

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MINUTES OF THE MEETING August 18, 2016 7:00pm

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Hall called the meeting at 7:19 pm.

Meeting of The Barack Obama Green Charter High School is being convened with adequate notice. Notice of this meeting has been posted in places of public gathering, the school, Star Ledger, and the school website.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT ABSENT

Mr. Hall Dr. Flores

Mr. Hambric

Ms. Pollins

Mr Pressler

Ms. Simmons

Additionally present at said meeting were Mr. Steven King, Chief Executive Officer, Ms. Bima Baje, School Business Administrator and Iveliz Morales, Board Recording Secretary.

The Board reviewed the minutes from the June 9, 2016 meeting. A motion to approve the minutes for June 9, 2016 was made by Ms. Simmons and seconded by Mr. Pressler.

Movement of the Board to reside into Close Session at: 7:27 pm for Personnel Matters



A motion to move the Board of Trustees into Close Session was made by Mr. Pressler. This motion was seconded by: Ms. Simmons, and All in Favor by: The Barack Obama Green Charter High School Board of Trustees.

RESOLVED, The Barack Obama Green Charter High School Board of Trustees has agreed to move into Closed Session to discuss Confidential Matters. All matters of the Closed Session of the Board are CONFIDENTIAL and will remain as such until CONFIDENTIALITY is no longer needed.

Movement of the Board of Trustees to return to Open Session: At 7:35 pm a motion to return the Board of Trustees into Open Session was made by Mr. Pressler. This motion was seconded by Ms. Simmons and All in Favor by The Barack Obama Green Charter High School Board of Trustees.

GOVERNANCE

None

FACILITIES

Tree Lawn Project

SCHOOL OPERATION

Mr. King presented his School Leader's Report for the month of August.

MARKETING/FUND RAISING

None

SCHOOL HEALTH & SAFETY

None



FISCAL

Ms. Bima Baje presented the Board Secretary's Report and other fiscal reports for the month ending June 30, 2016 and August 15, 2016. The Board accepted the fiscal reports as follows:

Bills and Claims

Bills and Claims thru June 30, 201 \$481,184.54

Bills and Claims thru August 15, 2016 \$283,668.46

PERSONNEL

Approved Staff Stipends and New Hires

OLD BUSINESS

RESOLUTIONS

• **Resolution 2016-08-01 Be It Resolve,** that the Board of Trustees of BOGCHS, accepts the report of the School Business Administrator and approves the payroll and the payment of bills and claims as follows:

Bills and Claims thru June 30, 2016 481,184.54

Bills and Claims thru August 15, 2016 \$283,668.46

- Resolution 2016-08-02 Be It Resolved, that the Board of Trustees of the Barack Obama Green Charter High School hereby accepts the Board Secretary's Report for the months ending June 30 and July 31, 2016.
- **Resolution 2016-08-03 Be It Resolved,** that the Board of Trustees of the Barack Obama Green Charter High School hereby accepts the Treasurer's Report for the months ending June 30 and July 31, 2016.



- **Resolution 2016-08-04 Be It Resolved,** that the Board of Trustees of the Barack Obama Green Charter High School hereby accepts the Revised Budget Transfer for the month ending June 30 and July 31, 2016.
- **Resolution 2016-08-05 Be It Resolved,** that the Board of Trustees of the Barack Obama Green Charter High School hereby accepts the School Leader's Report for the month of August 2016.
- **Resolution 2016-08-06 Be It Resolved,** that the Board of Trustees of the Barack Obama Green Charter High School hereby approves the BOGCHS Boys Basketball Team to become members of the New Jersey Charter League for the amount of \$1,200 for the 2016-2017 school year. Included is the cost of officials, scorekeepers, and the use of gym.

