



**Southern Lehigh School District  
Board of School Directors Meeting Minutes  
Monday, December 4, 2023  
School Board Reorganization Meeting**

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December 4, 2023  
Southern Lehigh High School  
High School Boardroom  
5800 Main Street  
Center Valley, PA 18034  
6:30 p.m.**

**School Board Meeting Minutes Monday, December 4, 2023 pending approval.**

**Members present:** Eric Boyer, Emily Gehman, Timothy Kearney, Nicole King, Candi Kruse, Stephen Maund, Mary Joy Reinartz, Melissa Torba, Christopher Wayock

**Members absent:** None

**Administrators present:** Ethan Ake-Little, Michael Mahon, Louis Pepe, Michael Rohrbach, Christopher Summa, Karen Trinkle

**Others present:** Attorney Jessica Moyer (King, Spry, Herman Freund & Faul, LLC), Anne Marie Lobley

**1. OPENING PROCEDURES**

- a. Call to Order
  - i. Mary Joy Reinartz called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.
- b. Mary Joy Reinartz led members of the Board and Public in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- c. Recording of Attendance
  - i. Present: Eric Boyer, Emily Gehman, Timothy Kearney, Nicole King, Candi Kruse, Stephen Maund, Mary Joy Reinartz, Melissa Torba, Christopher Wayock
  - ii. Absent: None

**2. VISITORS' COMMENTS**

- a. Comments will be limited to three minutes per speaker to provide input to the board on items that are before us, or may come for us for a vote.
  - i. Tim Kearney spoke on various topics.

### 3. REORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD

Qualified, legally elected or appointed members of the Southern Lehigh Board of School Directors for the year now beginning:

Eric Boyer  
Emily Gehman  
Timothy Kearney  
Nicole King  
Candi Kruse  
Stephen Maund  
Mary Joy Reinartz  
Melissa Torba  
Christopher Wayock

- a. Election of Temporary President
  - i. **Motion to approve the Temporary President.**

**Motion to nominate Christopher Wayock as Temporary President**

Motion: Stephen Maund, second Nicole King

No other nominations were received

Motion Carried

No discussion occurred.

Yea: Emily Gehman, Nicole King, Stephen Maund, Mary Joy Reinartz, Christopher Wayock

Nay: None

- b. Oath of Office for Newly Elected Officers
  - i. **District Magistrate Daniel Trexler will administer the Oath of Office to the newly elected members of the Southern Lehigh School Board.**

The oath of office as School Director for Southern Lehigh School District (noted below) was administered to the newly elected members: Eric Boyer, Emily Gehman, Timothy Kearney, Candi Kruse and Melissa Torba.

***I, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support, obey and defend the Constitution of the United States and Constitution of this Commonwealth, and that I will discharge the duties of my office with fidelity.***

ii. **Public Statements regarding employer responsibilities and related matters (Eric Boyer).**

1. Public statement by Eric Boyer was made post the election of the Vice President:

a. Eric Boyer: I am an official employee of PPL Electric Utilities. If any agreement, contract or other manner involving the company (PPL Electric Utilities) and Southern Lehigh School District comes up for consideration, I will abstain from discussion and voting on the matter and request that disclosure of any possible conflict of interest be set forth in the record at that time.

c. **Nomination and Election of Board President**

i. **The Temporary President will accept nominations for President who will serve for one year. Board members will cast their ballots for the President.**

**Nominations for Board President:** Christopher Wayock was nominated by Mary Joy Reinartz and Nicole King. Candi Kruse was nominated by Christopher Wayock, nomination was declined by Candi Kruse. Emily Gehman was nominated by Eric Boyer.

**Motion to close nominations for Board President**

Motion: Nicole King, seconded by Emily Gehman

No discussion occurred.

**Motion to elect Christopher Wayock as Board President**

Yea: Christopher Wayock, Mary Joy Reinartz, Stephen Maund, Nicole King

Nay: Emily Gehman, Melissa Torba, Eric Boyer Timothy Kearney, Candi Kruse

Vote: 5 Nay, 4 Yea

Motion does not carry.

**Motion to elect Emily Gehman as Board President**

Yea: Candi Kruse, Eric Boyer, Timothy Kearney, Emily Gehman, Melissa Torba

Nay: Christopher Wayock, Nicole King, Mary Joy Reinartz, Stephen Maund

Vote: 5 Yea, 4 Nay

Motion carries

Board minutes for December 4, 2023 confirm that Emily Gehman will serve as Board President for the 2024 calendar year.

d. Nomination and Election of the Board-Vice President

- i. **The newly appointed President, Emily Gehman, will accept nominations for Vice-President who will serve for one year. Board members will cast their ballots for the Vice-President.**

**Nominations for Vice President:** Stephen Maund was nominated by Christopher Wayock. Candi Kruse was nominated by Melissa Torba.

**Motion to close nominations**

Motion: Christopher Wayock, seconded by Timothy Kearney

Motion carried

No discussion occurred.

**Motion to elect Stephen Maund to serve as Vice President**

Yea: Nicole King, Christopher Wayock, Mary Joy Reinartz, Stephen Maund

Nay: Timothy Kearney, Melissa Torba, Emily Gehman, Candi Kruse, Eric Boyer

Vote: 5 Nay, 4 Yea

Motion does not carry.

**Motion to elect Candi Kruse to serve as Vice President**

Yea: Stephen Maund, Eric Boyer, Emily Gehman, Christopher Wayock, Timothy Kearney, Candi Kruse, Melissa Torba, Nicole King

Nay: None

Abstain: Mary Joy Reinartz

Vote: 8 Yea, 1 Abstain

Motion carries.

Board minutes for December 4, 2023 confirm that Candi Kruse will serve as Vice President for the 2024 calendar year.

e. Depository Resolutions

- i. **The Administration recommends authorization for the Board Recorder to execute and submit the standard resolutions, signature cards, and any other forms necessary to reflect the change in President, Treasurer and Secretary with the district's depositories.**

Motion: Candi Kruse, seconded by Timothy Kearney

No Discussion Followed

Yea: Eric Boyer, Emily Gehman, Timothy Kearney, Nicole King, Candi Kruse, Stephen Maund, Mary Joy Reinartz, Melissa Torba, Christopher Wayock

Nay: None

- f. Facsimile Plates

- i. **The Administration recommends authorization to use facsimile signatures plates of the President, Treasurer and Secretary when signing school district checks. This request is necessary each year when officers of the Board change.**

Motion: Nicole King, seconded by Christopher Wayock

No Discussion Followed

Yea: Eric Boyer, Emily Gehman, Timothy Kearney, Nicole King, Candi Kruse, Stephen Maund, Mary Joy Reinartz, Melissa Torba, Christopher Wayock

Nay: None

#### **4. Other/New Business**

- a. Board discussion and comments regarding open seats for Board committees, student representatives for upcoming meetings and a request for administration to advertise for the open seats on the Southern Lehigh Public Library Board occurred. Labeling change for Board Workshops to become Board Meetings suggested. The Board Recorder will be reaching out to all Board members regarding availability for a full Board Negotiations Committee meeting and also for professional development registration for new and continuing Board members.

#### **5. VISITORS' COMMENTS**

- a. Comments will be limited to three minutes per speaker to provide input to the board.
  - i. No visitor comments were made at this time.

#### **6. ADJOURNMENT**

- a. Emily Gehman adjourned the meeting at: 6:55 pm

*Respectfully submitted by Anne Marie Loble*

*Executive Assistant to the Superintendent and Board Meeting Recorder*