

**ORGANIZATION MEETING****PASSAIC BOARD OF EDUCATION****Monday, May 6, 2024
6:00 P.M.****A. Calling the Meeting to Order – Board Secretary**

This meeting is being held in accordance with the “Open Public Meetings Act”, Chapter 231, Laws of 1975. The notice of this meeting was mailed to The Herald News and The Record, and to the presidents of the five employee groups. A copy of the meeting notice was delivered to the Office of Municipal Clerk and posted on the bulletin board at City Hall. A copy was also posted at the Board of Education Administration Building. Annual notice was filed in accordance with N.J.S.A. 10:4-8(d). Adequate notice has been provided in accordance with the law.

B. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance – Board Secretary

INVOCATION

God, guide us in the decisions to be deliberated this evening and help us to work together in the best interest of the children and the parents of the City of Passaic.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

C. Election Results—Tuesday, April 16, 2024

OFFICIAL ELECTION RESULTS SUMMARY – Official Results by Board of Elections

Candidates for Three Year Seat	Votes	
Luis Daniel Rodriguez	1832	<u>Re-Elected</u>
Ronald Van Rensalier	1701	<u>Re-Elected</u>
Judith Sanchez	1761	<u>Re-Elected</u>

D. Oath of Office for Re-Elected

- Luis Daniel Rodriguez
- Ronald Van Rensalier
- Judith Sanchez

E. Roll Call -- Board Secretary

F. Organization Items:

1. Election of the Office of President - Presided by the Board Secretary

2. Election of Vice President - Presided by the Newly-Elected President

3. Resolution Setting the Annual Meeting Schedule – Passaic Board of Education 2024-2025 School Year

Recommends that the Passaic Board of Education approves the adoption of the Annual Meeting Schedule of the Passaic Board of Education as follows:

ANNUAL MEETING SCHEDULE
PASSAIC BOARD OF EDUCATION
2024-2025-School Year

Pursuant to the “Open Public Meeting Act” N.J.S.A. 10:4-7 et seq., the Passaic Board of Education hereby establishes the Annual Meeting Schedule of the Board for the 2024-2025 School Year:

<i>Monday</i>	<i>May 6, 2024</i>	<i>Annual Board Organization Meeting</i>	<i>6:00 p.m.</i>
<i>Monday</i>	<i>May 13, 2024</i>	<i>Regular Public Meeting</i>	<i>6:00 p.m.</i>
<i>Monday</i>	<i>June 10, 2024</i>	<i>Regular Public Meeting</i>	<i>6:00 p.m.</i>
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<i>Monday</i>	<i>September 30, 2024</i>	<i>Regular Public Meeting</i>	<i>6:00 p.m.</i>
<i>Monday</i>	<i>October 28, 2024</i>	<i>Regular Public Meeting</i>	<i>6:00 p.m.</i>
<i>Monday</i>	<i>November 25, 2024</i>	<i>Regular Public Meeting</i>	<i>6:00 p.m.</i>
<i>Monday</i>	<i>December 16, 2024</i>	<i>Regular Public Meeting</i>	<i>6:00 p.m.</i>
<i>Monday</i>	<i>January 27, 2025</i>	<i>Regular Public Meeting</i>	<i>6:00 p.m.</i>
<i>Monday</i>	<i>February 24, 2025</i>	<i>Regular Public Meeting</i>	<i>6:00 p.m.</i>
<i>Monday</i>	<i>March 31, 2025</i>	<i>Regular Public Meeting</i>	<i>6:00 p.m.</i>

All meetings will be held in the Board Rooms, 663 Main Avenue, Passaic, New Jersey, 6th floor, with exception of the February 24, 2025 meeting which will be held at Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. School No. 6, 85 Hamilton Avenue, Passaic, New Jersey.

G. Comments from Board Members**H. Public Participation**

At this portion of the meeting, members of the public will be able to question and comment on any item on the published agenda or on items/topics not on the agenda. Members of the public are requested to sign the register with their names and addresses. Please wait to be recognized by the President of the Board. Approach the microphone and give your name and address for the record.

Please be advised that the Board of Education will not entertain any comments from persons who communicate obscene material, make statements which are considered bias intimidation in which a person intends to intimidate any individual or group because of race, color, religion, gender, handicap, sexual orientation or ethnicity or makes comments intending to harass or speak any offensive language. The person who makes these statements will relinquish his/her allotted five (5) minutes for public participation.

The Board asks that members of the public be courteous and mindful of the rights of other individuals when speaking. Please bear in mind that students and employees have specific legal rights afforded by the laws of New Jersey. Members of the public should consider their comments in light of the legal rights of those affected or identified in their comments. All comments and questions are to be directed through the President.

