



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

**Agenda Review Committee Meeting-Wednesday, January 15, 2025
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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**Sean B. Harden
President**

**Susan J. Narrajos
Secretary**

ATTEST:



Secretary of the Board of Education
of the City of Chicago

The Secretary announced that the Agenda Review Committee will begin three Standing Committee Meetings (Student Success, Operations, and Finance and Audit) in February 12, 2025.

President Harden took the Chair and the meeting* being called to order there were then:

PRESENT: Board Member Bautista, Board Member Smith, Board Member Lopez, Board Member Thomas, Board Member Boyle, Board Member Pope, Board Member Rosenfeld, Board Member Rivas, Board Member Rios-Sierra, Board Member Brown, Board Member Blaise, Board Member Lozano, Board Member Gutierrez, Board Member Biggs, Board Member Thotakura, Board Member Bannon, Board Member Zaccor, Board Member DeBerry, Board Member Custer and President Harden-20

ABSENT: None

VACANT: One

ALSO PRESENT: Pedro Martinez, CEO; Bogdana Chkoumbova, Chief Education Officer; Ruchi Verma, General Counsel, Charles Mayfield, Chief Operating Officer

ABSENT: None

***NOTE:** The Agenda Review Committee 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.

President Harden provided the order of the meeting.

The Secretary proceeded with the oath of office for the new board members.

President Harden thereupon welcomed the new Board and opened the floor for introductions and remarks.

The Secretary announced for the record that pursuant to 105ILCS 5/343 (b) (10); Beginning today the President of the Board will only cast votes in tie breakers. This will remain in effect until the 2026 general election of the Board President.

President Harden thereupon opened the floor for Vice President nominations.

Board Member Dr. Smith nominated Board Member Jessica Biggs

Board Member Rosenfeld seconded the nomination.

Board Member Pope nominated Board Member Olga Bautista

Board Member Lozano seconded the nomination.

Board Member Lozano motioned to close the nomination for Vice President.

25-0115-MO4

**MOTION RE: CLOSE NOMINATIONS FOR ELECTION OF THE VICE PRESIDENT
OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO**

MOTION ADOPTED that the Board close the floor for nominations to elect the Vice President of the Board of Education of the City of Chicago.

Board Member Brown seconded the motion.

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

Yeas: Board Member Bautista, Board Member Smith, Board Member Lopez, Board Member Thomas, Board Member Boyle, Board Member Pope, Board Member Rosenfeld, Board Member Rivas, Board Member Rios-Sierra, Board Member Brown, Board Member Blaise, Board Member Lozano, Board Member Gutierrez, Board Member Biggs, Board Member Thotakura, Board Member Bannon, Board Member Zaccor, Board Member DeBerry, Board Member Custer -19

Nays: None

President Harden thereupon declared Board Report 25-0115-MO4 adopted.

The Secretary called the tally vote for the Motion to Elect Vice President and the vote was as follows:

Board Member Jessica Biggs - 7

Board Member Olga Bautista – 12

25-0115-MO1

**MOTION RE: ELECT OLGA BAUTISTA VICE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO**

MOTION ADOPTED that the Board elect Olga Bautista to the Office of Vice President of the Board of Education of the City of Chicago.

Board President Harden thereupon announced Board Member Bautista Vice President of the Chicago Board of Education.

President Harden thereupon opened the floor for questions and/or comments on the item on Public Agenda.

The Secretary proceeded with the item on the public agenda that requires a vote.

Board Member Bautista moved to Rescind Board Report 24-1220-RS1

25-0115-RS1

**RESCIND BOARD REPORT 24-1220-RS1
AND ADOPT A NEW RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SIGNATURE PROXY
FOR BOARD PRESIDENT SEAN B. HARDEN**

WHEREAS, the Board is authorized to designate one or more persons to sign any bond, warrant, certificate, contract or other written instrument on behalf of the Board President in accordance with the requirements set out in Section 34-82 of the Illinois School Code [105 ILCS 5/34-82];

WHEREAS, Chapter VII of the Board's Rules enumerate requirements for the signature of contracts and leases on behalf of the Board by the Board President or by other designated officers when a delegation of signature authority is specified therein;

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the Board that contracts requiring signature of the Board President be executed within the time period specified in the Board Reports authorizing the particular transactions, especially since no work can commence nor services provided until a contract is executed;

WHEREAS, Board Rule 7-12 specifies that the Board President, with the approval of the Board, may designate one or more persons who shall have proxy authority to affix the signature of the President to such contracts or leases;

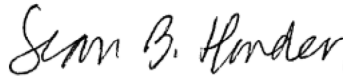
WHEREAS, designation of a signature proxy for the Board President will facilitate the timely execution of contract and lease documents; and

WHEREAS, the Board wishes to authorize a signature proxy in accordance with the requirements set out in 105 ILCS 5/34-82 and Board Rule 7-12.

