



## MINUTES - DRAFT

### Providence School Board Business Meeting

797 Westminster Street

Providence, RI 02903

January 8, 2020

#### CONVENE MEETING

1. Call to Order –President Hemond called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call--Board Members Present: Nicholas Hemond, Travis Escobar, Diagneris Garcia, Mark Santow and Kinzel Thomas.

Board Members Muyideen Ibiyemi and Robert Gondola were not in attendance.

Vice President Pande arrived at 6:34pm

2. Superintendent's Comments -There were no comments from the Superintendent.

#### APPROVE AGENDA

3. Approve Agenda  
**A motion was made to approve the agenda as presented.**  
**MSV – Escobar, Santow (5-0) MOTION APPROVED**

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

4. Public Comment  
Elizabeth Goldberg- Parent, and school board candidate - commented on the teacher shortage, and challenges for individuals to be certified as a teacher.

#### SCHOOL BOARD COMMENTS

5. School Board Comments  
President Hemond stated that both he and Vice President Pande have been in contact regularly with the Commissioner of Elementary and Secondary Education in regards to the effort to find a turnaround Superintendent. He stated that he hopes to hear something soon, but expressed appreciation for Interim Dorothy Smith, whose appointment is on the agenda tonight.

#### CONSENT AGENDA

6. Home School Candidates  
**A motion was made to approve the consent agenda.**  
**MSV – Escobar, Santow (6-0) MOTION APPROVED**

**REPORT ON PERSONNEL**

7. Interim Superintendent - Dorothy C. Smith

**A motion was made to approve item 7**

**MSV – Pande, Santow (6-0) MOTION APPROVED**

**POLICY & PLANNING**

8. Classroom Observation Policy-Amendment-First Read  
Discussion only, no vote taken

**ADJOURN**

9. Adjourn Meeting

**A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 6:42 p.m.**

**MSV – Escobar, Santow (6-0) MOTION APPROVED**