I. Announcement of Next Regular Public Meeting

The next **Regular Public Meeting** of the Board of Education will be held on **Monday, May 13 2024 at 6:00 p.m.**, in the Board Rooms, 663 Main Avenue, Passaic, New Jersey, 6th Floor, unless otherwise noted.

J. Adjournment

Organization Meeting Minutes
 Passaic Board of Education
 Passaic, New Jersey 07055

May 6, 2024
TIME: 6:05 PM

AGENDA:

A. Call to Order

Board Secretary, Mr. Kevin Lomski, called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm to address the public. He stated that this meeting was being held in accordance with the “Open Public Meetings Act.” Notice of this meeting was mailed to The Herald News and The Record, and to the presidents of the five employee groups. A copy of the meeting notice was delivered to the Office of Municipal Clerk and posted at City Hall. A copy was also posted at the Board of Education and filed in accordance with the law.

B. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Moment of Silence for Officer Brian Lora

C. Election Results – Tuesday, April 16, 2024

Mr. Lomski announced the following Annual School Board Election results:

Official Election Results Summary – Official Results by Board of Elections

Candidates for Three Year Seat	Votes	
Luis D. Rodriguez	1832	Re-Elected
Ronald Van Rensalier	1701	Re-Elected
Judith Sanchez	1761	Re-Elected

D. Oath of Office for Re-Elected and New Board Members

Mayor Hector C. Lora gave the oath of office to the following board members:

- Luis D. Rodriguez
- Ronald Van Rensalier
- Judith Sanchez

Mayor Lora congratulated the re-elected board members and addressed all board members on what it means to be elected.

E. Roll Call

Board Members Present:

Ms. Barrales-Garcia, Ms. Maryann Capursi, Mr. Craig Miller, Mr. L. Daniel Rodriguez, Ms. Sanchez, Ms. Schratz, Mr. Arthur Soto, Mr. Ronald Van Rensalier, and Ms. Leslie Zuniga

Also Present: Ms. Sandra Montañez-Diodonet, Superintendent of Schools, Mr. Jeffrey Truppo, Assistant Superintendent of Schools, Ms. Stefania Duarte, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction, Mr. Kevin Lomski, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary, Ms. Elizabeth Perez, Coordinator of Human Resources and Mr. Yaacov Brisman, Board Attorney.

F. Organization Items

1) Election of the Office of President

Commissioner Craig Miller nominated Judith Sanchez for the position of President.

Motion to Approve: Craig Miller
Second: Arthur Soto

Commissioner Barrales-Garcia	Yes
Commissioner Capursi	Yes
Commissioner Miller	Yes
Commissioner Rodriguez	Yes
Commissioner Sanchez	Yes
Commission Schratz	Yes
Commissioner Soto	Yes
Commissioner Van Rensalier	Yes
Commissioner Zuniga	Yes

Commissioner Judith Sanchez was elected for the position of President.

2) Election of the Office of Vice President

Commissioner Sanchez nominated Commissioner Maryann Capursi for the position of Vice President.

Motion to Approve: Judith Sanchez
Second: Ronald VanRensalier

Commissioner Barrales-Garcia	Yes
Commissioner Capursi	Yes
Commissioner Miller	Yes
Commissioner Rodriguez	Yes
Commissioner Sanchez	Yes
Commission Schratz	Yes
Commissioner Soto	Yes
Commissioner Van Rensalier	Yes
Commissioner Zuniga	Yes

Commissioner Maryann Capursi was elected for the position of Vice President.

3) Resolution Setting the Annual Meeting Schedule – Passaic Board of Education – 2024-2025 School Year

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Motion to Approve: Ronald Van Rensalier
 Second: Craig Miller

Commissioner Barrales-Garcia	Yes
Commissioner Capursi	Yes
Commissioner Miller	Yes
Commissioner Rodriguez	Yes
Commissioner Sanchez	Yes
Commission Schratz	Yes
Commissioner Soto	Yes
Commissioner Van Rensalier	Yes
Commissioner Zuniga	Yes

G. Comments from Board Members

Board Member	Comment
Commissioner Van Rensalier	I am proud of these two women having served with them for so long, so proud as a Board member to see another glass ceiling broken, with such beautiful, strong willed, dedicated women. You both are going to do great things together.
Commissioner Zuniga	Very proud of being a part of this Board alongside these two leaders.
Commissioner Miller	Excited for the upcoming year with two incredible strong women leading the board. Congratulations to you both and the district. Thank you, Danny, for your leadership and mentoring Judith and all of us.
Commissioner Soto	Congratulations to President Sanchez, and Vice President Capursi. We feel confident that the Board is in good hands with you both.
Commissioner Schratz	Thank you both for stepping up to this task Best of luck to you both. It is going to be a great year. Thank you, Danny, for all of your support and leadership during your presidency.
Commissioner Barrales-Garcia	Congratulations ladies, I am very happy for both of you. You will be bringing lots of different things to the District. Thank you, Danny, for your leadership.
Commissioner Rodriguez	Congratulations to you both. Wish you both the best. It is a bittersweet moment for myself, it was one of the proudest moments of life in my presidency. Thank you, Madam Superintendent, Mr. Brisman, and Addie Rivera. Thank you, Mayor Lora, for your support and words of encouragement. Thank you to all.
Superintendent Dr.Sandra Montanez-Diodonet	I would like to start with Former President Danny Rodriguez, I will miss you, your calls I appreciate your mentorship, I know that you will be only a call away. Thank you for your responsiveness, kindness, and toughness. Well done, thank you. Madam President Sanchez, I know her as a leader, a mother, reader and I am looking forward to continuing with your presidency. We are blessed to continue to have the same board members, thank you all. Madame Vice President Capursi, I am glad to have you along to lead with us, get ready to get business done.

