

**New Jersey State Board of Education
Minutes of the Public Work Session
in the Harvey Smith Conference Room
Jersey City Board of Education Building
346 Claremont Avenue
Jersey City, NJ**

January 17, 2007

Presiding: Dr. Arnold G. Hyndman, President

Secretary: Lucille E. Davy, Commissioner

PRESENT CONSTITUTING A QUORUM:

Mr. Arcelio Aponte
Dr. Ronald Butcher
Ms. Debra Casha
Ms. Maud Dahme
Ms. Kathleen A. Dietz
Ms. Josephine E. Hernandez
Dr. Ernest Lepore
Mr. Edward M. Taylor

ABSENT:

Rev. Frederick LaGarde, Jr.
Dr. Thelma Napoleon-Smith

CONVENING

Arnold G. Hyndman, president, State Board of Education, convened the public meeting with the reading of the resolution pertaining to the public session of the State Board meeting as it complies with the Open Public Meetings Act.

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act was enacted to insure the right of the public to have advance notice of and to attend the meeting of public bodies at which any business affecting their interest is discussed or acted upon, and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the provisions of this act, the State Board of Education has caused notice of this meeting to be published by having the date, time and place thereof posted in the Department of Education, Secretary of State's Office and notice also having been given to the State House press corps, the Governor's Office and the State Board agenda subscribers, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that by adopting this resolution the State Board of Education states its intention to convene a public meeting to conduct the state's business on Wednesday, January 17, 2007.

ITEM FOR DISCUSSION:

A. Overview of the State Operated School District of Jersey City

The State Board members present were provided an overview of the Jersey City School District through discussions with students, parents, principals, teachers, school board members and the school district administrative staff.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion duly seconded and carried the State Board of Education adjourned its January 17, 2007 public work session at 5:30 p.m.

Lucille E. Davy, Commissioner
Secretary, NJ State Board of Education