

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS
NEW JERSEY SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION
TRENTON, NJ**

October 3, 2025

7:00 p.m.

A special meeting of the New Jersey School Boards Association Board of Directors was held in-person on Friday, October 3, 2025. Vice President Dr. Tom Connors presided over the meeting as President *pro tem* from the Association’s headquarters in Trenton. Immediate Past President Dr. Karen Cortellino and Vice President Barry Walker were also present at headquarters.

Executive Committee members present were: Tammeisha D. Smith, president; Barry Walker, vice president for county activities; Dr. Tom Connors, vice president for finance; Dr. Karen Cortellino, immediate past president; and Dr. Timothy Purnell, executive director.

Association staff present were: Carl Tanksley, Esq., general counsel, and Soumya Atluri, executive assistant to human resources and the deputy director.

The following members and alternates of the Board of Directors were present:

Atlantic	Not Represented	Morris	Diane Morris
Bergen	Michael Sprague		Irene LeFebvre (Alt.)
Burlington	Michael McClure	Ocean	Victoria Pakala
	Carlye Lamarca (Alt.)	Passaic	Not Represented
Camden	Karen Sorbello	Salem	Eileen Miller
Cape May	Not Represented	Somerset	Jean Trujillo
Cumberland	Cedric Holmes	Sussex	Ronald Hoffman
Essex	Not Represented	Union	William Hulse
Gloucester	Dr. Rena’ Morrow	Warren	Not Represented
Hudson	Not Represented	County	Julie Kozempel (Alt.)
Hunterdon	Robert Imhoff	Association	
Mercer	Dana Krug	Leadership	
Middlesex	Diana Jaquez (Alt.)	Urban Boards	Marsha Hershman (Alt.)
Monmouth	Kathy Winecoff		

Rosa Moreno-Ortego

Cynthia Atkins (Alt.)

Vocational Jon-Henry Barr

Conflict counsel present: David B. Rubin, Esq., of David B. Rubin, P.C.

Jordan Lambin, of David B. Rubin, P.C.

ROLL CALL - President *pro tem* Connors called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. A roll call indicated 4 officers, county association leadership, urban boards, vocational boards and 15 counties were represented. Those present constituted a quorum.

NON-BOARD MEMBERS: The following non-board members were also present at the meeting: Leonard Spinelli, Esq.

FLAG SALUTE - President *pro tem* Connors led the members in the Pledge of Allegiance.

MISSION STATEMENT - President *pro tem* Connors led the members in reciting the Association's Mission Statement.

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT – President Smith requested to speak during public comment. She introduced Leonard Spinelli, Esq. and addressed the board. President Smith and Mr. Spinelli left the meeting.

RESOLUTION TO ENTER INTO CLOSED SESSION

President *pro tem* Connors asked for a motion to go into a closed session to discuss a personnel matter of confidential nature.

A motion was made to adjourn to closed session. The motion was duly seconded and carried. Members went into closed session at 7:11 p.m.

President *pro tem* Connors asked for a motion to go back into open session.

A motion was made to reconvene in open session. The motion was duly seconded and carried. Members returned to open session at 10:21 p.m.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – No unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS – No unfinished business.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, *Irene LeFebvre* moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was duly seconded and carried. The meeting was adjourned at 10:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Timothy J. Purnell", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Timothy J. Purnell, Ed.D.

Executive Director