

# BOARD OF PUBLIC EDUCATION SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

March 5, 2025  
Zoom

**Wednesday, March 5, 2025**  
**9:00 AM**

## **CALL TO ORDER – 00:00:15**

Chair Tharp called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM. The Chair led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance and Ms. Kris Stockton took Roll Call. The Chair read the Statement of Public Participation and welcomed guests. Guests online introduced themselves to the Board.

Board members: Dr. Tim Tharp, Chair; Dr. Ron Slinger, Vice Chair; Ms. Madalyn Quinlan; Ms. Lisa Schmidt; Ms. Julia Maxwell. Staff: Ms. McCall Flynn, Executive Director; Ms. Kris Stockton, Administrative Specialist.

## **ADOPT AGENDA – 00:02:21**

**Board member Quinlan moved to adopt the agenda as presented. Motion seconded by Board member Schmidt.**

***No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.***

## **❖ CHARTER COMMITTEE – Dr. Ron Slinger (Item 1)**

### **Item 1                      ACTION ON THE EXECUTION OF THE PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL CONTRACTS – 00:02:46 Dr. Ron Slinger**

Ms. McCall Flynn explained the process for contracting with the Public Charter Schools noting that all contracts have been signed. Ms. Flynn noted that all the schools plan to open in the fall of 2025 for the 2025-2026 school year.

**Vice Chair moved to approve the public charter school contracts for the five public charter schools approved by the Board of Public Education as noted in the agenda packet. Motion seconded by Board member Quinlan.**

***Chair Tharp asked Ms. Flynn to describe how the schools are cooperating together to meet the reporting requirements. Ms. Flynn explained that there has been a lot of coordination with School Business Officials for the financial reporting requirements and that additional best practices conversations may be done at a future conference.***

***No further discussion. Motion passed unanimously.***

## **PUBLIC COMMENT – 00:09:20**

No public comment.

## **ADJOURN**

Meeting adjourned at 9:11 AM.

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