ACCT #11-401-100-500	Miscellaneous Expenses	Beginning Balance:	Ending Balance:
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- Resolution 2016-08-07 Be It Resolved, that the Board of Trustees of the Barack Obama Green Charter High School hereby approves the Curriculum Writing Team for the 2016-2017 School Year at a rate of \$35 per hour for a maximum of 78.5 hours per employee, not to exceed a total of \$16,500. The Curriculum Writing Team is working in conjunction with our consultant The Cloud Institute, to develop a curriculum based on sustainability. These subject area teachers will use their direct classroom experience under the guidance of Jaimie Cloud, to help make the curriculum more effective. Funds to be paid from NCLB Grant, line 200-300. The following employees will be part of the Curriculum Writing Team:
 - o Yasmin Griffin English
 - o Felice Jones Physical Education
 - o Kyle Paustian Math
 - o Allison Filomeno Arts
 - Orlando O'Neill Social Studies

ACC1 # NCLB Grant Beginning Balance: Ending Balance:		ACCT#	NCLB Grant	Beginning Balance:	Ending Balance:	
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• Resolution 2016-08-08 Be It Resolved, that the Board of Trustees of the Barack Obama Green Charter High School hereby approves the check for April Robinson, Human Resouce Soft Skills Development with Director of Operations for the amount of \$2,500. April Robinson will be providing professional development for the director on current HR policies and procedures, effective interaction with staff and the proper oversight of the department. Support to be provided from 8/2016 - 11/2016.

ACCT # 11-000-230-339	Purchase Professional/Technical	Beginning Balance:	Ending Balance:
	Services - Admin		

• Resolution 2016-08-09 Be It Resolved, that the Board of Trustees of the Barack Obama Green Charter High School hereby approves the check for the E-Rate consultant [Janice Myer], for the amount of \$7,500. Annually, the E-Rate consultant is responsible for filing the necessary paperwork for the grant provided by the Federal Government. The E-Rate program is administered by the Universal Service Administrative Company under the direction of the FCC. These funds provide discounted telecommunications, internet access and internal connections to eligible schools.

ACCT #11-000-230-339	Purchase Professional/Technical Services - Admin	Beginning Balance:	Ending Balance:

• Resolution 2016-08-10 Be It Resolved, that the Board of Trustees of the Barack Obama Green Charter High School hereby approves the renewal of the Piscataway Board of Education [Food Service] Agreement for the 2016-2017 School Year for the amount of up to \$80,000. (Varies on number of Vended Meals Served)

ACCT #60-910-310-600	Beginning Balance:	Ending Balance:
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Resolution 2016-08-11 Be It Resolved, that the Board of Trustees of the Barack Obama Green Charter High School hereby approves the renewal of Middlesex Educational Services Agreement for the 2016-2017 School Year for amount of up to \$20,000. MESA provides child study services to the school.



ACCT # 11-250-200-300	Beginning Balance:	Ending Balance:

• **Resolution 2016-08-12 Be It Resolved,** that the Board of Trustees of the Barack Obama Green Charter High School hereby approves the renewal of Dr. Powell's Agreement for the 2016-2017 School Year for the amount of \$3,500.

ACCT #11-000-219-320	Beginning Balance:	Ending Balance:

• Resolution 2016-08-13 Be It Resolved, that the Board of Trustees of the Barack Obama Green Charter High School hereby approves the renewal of the Power Tools -Advisory program support and curriculum Agreement for the 2016-2017 School Year, not to exceed \$10,000 (General Education). Power Tools provides program design, capacity building and program sustainability for an effective advisory program (trains staff, develop assessment tools, design and deliver lesson plans, planning sessions with advisory). Will be taking place during the 2016-2017 school year.

ACCT # 11-190-100-590 Other Purchase Services- Instruction Beginning Balance:	Ending Balance:
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• Resolution 2016-08-14 Be It Resolved, that the Board of Trustees of the Barack Obama Green Charter High School hereby approves the renewal of the Fertile Ground - Literacy Coach Agreement for the 2016-2017 School Year, not to exceed \$15,000 (General Education). Fertile Ground provides staff development and professional learning support. To be paid through the NCLB Grant. See Principal English Language Arts Achievement Plan for 2016-2017 school year for academic goals.

