NORTH BRUNSWICK TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
Reorganization Minutes Meeting, Wednesday, January 7, 2026
Board Office – 7:00 p.m.

1. Call to Order

2. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

3. Board Secretary, Rosa Hock, called the Regular Public Meeting of the North Brunswick Board of Education to order at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was held at the Board Office, Linwood Campus. This meeting of the North Brunswick Township Board of Education is being recorded and broadcast via YOUTube.

   On a Roll call, the following members were present: Mr. Carter, Ms. Cepeda, Ms. James, Mr. Liguori, Dr. Patel, Mr. Singh, Ms. Sinha, Ms. Toth, Mr. Wen
   Absent: None

   Present: Interim Superintendent, Dr. Zychowski, Business Administrator/Board Secretary, Ms. Hock, Board Attorney, Mr. Busch
   Absent: Assistant Superintendent, Ms. Kita

4. Board President's Statement:

   The New Jersey Open Public Meetings Law was enacted to ensure the right of the public to have advance notice of and to attend the meetings of public bodies at which any business affecting their interests is discussed or acted upon. In accordance with the Open Public Meetings Law, the public notice of this meeting, which included the time, date, and location was distributed by 3:00 p.m. Wednesday, October 29, 2025 in the following manner:

   a. Posted on the Bulletin Board reserved for announcements in the Board Office, 25 Linwood Place, North Brunswick, NJ 08902.

   b. Mailed to the Home News Tribune, Star-Ledger, NJ.com, and the Clerk of the Township of North Brunswick.

   c. Delivered to the nine (9) duly elected board members.

5. Ms. Hock administered the Oath of Office to the newly elected Board Members:

   Jason Carter
   Barbara Cepeda
   Sonali Sinha

6. Seating of Board Members

7. A motion was made by Mr. Liguori and seconded by Mr. Singh to break for a short recess.

   The results of the motion were:
   Aye: Mr. Carter, Ms. Cepeda, Ms. James, Mr. Liguori, Dr. Patel, Mr. Singh, Ms. Sinha, Ms. Toth, Mr. Wen
   Nay: None
   Abstain: None

8. A motion was made by Ms. James and seconded by Dr. Patel to open the meeting.

The results of the motion were:
Aye: Mr. Carter, Ms. Cepeda, Ms. James, Mr. Liguori, Dr. Patel, Mr. Singh, Ms. Sinha, Ms. Toth, Mr. Wen
Nay: None
Abstain: None

9. Ms. Hock shared the results of the annual school election held on November 4, 2025:

Number of Registered Voters: 26,376
Number of Votes Cast: 12,647

a. Members of the Board Election

VOTES COUNTED FOR CANDIDATES

Candidates	Term	Total
Zaire Ali	3 Years	1,508
Jason Carter	3 Years	2,564
Barbara J. Cepeda	3 Years	2,000
Coleen Keefe	3 Years	1,218
Sonal Sinha	3 Years	1,869

10. A motion was made by Mr. Carter and seconded by Mr. Singh to approve the results of the annual school election.

The results of the motion were:
Aye: Mr. Carter, Ms. Cepeda, Ms. James, Mr. Liguori, Dr. Patel, Mr. Singh, Ms. Sinha, Ms. Toth, Mr. Wen
Nay: None
Abstain: None

11. Nominations for and Election of Board President:

a. Ms. Hock opened the nominations for Board President.

Dr. Patel nominated Ms.Toth

Hearing no other nominations, the result of the vote were:
Aye: Mr. Ali, Mr. Carter, Ms. James, Mr. Liguori, Dr. Patel, Mr. Singh, Ms. Sinha, Ms. Toth, Mr.Wen
Nay: None
Abstain: None

b. Ms. Toth was elected President of the Board and assumed control of the meeting.

12. Nominations for and Election of Board Vice President:

a. Ms. Toth opened the nominations for Board Vice President.

