



**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING
March 9, 2023**

COUNCIL ON ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION

Chair DiCenso welcomed everyone to the meeting of the Council on Elementary and Secondary Education. She declared a quorum present and called the meeting to order at 5:32p.m.

Present: Michael Almeida, Mary Barden, Amy Beretta*, Karen Davis, Patricia DiCenso, Marta Martinez

1. ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA

On a motion duly made by Marta Martinez and seconded by Michael Almeida, it was,

VOTED: That the Rhode Island Council on Elementary and Secondary Education accepts the agenda for the March 9, 2023, special meeting

Vote: 5 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative as follows:

YEAS: Michael Almeida, Mary Barden, Karen Davis, Patricia DiCenso
Marta Martinez

NAYS: 0

ABSTAINS: 0

5. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- a. **Reply to the February 21, 2023, letter from counsel for several parents of students enrolled at the Alan Shawn Feinstein Elementary School threatening litigation and the related possible need for ratification and/or approval of the decision to close the Carl G. Lauro and Alan Shawn Feinstein Elementary Schools in Providence.**

The above discussion item may be considered in closed executive session pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws §§42-46-4 and 42-46-5(a)(2) as it is a work session pertaining to threatened litigation.

On a motion duly made by Marta Martinez and seconded by Michael Almeida, it was,

VOTED: That the Rhode Island Council on Elementary and Secondary Education move into closed executive session pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws §§ 42-46-4 and 42-46-5(a)(2)

Vote: 5 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative as follows:

YEAS: Michael Almeida, Mary Barden, Karen Davis, Patricia DiCenso
Marta Martinez

NAYS: 0

ABSTAINS: 0

*A roll call was conducted to record individual votes

On a motion duly made by Amy Beretta and seconded by Michael Almeida, it was,

VOTED: That the Rhode Island Council on Elementary and Secondary Education seal the minutes in accordance with R.I. Gen. Law § 42-46-7(c)

Vote: 6 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative as follows:

YEAS: Michael Almeida, Mary Barden, Amy Beretta, Karen Davis,
Patricia DiCenso Marta Martinez

NAYS: 0

ABSTAINS: 0

Before the Council adjourned and pursuant to the Open Meetings Act it was noted for the record that no votes were taken in the executive session

7. ADJOURNMENT:

On a motion duly made by Marta Martinez and seconded by Amy Beretta, it was,

VOTED: That the meeting of the Council on Elementary and Secondary Education Adjourns

Vote: 6 members voted in the affirmative, 0 members voted in the negative, and 0 members abstained as follows:

YEAS: Michael Almeida, Mary Barden, Amy Beretta, Karen Davis, Patricia DiCenso, Marta Martiez

NAYS: 0

ABSTAINS: 0

Meeting adjourned at 7:07 p.m.