

Monday, February 24, 2020

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BRIDGEPORT BOARD OF EDUCATION, held February 24, 2020, at at Bridgeport Regional Aquaculture Science & Technology Education Center, 60 St. Stephens Road, Bridgeport, Connecticut.

The meeting was called to order at 6:09 p.m. Present were Chair Jessica Martinez, Vice Chair Hernan Illingworth, Secretary Bobbi Brown, Joseph Sokolovic, Sybil Allen, Joseph Lombard. Hernan Illingworth, Albert Benejan, and John Weldon

Acting Superintendent Michael J. Testani was present.

The agenda item was discussion and possible action concerning the performance of Jessica Martinez as chairman and a public officer of the Bridgeport Board of Education.

Mr. Weldon moved *“to go into executive session.”* The motion was seconded by Ms. Allen and unanimously approved. Invited to participate were the board members and the superintendent.

The executive session began at 6:10 pm.

The board reconvened in public session at 7:10 p.m.

Ms. Martinez was not present.

Mr. Weldon moved *“that the superintendent’s office draft a written notice for the secretary to sign and execute notifying*

the current chairman that the board will consider her removal from the office of chairman seven days from tonight, on March 2nd, 2020, 6:30 p.m., at a location to be determined."
The motion was seconded by Mr. Lombard.

The motion was approved by a 6-1 vote. Voting in favor were members Lombard, Allen, Taylor, Sokolovic, Brown, and Weldon. Mr. Illingworth was opposed. Mr. Benejan did not vote.

Mr. Sokolovic moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Taylor and unanimously approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

John McLeod

Approved by the board on March 9, 2020