ACCT #20-231-100-300	NCLB Grant	Beginning Balance:	Ending Balance:
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• Resolution 2016-08-15 Be It Resolved, that the Board of Trustees of the Barack Obama Green Charter High School hereby approves the renewal of the YWCA Gym Agreement for the 2016-2017 School Year, not to exceed \$20,000. The YWCA provides the space for the school's Physical Education program.

ACCT # 11-000-262-441	Rental of land and building	Beginning Balance:	Ending Balance:
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• Resolution 2016-08-16 Be It Resolved, that the Board of Trustees of the Barack Obama Green Charter High School hereby approves the purchase of The Accelus Learning Services for the amount of \$10,195. The Accelus Learning Services offers 250 courses in all core content areas such as Science, Mathematics, Social Studies, Language Arts and Reading: Career and Technical Education courses as well as 15 college board approved AP courses. This is the school's online learning program and also used for credit recovery.

ACCT # 11-190-100-590	Other Purchase Services- Instruction	Beginning Balance:	Ending Balance:
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• Resolution 2016-08-17 Be It Resolved, that the Board of Trustees of the Barack Obama Green Charter High School hereby approves the Professional Development of the NWEA Map On-Site Module Training, 2 sessions at \$3,500 for a total of - \$7,000; for Teachers. This training will allow teachers to review assessment data of students which will help to inform the classroom teaching practice.

ACCT # 11-190-100-590	Other Purchase Services- Instruction	Beginning Balance:	Ending Balance:

• **Resolution 2016-08-18 Be It Resolved,** that the Board of Trustees of the Barack Obama Green Charter High School hereby approves the Professional Development of BOGCHS staff led by Dr. Daniel presentation on Suicide Prevention Training for the amount of \$400. Suicide Prevention Training is part of the annually training required by the Department of Education for staff.



ACCT #11-190-100-590	Other Purchase Services- Instruction	Beginning Balance:	Ending Balance:

- **Resolution 2016-08-19 Be It Resolved,** that the Board of Trustees of the Barack Obama Green Charter High School hereby approves the purchase of the following books and materials for the English Department for a total of \$3,837.86:
 - o Fences (60 copies) \$640.80
 - o Beowolf (35 copies) \$351.40
 - o Sundiata (35 copies) \$670.95
 - o Speak (60 copies) \$599.40
 - o Sir Gawain and the Green Knight (35 copies) \$243.25
 - o The Merriam Webster Thesaurus (30 copies) \$195.00
 - o The Merriam Webster Dictionary and Thesaurus (15 copies) \$134.85
 - o The Complete Works of Shakespeare (1 copy) \$126.41
 - o The Norton Anthology of American Literature (1 copy) \$71.65
 - o The Norton Anthology of English Literature (1 copy) \$61.04
 - o The Norton Anthology of World Literature (1 copy) \$66.31
 - o MLA Handbook Eighth Edition (60 copies) \$676.80

ACCT # 11-190-100-640	Textbooks	Beginning Balance:	Ending Balance:
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- **Resolution 2016-08-20 Be It Resolved,** that the Board of Trustees of the Barack Obama Green Charter High School hereby approves the purchase of the following furniture for a total of \$18,512.50:
 - o Lumina Flipper Table (9 tables) -\$3,051.00
 - o Student Desks with wheels (50 desks) \$8,147.50
 - o Science Tables (15 tables) \$4,785
 - o Stools (90 stools) \$2,529

ACCT # 11-190-100-610 General Supplies Beginning Balance: Ending Balance:



• **Resolution 2016-08-21 Be It Resolved,** that the Board of Trustees of the Barack Obama Green Charter High School hereby approves the reimbursement of costs and preparation and submission of application for the NJEDA EDA for the amount of \$1,000 [Tree Lawn Project]. This application is required to receive approval to offer tax exempt bonds for the school building project. This is pending whether the contract is approved and extended past the 26th.