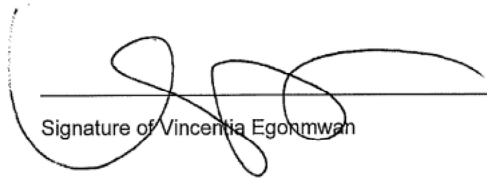
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO THAT:

1. Vincentia Egonmwan is hereby designated as the person authorized to serve as a signature proxy for Board President, Sean B. Harden
2. As a signature proxy for Board President, Sean B. Harden, Vincentia Egonmwan shall be authorized to sign contracts, contract amendments, contract extensions and leases for Board President, Sean B. Harden.
3. The signature of Vincentia Egonmwan as it will appear for Board President, Sean B. Harden is appended hereto as Exhibit A.
4. This Resolution shall be effective immediately upon its adoption and shall be effective until rescinded by further Board action.
5. The previous signature proxy Resolution authorized under Board Report 24-1220-RS1 is hereby rescinded.

EXHIBIT A



Signature of Sean B. Harden, as executed by
Vincentia Egonmwan



Signature of Vincentia Egonmwan

Board Member Bannon seconded the motion.

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

Yeas: Board Member Bautista, Board Member Smith, Board Member Lopez, Board Member Thomas, Board Member Boyle, Board Member Pope, Board Member Rosenfeld, Board Member Rivas, Board Member Rios-Sierra, Board Member Brown, Board Member Blaise, Board Member Lozano, Board Member Gutierrez, Board Member Biggs, Board Member Thotakura, Board Member Bannon, Board Member Zaccor, Board Member DeBerry, Board Member Custer -19

Nays: None

President Harden thereupon declared Board Report 24-1220-RS1 adopted.

President Harden thereupon opened the floor to the Public Participation segment of the Agenda Review Committee Meeting.

President Harden proceeded with public agenda items (1-4)

Board Member Lopez moved to take a 20-minute recess.

25-0115-MO2

MOTION RE: RECESS

MOTION ADOPTED that the Board take a 20 minute Recess.

Board Member Dr. Smith seconded the motion.

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

Yeas: Board Member Bautista, Board Member Smith, Board Member Lopez, Board Member Thomas, Board Member Boyle, Board Member Pope, Board Member Rosenfeld, Board Member Rivas, Board Member Rios-Sierra, Board Member Brown, Board Member Blaise, Board Member Lozano, Board Member Gutierrez, Board Member Biggs, Board Member Thotakura, Board Member Bannon, Board Member Zaccor, Board Member DeBerry, Board Member Custer -19

Nays: None

President Harden thereupon declared Board Report 25-0115-MO2 adopted.

After the Recess the Board Reconvened.

President Harden proceeded with public agenda items (5-8) and Standard Monthly Reports

Board Member Boyle moved to go into Closed Session and adopt Motion 25-0115-MO3

25-0115-MO3

MOTION TO HOLD A CLOSED SESSION

MOTION ADOPTED, that the Board hold a closed session to the 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) Collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees pursuant to 2(c)(2) of the Open Meetings Act.
- 3) 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 Custer seconded the motion to adopt 25-0115-MO3

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

Yeas: Board Member Bautista, Board Member Smith, Board Member Lopez, Board Member Thomas, Board Member Boyle, Board Member Pope, Board Member Rosenfeld, Board Member Rivas, Board Member Rios-Sierra, Board Member Brown, Board Member Blaise, Board Member Lozano, Board Member Gutierrez, Board Member Biggs, Board Member Thotakura, Board Member Bannon, Board Member Zaccor, Board Member DeBerry, Board Member Custer -19

Nays: None

President Harden thereupon declared Board Report 25-0115-MO3 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 January 15, 2025, beginning at 1:40 p.m. at 42 West Madison St., Board Chambers
- (2) **PRESENT:** Board Member Bautista, Board Member Smith, Board Member Lopez, Board Member Thomas, Board Member Boyle, Board Member Pope, Board Member Rosenfeld, Board Member Rivas, Board Member Rios-Sierra, Board Member Brown, Board Member Blaise, Board Member Lozano, Board Member Gutierrez, Board Member Biggs, Board Member Thotakura, Board Member Bannon, Board Member Zaccor, Board Member DeBerry, Board Member Custer and President Harden-20

Staff Present: Ruchi Verma, General Counsel; Pedro Martinez, CEO; Bogdana Chkoumbova, Chief Education Officer; Vincentia Egonmwan, Acting Chief of Staff to the Board; Susan Narrajos, Secretary

No votes were taken in Closed Session.

After Closed Session the Board reconvened.

Members present after Closed Session Board Member Bautista, Board Member Smith, Board Member Lopez, Board Member Thomas, Board Member Boyle, Board Member Pope, Board Member Rosenfeld, Board Member Rivas, Board Member Rios-Sierra, Board Member Brown, Board Member Blaise, Board Member Lozano, Board Member Gutierrez, Board Member Biggs, Board Member Thotakura, Board Member Bannon, Board Member Zaccor, Board Member DeBerry, Board Member Custer and President Harden-20

The Secretary presented the following Statement for the Public Record:

President Harden, I would like to note for the record that there are no items to vote on from Executive Session.

OMNIBUS

At the Agenda Review Committee Meeting held on January 15, 2025, the foregoing motions set forth from 25-0115-MO1 through 25-0115-MO4 and 25-0115-RS1 except as otherwise indicated, were adopted.

ADJOURNMENT

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

President Harden thereupon declared the Agenda Review Committee 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 January 15, 2025 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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