Mr Liguori nominated Dr. Patel
Mr. Singh nominated Ms. James

b. Vote was taken by Ms. Hock for Board Vice President:

Nominee Dr. Patel: Mr. Liguori, Dr.Patel, Ms. Toth, Mr. Wen (4)
Nominee Ms. James: Mr. Carter, Ms. Cepeda, Ms. James, Mr. Singh, Ms. Sinha, (5)

c.. Ms. James was elected Board Vice President

13. A motion was made by Mr.Liguori and seconded by Mr. Wen to adopt the 18A:12-24.1 Code of Ethics for School Board Members:

On roll call the results of the motion were:
Aye: Mr. Carter, Ms. Cepeda, Ms. James, Mr. Liguori, Dr. Patel, Mr. Singh, Ms. Sinha, Ms. Toth, Mr. Wen
Nay: None
Abstain: None

Code of Ethics

According to New Jersey statute, a school board member shall abide by the following Code of Ethics:

a. I will uphold and enforce all laws, rules and regulations of the State Board of Education, and court orders pertaining to schools. Desired changes shall be brought about only through legal and ethical procedures.
b. I will make decisions in terms of the educational welfare of children and will seek to develop and maintain public schools that meet the individual needs of all children regardless of their ability, race, creed, sex, or social standing.
c. I will confine my board action to policy making, planning, and appraisal, and I will help to frame policies and plans only after the board has consulted those who will be affected by them.
d. I will carry out my responsibility, not to administer the schools, but, together with my fellow board members, to see that they are well run
e. I will recognize that authority rests with the board of education and will make no personal promises nor take any private action that may compromise the board.
f. I will refuse to surrender my independent judgment to special interest or partisan political groups or to use the schools for personal gain or for the gain of friends.
g. I will hold confidential all matters pertaining to the schools which, if disclosed, would needlessly injure individuals or the schools. In all other matters, I will provide accurate information and, in concert with my fellow board members, interpret to the staff the aspirations of the community for its school.
h. I will vote to appoint the best qualified personnel available after consideration of the recommendation of the chief administrative officer.
i. I will support and protect school personnel in proper performance of their duties
j. I will refer all complaints to the chief administrative officer and will act on the complaints at public meetings only after failure of an administrative solution.

14. Public Session on Agenda Items Only: NONE

15. A motion was made by Mr. Liguori and seconded by Mr. Carter to close the public portion of the meeting.

The results of the motion were:
Aye: Mr. Carter, Ms. Cepeda, Ms. James, Mr. Liguori, Dr. Patel, Mr. Singh, Ms. Sinha, Ms. Toth, Mr. Wen
Nay: None
Abstain: None

16. Curriculum Agenda Item:

1. A motion was made by Mr. Carter and seconded by Mr. Wen to approve the following action relative to Curriculum and Instruction item for the 2025-2026 school year:

a. approve the payment of tuition for 17 NBTHS students to attend the Middlesex County Arts High Program at a per pupil cost of $890.00, for a total of $15,130.00. The program begins on Tuesday, January 27, 2026, and ends on Tuesday, May 5, 2026.

Student ID Number	**Course**
2860181	Visual Arts-Anime/Manga Drawing
2865807	Art of Photography
2955632	Art of Photography
2990513	Vocal Music - Broadway
2870218	Art of Photography
2755209	Visual Arts-Anime/Manga Drawing
2955487	Visual Arts-Anime/Manga Drawing
2855629	Visual Arts-Drawing & Painting
26040398	Visual Arts-Anime/Manga Drawing
26701055	Art of Photography
2665685	Visual Arts-Anime/Manga Drawing
29040637	Vocal Music - Broadway
28040671	Acting
2655414	Art of Photography
26040208	Art of Photography
27040540	Art of Photography
27300045	Visual Arts-Anime/Manga Drawing

The results of the motion were made on roll call:
Aye: Mr. Carter, Ms. Cepeda, Ms. James, Mr. Liguori, Dr. Patel, Mr. Singh, Ms. Sinha, Ms. Toth, Mr. Wen
Nay: None
Abstain: None

15. Public Session on Any Matter: NONE

16. A motion was made by Ms. James and seconded by Dr. Patel to close the public portion of the meeting.

The results of the motion were:
Aye: Mr. Carter, Ms. Cepeda, Ms. James, Mr. Liguori, Dr. Patel, Mr. Singh, Ms. Sinha, Ms. Toth, Mr. Wen
Nay: None
Abstain: None

17. Adjournment:

A motion was made by Mr. Wen and seconded by Mr. Singh that the meeting be adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

The results of the motion were:
Aye:
Nay:



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Rosa Hock, Board Secretary