ACCT #12-000-400-710	Beginning Balance:	Ending Balance:

• **Resolution 2016-08-22 Be It Resolved,** that the Board of Trustees of the Barack Obama Green Charter High School hereby approves the Radon in Air Proposal by Paul Ricci for the amount of \$375 [Tree Lawn Project]. Radon test required to purchase the property. This is a mandatory inspection required by the Funding Company for the purchase of the property. This is pending whether the contract is approved and extended past the 26th.

ACCT #12-000-400-710		Beginning Balance:	Ending Balance:
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- Resolution 2016-08-23 Be It Resolved, that the Board of Trustees of Barack Obama Green Charter High School hereby approve the Resolution declaring the official intent to reimburse itself from the proceeds of tax-exempt debt obligations for certain costs and expenses paid prior to the issuance of such debt obligations in connection with the acquisition and construction of a new High School and authorizing application to the New Jersey Economic Development Authority to finance such project (provided by Bond Counsel).
- **Resolution 2016-08-24 Be It Resolved,** that the Board of Trustees of the Barack Obama Green Charter High School hereby approves Acceptance of Commitment Letter terms, fees and conditions. The commitment fee is 1% of the loan amount payable in the form of 2 checks. Each check will be \$3,750 payable to Community Lending Partners of New Jersey Inc. This is pending whether the contract is approved and extended past the 26th.



ACCT #12-000-400-710		Beginning Balance:	Ending Balance:
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• **Resolution 2016-08-25 Be It Resolved,** that the Board of Trustees of the Barack Obama Green Charter High School hereby approves the hire of Jennifer Laster, English Teacher for the amount of \$50,000 for the 2016-2017 school year.

ACCT # 11-130-100-101	Salary/Grade 9-12 Instruction	Beginning Balance:	Ending Balance:
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• **Resolution 2016-08-26 Be It Resolved,** that the Board of Trustees of the Barack Obama Green Charter High School hereby approves the hire of Neil Marcus, World History/Economic and Finance Teacher for the amount of \$52,000 for the 2016-2017 school year.

ACCT # 11-130-100-101	Salary/Grade 9-12 Instruction	Beginning Balance:	Ending Balance:
ACC1 # 11-130-100-101	Salary/Grade 9-12 instruction	beginning balance.	Ending Balance.

• **Resolution 2016-08-27 Be It Resolved,** that the Board of Trustees of the Barack Obama Green Charter High School hereby approves the hire of Odile Jean Pierre, Teacher Assistant for the amount of \$25,000

ACCT # 11-130-100-101	Salary/Grade 9-12 Instruction	Beginning Balance:	Ending Balance:
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• **Resolution 2016-08-28 Be It Resolved,** that the Board of Trustees of the Barack Obama Green Charter High School hereby approves the company Educere for Driver's Education Services, for the amount of \$15,000 for the 2016-2017 school year.

ACCT # 11-130-100-101	Salary/Grade 9-12 Instruction	Beginning Balance:	Ending Balance:
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• **Resolution 2016-08-29 Be It Resolved,** that the Board of Trustees of the Barack Obama Green Charter High School hereby approves the hire of Salim Quinn, Science Teacher for the amount of \$48,000 for the 2016-2017 school year.



ACCT # 11-130-100-101 Sai	Salary/Grade 9-12 Instruction	Beginning Balance:	Ending Balance:
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• **Resolution 2016-08-30 Be It Resolved,** that the Board of Trustees of the Barack Obama Green Charter High School hereby approves the hire of Fatima Muhammad, Teacher Assistant for the amount of \$25,000 for the 2016-2017 school year.

ACCT # 11-190-100-106	Other Professional Salaries/Instructional (Teaching Assistant)	Beginning Balance:	Ending Balance:
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• **Resolution 2016-08-31 Be It Resolved,** that the Board of Trustees of the Barack Obama Green Charter High School hereby approves the hire of Gora McDade, Teacher Assistant for the amount of \$25,000 for the 2016-2017 school year.

