



**Thursday, July 28, 2022**

## School Board Special Meeting Minutes

MEETING PLACE: 321 E. Third St., Bethlehem, PA 18015 @ 6:00pm

ZOOM LINK - <https://northampton-edu.zoom.us/j/923967486>

**The President called the meeting to order at 6:01pm**

### I. Pledge of Allegiance & Moment of Silence

### II. Board Member Roll Call

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mario Acerra <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Paul Braden <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> John Filipos	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cheryl Mueller <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rosemary Murdy-Haber <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Norma Nunez-Ruch	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Len Perrett <input type="checkbox"/> Frank Shipman <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Margaret Smith <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jasmine Woodson
<p><b>Present from Administration:</b></p> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Carise Comstock, Superintendent & CEO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ann Gillette, Media and Communications Coordinator <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cheryl Schurz, Director of Finance & Board Secretary		

### III. Executive Session:

Motion: The Board of Directors moves to go into Executive Session at 6:04pm for Personnel, and Legal discussion.

MM: Filipos

SM: Nunez-Ruch

Motion Carried: Yes-9, No-0, Abstentions-0:

### IV. Open Session:

The Board of Directors returns to Open Session at 6:20 pm.

Opening Remarks: None - see Closing Remarks.

**V. Public Comments:** *(limited to 3 minutes per individual)* None

### VI. Personnel Report

#### Approval of July 2022 Personnel Report.

**Motion:** Based upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee, the Board of Directors accepts with regret, the resignation of Dr. Carise Comstock, Superintendent and CEO, effective July 31, 2022 and approves the Separation Agreement with Dr. Carise Comstock.

MM: Braden

SM: Perrett

Motion Carried: Yes-9, No-0, Abstentions-0

**Motion:** Based upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee, the Board of Directors appoints Diane LaBelle as Executive Consultant, whose duties will include acting as Interim Executive Director and assisting with a new CEO search, effective August 1, 2022.

MM: Braden

SM: Perrett

Motion Carried:Yes-9,No-0,Abstentions-0

## VII. Old business - None

## VIII. New business - None

## IX. Closing Remarks

- Mr. Acerra, Board President

President Acerra expressed the Board's gratitude and thanked Dr. Comstock for her years of service as Dean of Curriculum, Principal and Superintendent/CEO. President recalled welcoming international visitors to Charter Arts and he commented on how appreciative the international teachers were with our focus on the arts. President Acerra voiced his sense of pride in the school and noted that Dr. Comstock has been a valuable asset to the school. He thanked Dr. Comstock for all the work she accomplished in curriculum development and support of the arts.

- Dr. Carise Comstock, Superintendent & CEO

"We have come a long way". Dr. Comstock expressed how appreciative she is of the Board and the good working relationship between herself and the Board. She wished the school much success and she plans to focus some much needed time with her family. She also expressed her thanks to the teachers, students, and community members who have supported her over the years.

## X. Public Comments

Ms. Danelle Lubene, parent of a Charter Arts student, thanked Dr. Comstock saying she is very appreciative of Dr. Comstock's work at Charter Arts. She is sorry to see Dr. Comstock leave Charter Arts.

## XI. Adjournment

**Motion to adjourn at 6:32pm**

MM: Braden

SM: Perrett

Motion Carried:Yes-9,No-0,Abstentions-0

**Next Meeting: August 25, 2022, 6pm**

Respectfully Submitted,

Cheryl Schuz, Board Secretary

