

**TRENTON BOARD OF EDUCATION RETREAT MINUTES**  
**Educational Testing Service**  
**Conant Building - Wood Hall**  
**660 Rosedale Road & Carter Road**  
**Princeton NJ 08541**  
**Saturday, November 23, 2013 – 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM**

**Completed November 27, 2013**  
**Convened at 9:22 A.M.**

**Call to Order**

Board President Sasa Olessi Montaña called the meeting to order at 9:22 a.m.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

President Montaña led the salute to the flag.

**Roll Call**

**Present:**

Roslyn Council – arrived 12 noon

Patrice Daley

Denise Millington

Jason Redd – arrived 9:30 a.m.

James Rolle – departed approximately 12:30 – 1:00 p.m.

Jane Rosenbaum – departed 2:00 p.m.

Mary Taylor-Hayes

Gerald Truehart II – departed approximately 12:30 – 1:00 p.m.

Sasa Olessi Montaña

**Superintendent of Schools** – Francisco Durán - Present

**Business Administrator/Board Secretary** – Jayne Howard – Present

**Administrators Present**

Dr. Shelley Jallow, Assistant Superintendent of Secondary Education

Dr. Deitra Spence, Assistant Superintendent of Early Childhood and Elementary Education

Kathleen Smallwood-Johnson, Executive Director of Family & Community Engagement/  
Legal Affairs

Lucy Feria, Assistant Superintendent & Chief Academic Officer

Dr. Wesley Boykin, Executive Director of Systems, Data Management & Accountability

Patricia Mazzuca, Interim Assistant Superintendent of Special Ed

Ms. Emily Capella, State Monitor

**New Jersey Sunshine Law** - Read by Board President Montaña

The New Jersey Public Meetings Law was enacted to ensure the right to the public to have advanced notice of and to attend the meetings of public bodies at which any business affecting their interest is discussed or acted on.

On the rules of this act, the Trenton Board of Education has caused notice of this meeting by publicizing the date, time and place, therefore posted in the Central Services Building,

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108 North Clinton Avenue, City Clerk's Office, City Hall and the Times. Anyone whose name is on the mailing list should receive a notice.

Formal action will take place at this meeting.

**Adoption of Agenda**

The retreat was facilitated by Ms. Mary Ann Friedman, Field Services Representative from New Jersey School Boards Association. Ms. Friedman provided Board Members with the day's agenda (**Attachment 1**), which was adopted by all Board Members present upon motion by Ms. Taylor-Hayes and second by Mr. Truehart.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

There were no members of the public wishing to address the Board.

**REPORTS FROM LEADERSHIP TEAM**

Following Ms. Friedman's work with the Board on professional development towards the goal of certification, the following reports were made (handouts attached):

- Common Core Shifts by Lucy Fera
- Special Education Updates by Patricia Mazzuca
- How to Support Schools by Drs. Shelley Jallow & Deitra Spence
- Legal/FACE Updates by Kathleen Smallwood-Johnson
- Discussion on 2013 Audit and a brief overview of challenges facing the district financially in 2014-15

Schoolnet presentation by Dr. Wesley Boykin was postponed until the December 16<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting.

**ADJOURN**

Motion was made by Ms. Taylor-Hayes and seconded by Ms. Daley to adjourn the retreat at 3:10 p.m. Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted

*Jayne S. Howard*

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