



**Thursday, January 4, 2024
January 2024 - Reorganization Meeting**

**Camden High Campus - Auditorium
1700 Park Blvd
Camden, New Jersey**

1. ELECTION RESULTS

Subject	1.01 Announcement of Official Election Results
Meeting	Jan 4, 2024 - January 2024 - Reorganization Meeting
Category	1. ELECTION RESULTS
Access	Public
Type	Procedural

The regular notice requirement of the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act has been complied with in that adequate advance notice of this meeting was given at least 48 hours in advance.

On January 19, 2023, notice was mailed to the Courier Post and posted on the District's website.

Subject	1.02 Oath of Office
Meeting	Jan 4, 2024 - January 2024 - Reorganization Meeting
Category	1. ELECTION RESULTS
Access	Public
Type	Procedural

The Oath of Office is administered to the newly elected Board Members.

Subject	1.03 Board Member Comments
Meeting	Jan 4, 2024 - January 2024 - Reorganization Meeting
Category	1. ELECTION RESULTS
Access	Public
Type	Procedural

The Oath of Office is administered to the newly elected Board Members.

2. MEETING OPENING

Subject	2.01 Call to Order
Meeting	Jan 4, 2024 - January 2024 - Reorganization Meeting

Category	2. MEETING OPENING
Access	Public
Type	Procedural

The results of the Annual School Board of Education Election held on November 7, 2023 are as follows:

Wasim Muhammad 2,895
 Clayton Gonzalez 2,944
 Karen Merricks 2,718

Mr. Muhammad and Ms. Merricks have hereby been duly elected by the residents of the City of Camden to serve on the Advisory Board of Education for another three (3) year term expiring January 2027.

Mr. Gonzalez resigned from his position on the advisory board of education, effective December 11, 2023, and stated he would not be able to serve for the new three year term in which he was elected. The Board accepted Mr. Gonzalez's resignation at a public meeting on December 14th. Accordingly, a vacancy is created for Mr. Gonzalez's seat which the Board will fill in accordance with applicable state law.

Subject	2.02 Pledge of Allegiance
Meeting	Jan 4, 2024 - January 2024 - Reorganization Meeting
Category	2. MEETING OPENING
Access	Public
Type	Procedural

3. ROLL CALL

Subject	3.01 Roll Call to Establish Quorum
Meeting	Jan 4, 2024 - January 2024 - Reorganization Meeting
Category	3. ROLL CALL
Access	Public
Type	Procedural

Roll Call:

- Jeanette Alvarez
- Nyemah Gillespie
- Cameron Hudson
- Danielle Jackson
- Karen Merricks
- Wasim Muhammad
- N'Namdee Nelson

4. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Subject	4.01 Nomination and Election of Advisory Board President
Meeting	Jan 4, 2024 - January 2024 - Reorganization Meeting
Category	4. ELECTION OF OFFICERS
Access	Public
Type	Action

A. SBA calls for a motion to open the floor for nominations for Advisory Board President.

Motion to open the floor to nominate candidates for Board President was made by:

Nyemah Gillespie Seconded by: **Cameron Hudson**

Floor is now open for nominations.

B. SBA calls for nominations for Advisory Board President:

Karen Merricks nominates **Wasim Muhammad** for Advisory Board President and seconded by **Danielle Jackson**.

C. SBA calls for vote on nominations for Advisory Board President:

ROLL CALL was UNANIMOUS

- Jeanette Alvarez
- Nyemah Gillespie
- Cameron Hudson
- Danielle Jackson
- Karen Merricks
- Wasim Muhammad
- N’Namdee Nelson

Wasim Muhammad is declared Advisory Board President, chair is turned over to the new Advisory Board President.

Subject	4.02 Nomination and Election of Advisory Board Vice President
Meeting	Jan 4, 2024 - January 2024 - Reorganization Meeting
Category	4. ELECTION OF OFFICERS
Access	Public
Type	Action

A. SBA calls for a motion to open the floor for nominations for Advisory Board Vice President.

Motion to open the floor to nominate candidates for Board Vice President was made by:

Cameron Hudson Seconded by: **Nyemah Gillespie**.

Floor is now open for nominations.

B. SBA calls for nominations for Advisory Board Vice President:

Cameron Hudson nominates **N’Namdee Nelson** for Advisory Board Vice President and was seconded by **Nyemah Gillespie**.

C. SBA calls for vote on nominations for Advisory Board Vice President:

ROLL CALL was UNANIMOUS

- Jeanette Alvarez
- Nyemah Gillespie
- Cameron Hudson
- Danielle Jackson
- Karen Merricks
- Wasim Muhammad
- N’Namdee Nelson

N’Namdee Nelson is declared Advisory Board Vice President, chair is turned over to the new Advisory Board President.

