

**New Jersey State Board of Education  
Minutes of the Special Meeting  
(Held Jointly with Commission on Higher Education)  
William Paterson University  
Wayne, NJ  
April 25, 2008**

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**Presiding:** Ronald Butcher, President

**Secretary:** Lucille E. Davy, Commissioner

**PRESENT CONSTITUTING A QUORUM**

Arcelio Aponte, Vice President  
Edithe Fulton  
Josephine Hernandez  
Kenneth Parker  
Dorothy Strickland

**ABSENT**

Debra Casha  
Kathleen Dietz  
Ernest Lepore

**CONVENING**

The joint public meeting of the New Jersey State Board of Education and the Commission on Higher Education was opened by the Laurence Downes, chairman, Commission on Higher Education. He stated that the meeting complied with the requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act.

**ITEM FOR DISCUSSION**

State Board President Ronald Butcher welcomed everyone to the first joint meeting of the State Board and the Commission on Higher Education. Commissioner of Education Lucille Davy presented an overview of the policy report of the High School Redesign Steering Committee. The report contained the committee's recommendations for high school reform in the following areas: standards/high school graduation requirements, assessment alignment, teachers/school leaders, learning communities/personalized education and P-16 alignment.

Chairman Downes recessed the meeting for lunch. The joint meeting concluded at 12:00 p.m.

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