

**New Jersey State Board of Education  
Minutes of the Special Meeting held via teleconference  
at 8:30 am in the Conference Room on the First Floor  
100 River View Executive Plaza  
Trenton, NJ**

**August 26, 2013**

**Presiding:** Arcelio Aponte, President

**Secretary:** Christopher D. Cerf, Commissioner

**PRESENT CONSTITUTING A QUORUM**

**ABSENT**

Dr. Ronald Butcher  
Mr. Mark Beidron  
Ms. Claire Chamberlain  
Mr. Joseph Fiscaro  
Mr. Jack Fornaro  
Ms. Edithe Fulton  
Mr. Robert Haney  
Dr. Ernest Lepore  
Mr. Andrew Mulvihill  
Mr. Peter Simon  
Dr. Dorothy Strickland

**CONVENING**

State Board of Education President Arcelio Aponte convened the public meeting with the reading of the statement pertaining to the public session of the State Board meeting as it complies with the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act.

The 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.

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.

And seeing there was a quorum, the meeting of August 26, 2013, was called to order.

**ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

President Aponte then read the resolution pertaining to the executive session of the State Board meeting as it complies with the Open Public Meetings Act.

**WHEREAS**, in order to protect the personal privacy and to avoid situations wherein the public interest might be disserved, the Open Public Meetings Act permits public bodies to exclude the public from that portion of a meeting at which certain matters are discussed, now therefore be it

**RESOLVED**, that consistent with the provision of *N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(b)*, the State Board of Education will now adjourn to executive session to discuss personnel and legal issues. The State Board immediately adjourned to executive session on August 26, 2013.

### **RECONVENING**

President Aponte reconvened the open meeting at 9:40 am. with the reading of the resolution pertaining to the resumption of the public session of the State Board meeting as it complies with the Open Public Meetings Act.

**WHEREAS**, consistent with the provision of *N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(b)*, the State Board will now adjourn from executive session to resume the open session of this meeting.

### **ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION:**

On motions duly seconded and carried, the State Board of Education took the following action:

#### **\*A. Appointment**

- Approved the following appointment pursuant to *N.J.A.C. 6A:2*, *N.J.S.A. 18A:7A-15* and *N.J.S.A. 18A:7A-15.1*. State Board members Arcelio Aponte, Ronald Butcher, Edithe Fulton and Dorothy Strickland opposed.

### **RESOLUTION FOR APPOINTMENT STATE DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT FOR THE STATE-OPERATED SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF CAMDEN**

**WHEREAS**, on June 5, 2013, the New Jersey State Board of Education issued an Administrative Order creating the State-Operated School District in the City of Camden effective June 25, 2013; and

**WHEREAS**, upon State intervention, and pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 18A:7A-15* and *N.J.S.A. 18A:7A-15.1*, the Commissioner of Education may recommend to the State Board of Education the appointment of a State District Superintendent of schools in the State-Operated School District of the City of Camden; and

**WHEREAS**, an interim State District Superintendent was appointed June 25, 2013, upon State intervention in the State-Operated School District of Camden; and

**WHEREAS**, after a national and comprehensive search for a new State District Superintendent, a search committee has identified Paymon Rouhanifard as the best candidate to serve as the Camden State District Superintendent; and

**WHEREAS**, the Commissioner of Education has affirmed the decision of the search committee and hereby recommends the appointment of Paymon Rouhanifard to serve as the Camden State District Superintendent; now therefore be it

**RESOLVED**, that, subject to an employment contract, the New Jersey State Board of Education hereby approves the appointment of Paymon Rouhanifard as the State District

Superintendent of the State-Operated School District of the City of Camden effective August 29, 2013.

**ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion duly seconded and carried, the State Board of Education adjourned its August 26, 2013, public meeting at 9:54 am.

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Christopher D. Cerf, Commissioner  
Secretary, State Board of Education