Minutes of a special public meeting of the East Orange Board of Education held on Tuesday, June 9, 2026 at 6:08p.m.
199 4th Avenue, East Orange, NJ 07017

I. CALL TO ORDER

Ms. McPhatter read the following notice:
Please take notice that this is a Special Public Meeting of the East Orange Board of Education. The purpose of this meeting is for the Board of Education to take action on the resolutions as indicated on the agenda. Notice of this meeting has been posted and announced in accordance with the law. Said notice was published on the East Orange School District's Website and a copy of this notice has also been filed with the Office of the City Clerk of East Orange.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. ROLL CALL:
Ms. Jennifer Richardson-Neverson - Present
Ms. Jamillah N. Lawson – Absent
Ms. Nadine Wright-Arbubakrr – Present
Mr. Wayne R. Stackhouse, Jr. – Present
Mr. Thomas R. Paisley – Absent
Ms. Medinah E. Muhammad – Present
Ms. Andrea McPhatter– Present

Also Present:
Dr. Christopher C. Irving, Superintendent
Dr. Crystal Davis, Assistant Superintendent, Education Support Services
Dr. Nicholas DeStefano, Assistant Superintendent, Curriculum Services
Mrs. Tia Thomas, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary
Mr. Bryant Horsley Esq., Shabazz & Woolridge

IV. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

-No Comments from the Public

V. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS

A. SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

1. BUSINESS SERVICES

On the motion of Ms. Nadine Wright-Arbubakrr, duly seconded by Ms. Jennifer Richardson-Neverson, the members of the Board voted to approve "**a**" under Business Services.

ROLL CALL: Ms. Jennifer Richardson-Neverson– Yes
Ms. Jamillah N. Lawson – Absent
Mr. Wayne R. Stackhouse, Jr. - Yes
Ms. Medinah E. Muhammad – Yes
Mr. Thomas R. Paisley - Absent
Ms. Nadine Wright - Arbubakrr - Yes
Ms. Andrea McPhatter – Yes

a. Resolution of the East Orange Board of Education, in the County of Essex, New Jersey Authorizing the Issuance of a $9,000,000 State School Aid Anticipation Note to Fund the delayed State Aid Payment for June 22, 2026

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey (the "State") will delay the funding of the June 22, 2026 State aid payment until either July 14, 2026 or July 15, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the East Orange Board of Education, in the County of Essex, New Jersey (the "Board of Education") needs to borrow a portion of the June 22, 2026 State aid payment in the principal amount of $9,000,000 through the issuance of a State School Aid Anticipation Note (the "Note") in order to meet its cash flow requirements for that period; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 18A:22-44.2 allows New Jersey school districts to enter into short term loans with banks of their choice because of the delay in the June State aid payments; and

WHEREAS, all borrowing under this statute requires the approval of the New Jersey Department of Education, requiring the Board of Education to submit a written application and a demonstration of need for such borrowing; and

WHEREAS, the principal and interest on approved loans will be paid directly to the Board of Education by the State, and the Board of Education is responsible for repaying the Note and related interest to the lending bank.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby authorizes the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary, or her designee, to submit the necessary application and supporting documentation to the Essex County Executive Superintendent to obtain funding in the amount of $9,000,000, together with interest thereon, with a lending bank to be selected by the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary, at the rate to be agreed upon by the selected lending bank and the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary and approved by the Essex County Executive Superintendent, and authorizes the execution by the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary and by the Board President of a "State School Aid Anticipation Note" and related closing documents with the lender bank to undertake the borrowing. The amount so borrowed shall constitute a general obligation of the Board of Education and shall not constitute gross debt for purposes of N.J.S.40A:2-43.

This resolution shall take effect immediately.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. McPhatter read the following notice:

The East Orange Board of Education will hold its next Board Meeting on Monday, June 29, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. in Conference Room A at 199 4th Avenue, East Orange, NJ 07017. The Board of Education will retire to Executive Session after "Comments from the Public" in which they will discuss matters pertaining to negotiations, personnel and/or litigation. The Board will resume the regular public meeting at or about 8:00 p.m.; immediately following the Executive Session.

On the motion of Mr. Wayne R. Stackhouse, Jr., duly seconded by, Ms. Jennifer Richardson-Lawson, the members of the Board voted to approve to adjourn the meeting:

ROLL CALL: Ms. Jennifer Richardson-Neverson– Yes
Ms. Jamillah N. Lawson – Absent
Ms. Nadine Wright-Arbubakrr - Yes
Mr. Wayne R. Stackhouse, Jr. - Yes
Mr. Thomas R. Paisley - Absent
Ms. Medinah E. Muhammad – Yes
Ms. Andrea McPhatter - Yes

The meeting adjourned at or about 6:12 p.m.

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Tia Thomas, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary

BOARD APPROVED_____