

**[PRESIDENT WILLIAMS STRIKES THE GAVEL ONCE TO SIGNAL THE
BEGINNING OF THE SPECIAL BOARD MEETING]**

Williams: Welcome to the special meeting of the Orange County Board of Education on February 22nd, 2021. The time now is 3:05. For the benefit of the record, this special meeting is called to order. Since it is a special emergency meeting, there is no official person to give the invocation. Let me give words of understanding from the good book of Proverbs 2, verse 6, where it says, “For the Lord gives wisdom from his mouth comes knowledge and understanding.” Good words to think about.

Barke: Excellent words to think about.

Williams: From the author of Proverbs, which was David, wasn't it?

Barke: I don't know.

Williams: I can't say that. Okay. Would you like to give the Pledge of Allegiance, Trustee Sparks?

Sparks: Sure.

Williams: Okay. Very good.

Sparks and Board: I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible with liberty and justice for all.

Williams: Very good. We'll have roll call. Nina?

Boyd: Trustee Sparks?

Sparks: Here.

Boyd: Trustee Shaw?

Shaw: Here.

Boyd: Trustee Gomez?

Gomez: Present.

Boyd: Vice President Barke?

Barke: Present.

Boyd: And President Williams?

Williams: I am here. Are there any introductions, Nina?

Boyd: There are none.

Williams: Very good. I need a motion to adopt the Agenda -

Barke: So moved.

Williams: - for today's special meeting. It's been motioned by Ms. Barke and a second by...

Sparks: Second.

Williams: Trustee Sparks. Any changes? Conversation?

Boyd: I would just make note that we have two Board members that are remote and that would be Trustee Gomez and Trustee Shaw -

Williams: Very good.

Boyd: - for the good of the record.

Williams: Very good. Thank you, Dr. Boyd. Okay. All those in favor of adopting the Agenda say, “aye.”

Board: Aye.

Williams: Opposed? None. Abstained? None. Motion passes 5-0. There are no minutes to adopt. Moving on to public comments. Any public comments?

Boyd: There are none.

Williams: Very good. Okay. At this time, the Board will be in the closed session with our counsel, Mr. Jonathan Brenner.

[PRESIDENT WILLIAMS STRIKES THE GAVEL ONCE TO SIGNAL THE BEGINNING OF THE CLOSED SESSION. UPON CONCLUSION, PRESIDENT WILLIAMS STRIKES THE GAVEL ONCE TO SIGNAL THE CONTINUATION OF THE SPECIAL BOARD MEETING]

Williams: Okay. The Board of Education is out in open session. The time now is 8:48, and we will have a report out of closed session by Mr. Jonathan Brenner.

Brenner: Thank you, Mr. President. Good to be with you members of the Board. Tonight, the Board conducted a closed session tonight, had a discussion with counsel and through counsel, a number of interactions with the Superintendent's counsel, who was present, and the Superintendent was present as well, which ended up being helpful. The Board, in its closed session, took the following action: It approved the terms of a settlement agreement of the general counsel litigation. The approval was a vote of 4-0. It was unanimous by all trustees present: Trustees Williams, Sparks, Barke, and Shaw voting in favor, and Trustee Gomez attended the closed session for a part of the time, but was not present in the closed session at the time of the vote. And that concludes the report out for the closed session. Thank you.

Hendrick: Ken? Can I just add that Trustee Gomez left the session at 3:43 for the record?

Williams: Okay. Thank you, Renee. Any public comments today, Renee?

Hendrick: None.

Williams: Very good. May I have a motion -

Barke: Motion.

Williams: - for...to dismiss? Okay. Adjournment is granted.

[PRESIDENT WILLIAMS STRIKES THE GAVEL ONCE TO SIGNAL THE CONCLUSION OF THE SPECIAL BOARD MEETING]