



Duval County Public Schools

November 23, 2009, Special Board Meeting

Ms. Brenda Priestly Jackson, Chairman
Ms. Nancy Broner, Vice-Chairman
Ms. Martha Barrett
Ms. Betty Burney
Ms. Vicki Drake
Mr. W. C. Gentry
Mr. Tommy Hazouri, Chairman
Mr. Ed Pratt-Dannals, Superintendent

ATTENDANCE AT THIS SPECIAL MEETING OF THE DUVAL COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD: All Board Members were present. Mr. Ed Pratt-Dannals, Superintendent, and Ms. Karen Chastain, Assistant General Counsel, Office of General Counsel, were also present.

Call Meeting to Order

[1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER - SPECIAL MEETING](#)

Minutes: The Chairman called the Special Board Meeting to order at 10:09 a.m.

[2. APPROVAL OF THE NOVEMBER 23, 2009, AGENDA](#)

Motions:

That the Duval County School Board approve the November 23, 2009, Agenda as submitted on November 20, 2009, with the following changes: - PASS

Vote Results

Motion: Thomas Hazouri

Second: Martha Barrett

Martha Barrett	- Aye
Nancy Broner	- Aye
Betty Burney	- Aye
Victoria Drake	- Aye
William Gentry	- Aye
Thomas Hazouri	- Aye
Brenda Priestly Jackson	- Aye

3. COMMENTS FROM AUDIENCE

Minutes:

The following people spoke regarding Patterson Academy for the Arts, Inc.

- Ms. Felice Crofoot has a son who attends the school, and she would like for it to remain open.
- Dr. Kenneth Brockington, Cornerstone Christian School, is offering temporary space for Patterson, and is willing to offer other assistance, if the school is not closed.
- Ms. Charise Whitt, a Board Member for Patterson, asked that the school remain open.
- Ms. Tia Thomas, a Creative Writing teacher at Patterson, asked that we consider keeping the school open.
- Ms. Karen Finder, Faculty Supervisor at the University of Phoenix, is also a founder of a Charter school and understands the challenges. She asked that the Board consider keeping Patterson open.
- Ms. Destiny Jones, a student at Patterson, indicated that she was on the verge of dropping out of school when Patterson opened, and asked that we not close the school.
- Mr. Gregory Johnson, a Social Studies teacher at Patterson, said that the students and teachers had formed a bond, and asked that we not close the school.
- Ms. Angela Hughes, Patterson Board Member, asked that we allow the school to remain open. She stated that they were working on a plan; had acquired a management team; and, had support from another Charter school to take over operation of the school.
- Ms. Jalisha Ricks, a student at Patterson, asked that we keep the school open.
- Ms. Nyla Garner, a student at Patterson, said she loved the school, and asked that it be allowed to remain open.

PATTERSON ACADEMY FOR THE ARTS, INC - TERMINATION OF CHARTER

Attachment: [Patterson Aca - 8 25 09 Default.pdf](#)
Attachment: [board memo9-1-09.pdf](#)
Attachment: [Master Schedule Problems 9-24-09.pdf](#)
Attachment: [Patterson Aca - 10 12 09 Default.pdf](#)
Attachment: [Patterson Aca - 11 3 09 Dec of Financial Condition.pdf](#)
Attachment: [Patterson Aca - 11 17 09 Notice of Termination1.pdf](#)
Attachment: [Patterson Aca - 11 13 09 Writ of Possession \(Eviction\).pdf](#)
Attachment: [Emai to Patterson 09-01-09.pdf](#)
Attachment: [Non-compliance Patterson Governance 9-14.pdf](#)
Attachment: [Patterson Aca - 10 14 09 Default Deliverables.pdf](#)
Attachment: [Patterson Aca - 11 20 09 Memo.pdf](#)
Attachment: [FW Status of District review.pdf](#)

Minutes:

Ms. Karen Chastain, Assistant General Counsel, Office of General Counsel, led the discussion and explained the circumstances leading up to staff's recommendation to terminate the contract with Patterson Academy for the Arts, Inc. Patterson Academy was evicted from their building on November 13, 2009; they have problems with their finances; and, students have been out of school now for the 7th day. The agenda item outlines the issues with Patterson Academy and why the Board is meeting today.

Ms. Devondalyn Patterson Hughes, Founder of Patterson Academy, spoke to the Board, and asked that the school be allowed to remain open. She indicated that they have been offered space to continue the school and would be working with a management company, as well as being in talks with another charter school to assist in operating Patterson.

Mr. Jorge Sauzo, a Real Estate Advisor, also spoke on behalf of Patterson, and the space they are being offered to operate the school.

Ms. Angela Hughes, Patterson Academy Board Member, spoke again about keeping the school open.

Board members asked questions of the Patterson representatives and held a discussion on the proposed termination of the contract. Areas covered included their finances; space; equipment and books; the proposed management company; and, what the students have been doing since the school was closed due to eviction.

Speakers:

Ms. Brenda Priestly Jackson, Board Chairman
Mr. W. C. Gentry, Board Member
Ms. Devondalyn Patterson Hughes, Patterson Academy Founder
Mr. Jorge Sauzo, Real Estate Advisor
Ms. Angela Hughes, Patterson Academy Board Member
Ms. Vicki Drake, Board Member

Mr. Tommy Hazouri, Board Member
Ms. Nancy Broner, Board Vice-Chairman
Ms. Martha Barrett, Board Member
Ms. Betty Burney, Board Member
Mr. Ed Pratt-Dannals, Superintendent

Motions:

1. That the Duval County School Board immediately terminate its charter with Patterson Academy of the Arts, Inc. (the "Academy"), pursuant to s. 1002.33(8)(d), Florida Statutes.

2. That upon termination of the charter and as required by s. 1002.33(8)(d), Florida Statutes, the Duval County School board assume operation of the Academy for the purpose of officially closing the school effective November 23, 2009.

3. That, upon termination of the charter and as set forth in s. 1002.33(8)(g), Florida Statutes, the Duval County School Board reassign the students currently assigned to the Academy to the applicable home school or to such other choice option as required by law. 4. That the District affirm that it has not previously executed any written agreements detailing and assuming any debt of the Academy as set forth in s. 1002.33(8)(f), Florida Statutes.

- PASS

Vote Results

Motion: Nancy Broner

Second: Victoria Drake

Nancy Broner - Aye

Martha Barrett - Aye

Betty Burney - Aye

Victoria Drake - Aye

William Gentry - Aye

Thomas Hazouri - Aye

Brenda Priestly jackson - Nay

Adjournment

ADJOURNMENT

Minutes:

The Chairman adjourned the Special Board Meeting at 1:37 p.m.

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Superintendent

Chairman