

RAVENSWOOD CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

Board Meeting Room
2120 Euclid Avenue
East Palo Alto, CA 94303
This Meeting was held via Zoom Webinar

Board Members:

Mele K. Latu, President
Tamara Sobomehin, Vice President
Bronwyn Alexander, Clerk
Ana Maria Pulido, Member
Jenny Varghese Bloom, Member

MINUTES

December 15, 2020

1. **CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL.**

President Pulido called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m. All Board Members were present.

President Pulido welcomed the new Board Members and informed the public that the newly elected and appointed Board Members will be sworn in today. After the Swearing-in Ceremony, they will follow with the Reorganization of the Board.

Trustee Sobomehin asked President Pulido if they were going to include the committees of the Board or they were going to wait until a future Meeting.

President Pulido asked Superintendent Sudaria to provide the new Trustees a list of the active committees they have. She also asked Superintendent Sudaria to give them an opportunity to suggest any new committees. She noted that every year, the Board determines what committees would continue and what would not. She pointed out that they will have this discussion at their next Meeting.

2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA.**

MSC (Sobomehin/Alexander) to approve the agenda as presented. Roll Call Vote: Trustees Pulido, Sobomehin, Latu, Alexander, and Varghese Bloom, Yes. Motion carried unanimously.

President Pulido reported that our Legal Counsel, John Nibbelin, will administer the Oath to the new Trustees.

3. **OATH OR AFFIRMATION OF OFFICE -**

Chief Deputy County Counsel John Nibbelin administered the Oath to Newly Elected Board Members Bronwyn Alexander and Jenny Varghese Bloom, and to Newly Appointed Board Member Mele K. Latu.

After the Swearing-in Ceremony, the new Board Members told the public, families and the fellow Trustees about their excitement to be working in the District for the children and community.

The following individuals congratulated and thanked the new Board Members for their commitment to serve the community.

- (a) Sharifa Wilson, former Board Member.
- (b) Mr. and Mrs. Pat and Harrison Bloom, Trustee Bloom's parents-in-law.
- (c) Melisa Aliu, on behalf of the Pacific Islander community.

- (d) Jedd Bloom, Trustee Bloom's husband.
- (e) Dr. George C. Varghese, Trustee Bloom's father.
- (f) Carolyn Bowsher, Board Member of the Ravenswood Education Foundation.
- (g) The Polynesian Herrera Family.
- (h) Donna Thomas, Trustee Alexander's friend.
- (i) Ari Wolfe, Trustee Alexander's friend.

President Pulido thanked all the individuals who were attending the Meeting to support the new Trustees.

4. **ANNUAL REORGANIZATION MEETING**

President Pulido explained the roles of the President, Vice President and Clerk.

Election of Officers:

1. **President.** President Pulido opened the nomination for President.
Trustee Alexander nominated Trustee Pulido and Trustee Sobomehin.
Trustees Pulido and Sobomehin declined the nomination to provide the opportunity for new Board Members to serve in this role.
Trustees Sobomehin and Pulido nominated Trustee Latu.
No other nominations were made and President Pulido closed the nominations and called for the vote.
Roll Call Vote: Trustees Pulido, Sobomehin, Alexander, Varghese Bloom and Latu Yes. (5-0)
Trustee Mele Latu accepted the Office of President.
2. **Vice President.** Trustee Pulido opened the nomination for Vice President.
Trustees Pulido and Varghese Bloom nominated Trustee Sobomehin.
No other nominations were made and Trustee Pulido closed the nominations and called for the vote.
Roll Call Vote: Trustees Pulido, Sobomehin, Alexander, Varghese Bloom and Latu Yes. (5-0)
Trustee Tamara Sobomehin accepted the Office of Vice President.
3. **Clerk.** Trustee Pulido opened the nomination for Clerk.
Trustees Pulido and Latu nominated Trustee Alexander.
No other nominations were made and Trustee Pulido closed the nominations and called for the vote.
Roll Call Vote: Trustees Pulido, Sobomehin, Alexander, Varghese Bloom and Latu Yes. (5-0)
Trustee Bronwyn Alexander accepted the Office of Clerk.

Trustee Pulido congratulated the new officers.

5. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Board, Trustee Pulido adjourned the Meeting at 6:04 p.m.

January 21, 2021

Date of Approval

Clerk's Signature

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