A	ACCT # 11-190-100-106	Other Professional Salaries/Instructional (Teaching Assistant)	Beginning Balance:	Ending Balance:

• **Resolution 2016-08-32 Be It Resolved,** that the Board of Trustees of the Barack Obama Green Charter High School hereby approves the hire of Melissa Poggioli, Chemistry Teacher for the amount of \$48,000 for the 2016-2017 school year.

ACCT # 11-130-100-101	Salary/Grade 9-12 Instruction	Beginning Balance:	Ending Balance:
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• **Resolution 2016-08-33 Be It Resolved,** that the Board of Trustees of the Barack Obama Green Charter High School hereby approves the increase in pay for Orlando O'Neill, Social Studies Teacher from \$48,960 to \$51,500 for the 2016-2017 school year. Increased requested to retain a highly qualified teacher at the recommendation of Principal Richardson.

ACCT # 11-130-100-101	Salary/Grade 9-12 Instruction	Beginning Balance:	Ending Balance:
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 Resolution 2016-08-34 Be It Resolved, that the Board of Trustees of Barack Obama Green Charter High School hereby approve the change of Mr. Beck Special Education Teacher title change to Master Mentor Teacher and Salary changed to \$68,000 funded by Rutgers University SSI Master Mentoring Program for the 2016-2017 school year. Other Professional Salaries/Instructional (Rutgers SSI Program. Grant funded position. Will be reimbursed through the grant)

ACCT # 11-190-100-106	NCLB	Beginning Balance:	Ending Balance:
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- **Resolution 2016-08-35 Be It Resolved,** that the Board of Trustees of the Barack Obama Green Charter High School hereby approves the following substitutes at a rate of \$100 per day:
 - o Shereka Fagan
 - o Segth Lieberman
 - o Nick Nardo
 - o Megan Sheppard
 - Ashley Navalany

ACCT # 11-130-100-101	Salary/Grade 9-12 Instruction	Beginning Balance:	Ending Balance:

Resolution 2016-08-36 Be It Resolved, that the Board of Trustees of the Barack Obama Green Charter High School hereby approves the payment for summer services already rendered: FME Solutions for the amount of \$3,125. FME Solutions provided support in drafting the data required for the bond release for the TreeLawn Project as well as a compilation draft narrative for building projects and develop framework for consolidated data visualization platform (Genesis, MAP, PARCC, NJSmart) from 7/2/2016-7/31/2016 for 125 hours at \$25 an hour. Board approval was only up until 6/30/2016: Resolution 2016-04-14

ACCT #11-000-230-339 Purchase Professional/Technical Services - Admin Begi	ginning Balance: Ending Balance:	
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• **Resolution 2016-08-37 Be It Resolved,** that the Board of Trustees of the Barack Obama Green Charter High School hereby approves the payment for summer services already rendered: Griot Digital for the amount of \$1,264.50. Griot Digital provided website managed. Line item from budget: 11-000-230-339. Purchase Professional/Technical services-admin. Work done in the month of July (previously not board approved).

ACCT # 11-000-230-339	Purchase Professional/Technical Services - Admin	Beginning Balance:	Ending Balance:
	Services Training		

• **Resolution 2016-08-38 Be It Resolved,** that the Board of Trustees of the Barack Obama Green Charter High School hereby approves the payment for summer services already rendered: Training for students at Amherst College [not to exceed \$4,800]. College Summit provided services intended to train, deploy, and coach teams of high school students to boost college preparation and enrollment across the entire school through implementation of student-led postsecondary planning in conjunction with the student led campaigns. July trip 7/14-7/17(previously not board approved).

ACCT # 11-190-100-320	Purchase Professional/Technical Services- Instructional (Educational Consultant)	Beginning Balance:	Ending Balance:
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- **Resolution 2016-08-39 Be It Resolved,** that the Board of Trustees of the Barack Obama Green Charter High School hereby approves the following individuals to be assigned to the school safety team for the 2016-2017 school year:
 - o John Prudente
 - o Steve Wolf
 - o Lee Best
 - Allison Filimeno
 - o Mrs. Purnell Parent
- **Resolution 2016-08-40 Be It Resolved,** that the Board of Trustees of the Barack Obama Green Charter High School hereby approves Steve Wolf to be The Affirmative Action Officer for the 2016-2017 school year.