5. COMMITTEES

Subject	5.01 Establishment of Committees
Meeting	Jan 4, 2024 - January 2024 - Reorganization Meeting
Category	5. COMMITTEES
Access	Public
Type	Action (Consent)

Board is establishing the following Committees for the 2024 calendar year with the members to be appointed by the BOARD president at the regular January 2024 Board Meeting.

Name of Committee	Type	Members Appointed
Teaching, Learning & Student Supports	Standing	
Policy & Governance	Standing	
Finance & Operations	Standing	
Legal Compliance	Standing	
Communications & Engagement	Standing	

Subject	5.02 Appointment of Delegates
Meeting	Jan 4, 2024 - January 2024 - Reorganization Meeting
Category	5. COMMITTEES
Access	Public
Type	Action (Consent)

Authorization to appoint delegates and alternates to the New Jersey Boards Association; Urban School Boards; and Camden County School Boards Associations as follows:

New Jersey School Boards Association
 Delegate: Wasim Muhammad
 Alternate: N’Namdee Nelson

Urban School Boards Association

Delegate: N'Namdee Nelson

Alternate: Nyemah Gillespie

Camden County School Boards Association

Delegate: Jeanette Alvarez

Alternate: Karen Merricks

6. ADOPTION OF THE BOARD MEMBERS CODE OF ETHICS

Subject	6.01 Code of Ethics
Meeting	Jan 4, 2024 - January 2024 - Reorganization Meeting
Category	6. ADOPTION OF THE BOARD MEMBERS CODE OF ETHICS
Access	Public
Type	Action (Consent)

Board to adopt the New Jersey School Board Member Code of Ethics (READ BY SBA)

1. I will uphold and enforce all laws, state board rules and regulations, and court orders pertaining to schools. Desired changes should be brought about only through legal and ethical procedures.
2. I will make decisions in terms of the educational welfare of children and will seek to develop and maintain public schools which meet the individual needs of all children regardless of their ability, race, creed, sex or social standing.
3. 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.
4. 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.
5. I will recognize that authority rests with the board of education and will make no personal promises nor take any private action which may compromise the board.
6. 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.
7. I will hold confidential all matters pertaining to the schools which, if disclosed, would needlessly injure individuals or the schools. But 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 schools.
8. I will vote to appoint the best qualified personnel available after consideration of the recommendation of the Chief Administrative Officer.
9. I will support and protect school personnel in proper performance of their duties.
10. I will refer all complaints to the Chief Administrative Officer and will act on such complaints at public meetings only after failure of an administrative solution.

Motion made by _____ and seconded by _____

ROLL CALL – ALL IN FAVOR VOTE

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS -- FACILITATED BY GENERAL COUNSEL

8. BOARD POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

Subject	8.01 Open Public Meeting Act
Meeting	Jan 4, 2024 - January 2024 - Reorganization Meeting
Category	8. BOARD POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

Access Public
 Type Action (Consent)

1. Approve the Board Compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act:

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231 of the Laws of 1975, requires adequate notice of all public meetings and specified the manner in which the same shall be accomplished and requires the publication of the time, date and place of said meetings; THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the City of Camden, in the County of Camden and the State of New Jersey, that the Notice attached hereto and made a part hereof, shall be published and posted by the Secretary in accordance with said Act and given to any person requesting same in accordance with said Act.

Subject 8.02 Meetings of the 2024 Calendar Year and 2025 Re-Organization

Meeting Jan 4, 2024 - January 2024 - Reorganization Meeting
 Category 8. BOARD POLICIES AND PROCEDURES
 Access Public
 Type Action (Consent)

1. Approve the Board of Education meetings for the 2024 Calendar year including the 2025 Reorganization Meeting. Notice is hereby given by the Camden Advisory Board of Education, Camden County, New Jersey, that the regular monthly meetings of the Advisory Board of Education shall be held at 5:30 P.M., on the following dates, occurring the fourth Tuesday of every month, unless change otherwise noted by an *. The Advisory Board of Education will conduct work session meetings at 5:30 P.M. on the Thursday prior to the Regular Meeting. The Advisory Board of Education shall meet in the Administration Building for the purpose of conducting Work Session meetings and in Camden High Campus Auditorium for the purpose of conducting its regular monthly meetings. Members of the public are cordially invited to attend any or all of the aforesaid meetings. Action may be taken at the work session meetings or the regular monthly meetings.

