

## MEETING MINUTES

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### A. CALL TO ORDER

Board President Solomon called the Regular meeting of the Governing Board to order at 6:01 PM.

### B. ROLL CALL: **Rachelle Haddoak, Donna Robert, Ernesto Smith, Suzan Solomon, Isaiah Talley**

Board members Haddoak, Robert, Smith, Solomon, and Talley were present.

Cabinet members Avanesyans, Montemayor, Peattie, and Hernandez were present.

### C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Community member Eskel Solomon led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Agenda approved.

Motion: Robert / Seconded: Talley

Vote: 5 – 0

### E. ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

### F. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

### G. PUBLIC INTEREST

#### i. **Annual District Reflection**

Dr. Hernandez read aloud the Governing Board and District's accomplishments in 2024.

Board President Solomon highlighted the District and Board's work with Orenda Education in 2024, mainly focusing on student achievement.

#### ii. **Presentation of Resolutions and Awards**

Superintendent Hernandez presented outgoing Board President Suzan Solomon with a recognition certificate on behalf of the City of Santa Clarita's City Council and a Commendation on behalf of Los Angeles County's 5th District Supervisor Kathryn Barger, honoring her service as 2024 President of the Newhall School District.

Crystal Carr, a representative from Assemblywoman Schiavo's office, presented outgoing Board President Suzan Solomon with a recognition certificate on behalf of Assemblywoman Schiavo for her service as 2024 President of the Newhall School District.

Superintendent Hernandez shared a few words in honor of outgoing Board President Suzan Solomon and presented her with a Certificate of Appreciation for her continued service and dedication.

Board members presented outgoing Board President Suzan Solomon with a gift expressing their gratitude and appreciation for her service as 2024 Board President for the Newhall School District.

Board and Cabinet members individually shared words of appreciation for Mrs. Solomon.

Board President Solomon expressed her gratitude and appreciation to her fellow Board

members for their continued support while serving as President.

- H. ADMINISTRATION OF OATH OF OFFICE - SUZAN T. SOLOMON, RE-ELECTED BOARD MEMBER**  
Superintendent Dr. Leticia Hernandez administered the Oath of Office for Suzan T. Solomon, re-elected Board Member. The new term will be effective December 17, 2024, for a 4-year term.
- I. ADMINISTRATION OF OATH OF OFFICE - ISAIAH TALLEY, INCUMBENT BOARD MEMBER**  
Superintendent Dr. Leticia Hernandez administered the Oath of Office for Isaiah Talley, incumbent Board Member. The new term will be effective December 17, 2024, for a 4-year term.
- J. 10 MINUTE RECESS**
- K. ANNUAL BOARD ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS**
- i. Election of Officers for the period of December 17, 2024 through December 16, 2025**
    - a. President**  
Elected Ernesto Smith as President Newhall School District Governing Board for the period of December 17, 2024 through December 16, 2025  
Motion: Solomon / Seconded: Haddoak  
Vote: 5 – 0
    - b. Clerk**  
Elected Rachelle Haddoak as Clerk for the Newhall School District Governing Board for the period of December 17, 2024 through December 16, 2025  
Motion: Talley / Seconded: Smith  
Vote: 5 – 0
    - c. Clerk Pro Tem**  
Elected Isaiah Talley as Clerk Pro Tem for the Newhall School District Governing Board for the period of December 17, 2024 through December 16, 2025  
Motion: Robert / Seconded: Haddoak  
Vote: 5 – 0
  - ii. Election of representatives to organizations for the period of December 17, 2024 through December 16, 2025**
    - a. California School Boards Association (CSBA)**  
Elected Ernesto Smith as the CSBA representative for the period of December 17, 2024 through December 16, 2025
    - b. SELPA Board Liaison**  
Elected Rachelle Haddoak as the SELPA representative for the period of December 17, 2024 through December 16, 2025
    - c. CSBA Legislative Network**  
Elected Donna Robert as the CSBA Legislative Network representative for the period of December 17, 2024 through December 16, 2025
    - d. Los Angeles County Committee of School District Organization**  
Elected Suzan Solomon as the Los Angeles County Committee of School District Organization representative for the period of December 17, 2024 through December 16, 2025
    - e. Raising the Curtain Foundation**  
Elected Suzan Solomon as the Raising the Curtain Foundation representative for the period of December 17, 2024 through December 16, 2025

- f. **Los Angeles County School Trustees Association (LACSTA)**  
Elected Isaiah Talley as the LACSTA representative for the period of December 17, 2024 through December 16, 2025

Items K.ii.a – K.ii.f approved  
Motion: Robert / Seconded: Talley  
Vote: 5 – 0

**L. ANNUAL AUTHORIZATIONS**

- i. **Removal of Item/s from Annual Authorizations**  
No items were removed.
- ii. **Adopt Resolution #24/25-12 establishing Board Members' signatures and authorizing the Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent, Business Services, as signatories for warrants, orders for salary payment, notices of employment and related documents for the period of December 17, 2024 through December 16, 2025**
- iii. **Designate the Superintendent as Secretary to the Governing Board for the period December 17, 2024 through December 16, 2025**
- iv. **Adopt all District policies and handbooks in effect during the 2024/2025 school year as official policies for the period of December 17, 2024 through December 16, 2025**
- v. **Authorize Superintendent or Assistant Superintendent of Business Services to accept written quotations for the sale of surplus property for the period of December 17, 2024 through December 16, 2025**
- vi. **Authorize the Director of Fiscal Services to approve District B warrants on the Los Angeles County Office of Education System for the period of December 17, 2024 through December 16, 2025**
- vii. **Authorize that the Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent of Business Services be empowered to negotiate, select, and/or arrange for appraisal services, engineering surveys, soil tests, materials tests, and other such services that are necessary other than those directly arranged for through the District architects and they further be authorized to sign on behalf of the Board any agreements covering such services when any single service does not exceed \$25,000.00 with all such expenditures to be ratified through purchase order and/or warrant authorization or ratification**
- viii. **Consideration of Re-adopting Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 1312.1: Complaints Concerning School Personnel**

Items L.i – L.viii approved.  
Motion: Talley / Seconded: Robert  
Vote: 5 – 0

**M. OTHER ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS**

- i. **Establish the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month (unless otherwise noted) as meeting dates and held at 6:00 P.M. for Closed Session and 7:00 P.M. for Regular Public Session for the period of December 17, 2024 through December 16, 2025**  
Item approved with amendment to dates.  
Motion: Robert / Seconded: Smith  
Vote: 5 – 0

**N. CONSIDERATION OF APPROVING ALLOWABLE ANNUAL COMPENSATION INCREASE FOR SERVICE ON THE GOVERNING BOARD**

Item approved.

Motion: Talley / Seconded: Smith

Vote: 5 – 0

**O. ADJOURNMENT**

Board President Solomon adjourned the meeting at 7:01 PM.

The next Regular Board Meeting is scheduled for January 14, 2025. Closed Session begins at 6:00 PM. Open Session begins at 7:00 PM.



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Rachelle Haddoak, Governing Board Clerk



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Dr. Leticia Hernandez, Secretary