- **Resolution 2016-08-41 Be It Resolved,** that the Board of Trustees of the Barack Obama Green Charter High School hereby approves the following to be The Affirmative Action team members for the 2016-2017 school year:
 - o Steve Wolf
 - o John Prudente
 - o Allison Filimeno
- **Resolution 2016-08-42 Be It Resolved,** that the Board of Trustees of the Barack Obama Green Charter High School hereby approves HR Stipend for Joan Orimaco not to exceed \$5,000 on a pro-rated 12 month basis.

ACCT # 11-000-240-110	Beginning Balance:	Ending Balance:



Resolutions	Flores	Hall	Hambric	Pollins	Pressler	Simmons	Motion	Second
2016-08-01	А	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Hall	Pressler
2016-08-02	А	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Hall	Pressler
2016-08-03	А	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Hall	Pressler
2016-08-04	Α	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Hall	Pressler
2016-08-05	Α	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Hall	Pressler
2016-08-06	Α	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Hall	Pollins
2016-08-07	Α	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Simmons	Pressler
2016-08-08	Α	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Pressler	Simmons
2016-08-09	А	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Simmons	Hall
2016-08-10	Α	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Hall	Simmons
2016-08-11	А	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Simmons	Pollins
2016-08-12	A	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Hall	Simmons
2016-08-13	A	Х	Х	Х	Х	X	Pressler	Simmons
2016-08-14	A	Abstain	Х	Х	Х	Х	Pressler	Simmons
2016-08-15	A	Abstain	Х	Х	Х	Х	Pressler	Simmons
2016-08-16	A	Abstain	Х	Х	Х	Х	Pressler	Simmons
2016-08-17	Α	Abstain	Х	X	Х	X	Pressler	Simmons
2016-08-18	Α	X	Х	X	Х	Х	Simmons	Pressler
2016-08-19	Α	X	Х	Х	Х	X	Pressler	Simmons
2016-08-20	Α	X	Х	X	Х	X	Pressler	Simmons
2016-08-21	Α	X	Х	X	Х	X	Hall	Simmons
2016-08-22	A	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Hall	Simmons
2016-08-23	A	Х	Х	Х	Х	X	Pressler	Simmons
2016-08-24	Α	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Hall	Simmons
2016-08-25	Α	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Pressler	Simmons
2016-08-26	Α	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Pressler	Simmons
2016-08-27	Α	Abstain	Х	Х	Х	Х	Pressler	Simmons
2016-08-28	Α	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Pressler	Simmons
2016-08-29	А	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Pressler	Simmons
2016-08-30	А	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Pressler	Simmons
2016-08-31	Α	Abstain	Х	Х	Х	Х	Pressler	Simmons
2016-08-32	А	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Simmons	Pressler
2016-08-33	Α	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Simmons	Pressler



2016-08-34	Α	Abstain	Х	Х	Х	Х	Simmons	Pressler
2016-08-35	Α	Abstain	Х	Х	Х	Х	Pressler	Simmons
2016-08-36	А	Abstain	Х	Х	Х	Х	Simmons	Pressler
2016-08-37	Α	Abstain	Х	Х	Х	Х	Simmons	Pressler
2016-08-38	А	Abstain	Х	Х	Х	Х	Simmons	Pressler
2016-08-39	А	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Simmons	Pressler
2016-08-40	Α	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Simmons	Pressler
2016-08-41	А	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Simmons	Pressler
2016-08-42	Α	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Hall	Simmons

Mr. Pressler motioned to adjourn at 10:42 pm. Said motion was seconded by Ms. Simmons.

Bima B. Baje, MSA, Board Secretary