H. Comments from Board Members

Board Member	Comment
President Capursi	<p>Congratulations to the re-elected board members. I am very excited to work under President Sanchez. Thank you everyone for putting your faith in me, I am very gracious and humble. It is a perfect time for me. Thank you to my family for all of your support.</p>
President Sanchez	<p>I would like to acknowledge all of the dignitaries that are present: City of Passaic, Mayor Hector C. Lora Passaic Councilwoman, Thania Melo Pastor Hector Fernandez Deputy Juan Miguel Duran Deputy Mayor Edwin Garcia City Clerk of Passaic, Weatherly Frias Passaic Councilwoman, Maritza Colon-Montanez Deputy Chief of the Fire Department, Munier Isabela Passaic County Office State Commissioner Sonal Patel, Executive Administrative Office of the City of Passaic</p> <p>I would like to start by thanking God. Thank you to all the City of Passaic voters for your support. Thank you to my family for all of your support. Mayor Lora thank you for your leadership, support and your fight for education. You worked very hard through these elections and stood by us all. Thank you. My family in Christ thank you for all your support. To my colleagues thank you, I have learned something from each and every one of you. Danny thank you for your leadership and dedication. Maryann, I am really excited working alongside you.</p>

I. Public Participation

President Sanchez invited members of the public to participate:

<p>Name/Address:</p>	<p>Hector C. Lora, Mayor, City of Passaic Comments:</p>
	<p>Mayor Lora, first I would like to congratulate the re-elected candidates. Commissioner Van Rensalier, your many years of experience and commitment to the district, your distinguished record and character speaks for itself and voters agreed.</p> <p>Commissioner Rodriguez, in your roll as President, in your work to the community, leadership, dedication to the youth, family and special education has enhanced our city. You have shined such a bright star over our city.</p> <p>To our new President and re-elected Judith Sanchez, thank you for your generosity through your words. You have an aspiring story behind you, have worked hard to accomplish your dreams and the dreams of others. Your commitment to the community is gladly appreciated.</p> <p>Thank you to the Board, Superintendent, Staff and Administration for all of your hard work and everything you have done for the district. For all of your commitment with the students of Passaic thank you. The district has flourished under this Board and Administration. Congratulations.</p> <p>Vice President Capursi, I am very proud of you. Thank you for all of your dedication. You hold many roles and are dedicated to them all. Thank you for all of your hard work and your growth.</p> <p>Felicito a cada uno de ustedes no solo por ser reelegidos y servir en su nuevo cargo como presidente y vicepresidente sino por esta gran oportunidad que Dios les ha dado de servir al pueblo para ayudar a nuestro distrito a seguir adelante y en beneficio de la comunidad y las familias) (I congratulate each of you not only for being re-elected and serving in your new position as president and vice president but for this great opportunity that God has given you to serve the people to help our district to continue moving forward and for the benefit of the community and families.)</p>
<p>Name/Address:</p>	<p>Thania Melo, Councilwoman City of Passaic Comments:</p>
	<p>Good Evening, I would like to congratulate my two friends being nominated for this position and you both will do a great job. Congratulations again.</p>

Motion to close Public Participation: Ronald VanRensalier

Moved: Craig Miller
Seconded: Arthur G. Soto

Voice Vote: 9 yes

Public participation closed at: 6:55 pm

J. Announcement of Next Regular Public Meeting

President Sanchez announced that the next Regular Public Meeting of the Passaic Board of Education will be held on Monday, May 13, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. at the Passaic Board of Education, Board Meeting Room, 663 Main Avenue, 6th Floor Passaic, New Jersey.

K. Adjournment

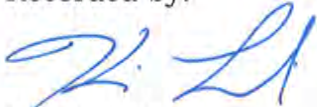
President Sanchez requested a motion to adjourn.

Motion to Adjourn: Ronald VanRensalier
Seconded: Craig Miller

Voice Vote: 9 yes

Meeting ended at: 7:00 pm

Recorded by:



Mr. K. Lomski
School Business Administrator
Board Secretary