Work Sessions	Regular Meetings	Board Trainings
January 18, 2024	January 23, 2024	
February 22, 2024	February 27, 2024	
March 21, 2024	March 26, 2024	March 21, 2024 Board Training 6:30 pm
April 18, 2024	April 23, 2024	April 18, 2024 Board Training 6:30 pm
May 23, 2024	May 28, 2024	May 23, 2024 Board Training 6:30 pm
June 13, 2024*	June 18, 2024*	June 13, 2024 Board Training 6:30 pm
July 18, 2024	July 23, 2024	July 18, 2024 Board Training 6:30 pm
August 22, 2024	August 27, 2024	August 3, 2024 Board Retreat – 8:30 am - 1:00 pm
September 19, 2024	September 24, 2024	September 19, 2024 Board Training 6:30 pm
October 24, 2024*	October 29, 2024*	October 24, 2024 Board Training 6:30 pm
November 21, 2024	November 26, 2024	November 21, 2024 Board Training 6:30 pm
December 12, 2024*	December 17, 2024*	December 12, 2024 Board Training 6:30 pm
January 3, 2025 Reorganization Meeting – Camden High Campus - 5:30 pm		

Subject **8.03 Adoption of Policies and Procedures**
 Meeting Jan 4, 2024 - January 2024 - Reorganization Meeting
 Category 8. BOARD POLICIES AND PROCEDURES
 Access Public
 Type Action (Consent)

Authorize the Advisory Board of Education to Adopt and Approve the Camden City Public School District Policies and Regulations established.

9. OFFICIAL APPOINTMENTS AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

Subject **9.01 OFFICIAL APPOINTMENTS AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICES**
 Meeting Jan 4, 2024 - January 2024 - Reorganization Meeting
 Category 9. OFFICIAL APPOINTMENTS AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICES
 Access Public
 Type Action (Consent)

The Board approves the following Official Appointments and Professional Service providers for the 2024 calendar year.

Official Depositories fo District Funds

Bank Accounts/Authorized Check Signers for Accounts

TD Bank

ACCOUNT NAME	REQUIRED SIGNATURES	AUTHORIZED SIGNERS
a. General/Warrant	1. State District Superintendent 2. Interim Business Administrator 3. Assistant Business Administrator	Katrina T. McCombs Dr. Kelvin Smith Denise Kinney
b. Payroll Account	1. State District Superintendent 2. Interim Business Administrator 3. Assistant Business Administrator	Katrina T. McCombs Dr. Kelvin Smith Denise Kinney
c. Agency	1. State District Superintendent 2. Interim Business Administrator 3. Assistant Business Administrator	Katrina T. McCombs Dr. Kelvin Smith Denise Kinney
d. Govt. Employees/Trust Acct.	1. Interim Business Administrator	Dr. Kelvin Smith
e. Food Service	1. State District Superintendent 2. Interim Business Administrator	Katrina T. McCombs Dr. Kelvin Smith
f. CCSD Student Activities	1. State District Superintendent 2. Interim Business Administrator	Katrina T. McCombs Dr. Kelvin Smith
g. Official Publications		District Website, Al Dia, Courier Post, Philadelphia Inquirer
h. School Board Secretary		Dr. Kelvin Smith
i. 504 Officer		Renee Wickersty
j. Health & Safety Officer		Renee Wickersty
k. Health Insurance Portability and Accountability (HIPPA)		Renee Wickersty
l. HCS Right to Know Officer		Robert Vera
m. Indoor Air Quality Control Officer		Robert Vera

n. Integrated Pest Management Coordinator		Wayne Goldman
o. AHEARA Officer		Robert Vera
p. Affirmative Action Officer		Kimberlee Buell-Alvis
q. Public Agency Compliance Officer		Dr. Kelvin Smith
r. Auditor		Bowman & Company
s. Architect/Engineer		Remington & Vernick
t. Chief Medical Physician		Cooper Health System
u. Qualified Purchasing Agent • Establish a \$44,000 bid threshold pursuant to NJSA 18A:18a-3a		Maureen Schanne
v. Insurance Broker of Record, Property & Casualty & Co.		Arthur J. Gallagher
w. Custodian of Records		Dr. Kelvin Smith
x. Special Education		Camden County Vocational Transportation & PL 192-193 Services Commission

Recommend that the Board of Education approve the Official Appointments and Professional Services.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Subject	10.01 Adjournment
Meeting	Jan 4, 2024 - January 2024 - Reorganization Meeting
Category	10. ADJOURNMENT
Access	Public
Type	Action (Consent)