elizabeth Todd-Breland thereupon opened the floor to the Public Participation segment of the Board Meeting.

Board Member Todd-Breland thereupon opened the floor to Discussion of Public Agenda Items (1-22)

The Secretary presented the following Statement for the Public Record:

I will proceed with the items on the public agenda, items (1-22) and read brief titles.

Department Chief and/or Subject Matter Expert presented on their particular item number.

Board Member Ponder presented the following Motion:

**23-0621-MO1**

**MOTION RE: RECESS**

**MOTION ADOPTED** that the Board take a 20 minute Recess.

Board Member Lewis seconded the motion to adopt Motion 23-0621-MO1.

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

**Yeas:** Board Member Todd-Breland, Board Member Medrano Novak, Board Member Scott Jr., Board Member Ponder, Board Member Lewis – 5

**Nays:** None

**Board Member Todd-Breland thereupon declared Motion 23-0621-MO1 adopted.**

**After the Recess the Board Reconvened.**

**Board Member Todd-Breland thereupon opened the floor for Discussion of Public Agenda Items (23-35) and Standard Monthly Reports**

**I believe Board Member Ponder has motion MO2 regarding Hold a Closed Session.**

**Board Member presented the following Motion:**

**23-0621-MO2**

**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 Motion 23-0621-MO2.**

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

**Yeas: Board Member Todd-Breland, Member Scott, Jr., Board Member Ponder, Board Member Lewis – 4**

**Nays: None**

**Board Member Todd-Breland thereupon declared Motion 23-0621-MO2 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 June 21, 2023, beginning at 1:34 p.m. at the CPS Loop Office, 42 W. Madison Street, Garden Level, GC-107, and Chicago Illinois 60602.**
- (2) **PRESENT: Board Member Todd-Breland, Board Member Scott, Jr., Board Member Ponder, and Board Member Lewis - 4**

**ABSENT: President del Valle, Board Member Sulema Medrano Novak and Board Member Joyce Chapman - 3**

**Staff Present: Adam Lechnir, Susan Narrajos, Libby Massey, and Esther Yahinig**

No votes were taken in Closed Session.

After Closed Session the Board reconvened.

Members present after Closed Session: Board Member Todd-Breland, Board Member Scott, Jr., Board Member Ponder, Board Member Lewis – 4

Members absent after Closed Session: President Miguel del Valle, Board Member Medrano Novak and Board Member Chapman

The Secretary presented the following Statement for the Public Record:

Board Member Todd-Breland, I would like to note for the record that there are no items to vote on from Executive Session.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Board Member Scott, Jr. moved to adjourn the meeting and Board Member Ponder seconded, it was so ordered by a voice vote, all members present voting therefore.

Board Member Todd- Breland thereupon declared the Board Meeting adjourned.

I, Susan J. 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 Agenda Review Committee Meeting held on June 21, 2023 held as a hybrid of in-person for Board Members, Senior Cabinet Members, and electronically via Zoom and Live Stream at cpsboe.org.

Susan J. Narrajos  
Secretary



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