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# Voices for International Business and Education

## Minutes

### Special Board Meeting

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#### Date and Time

Wednesday March 20, 2024 at 5:30 PM

#### Location

2733 Esplanade Ave, NO LA

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#### Directors Present

B. Holloway, C. Jones, C. Lacoste, Jr., C. Robinson, G. Espinoza, K. Dwyer, L. Arellano-Rivera, P. Manson, S. Olivier, T. Winfield

#### Directors Absent

C. Peterson

#### Ex Officio Members Present

A. Berger

#### Non Voting Members Present

A. Berger

#### Guests Present

D. Lewis, F. McKenna, Frangy Pozo, J. Carreno, Jerry Hellman, Landen Bencaz, Maria Helmcke, Morgan Rea, R. Smith

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## I. Opening Items

### A. Call the Meeting to Order

### B. Record Attendance and Guests

### C. Mission/Vision

## II. Executive Session

### A. Opening Comments

- Karen Dwyer shared the agenda and how executive session will work.
- The board will vote to go into executive session. Once the board has voted, public comment will be allowed for 1 minute only related to the vote.
- Bert Holloway interjected that being the subject of the vote he is allowed to speak openly in public without going into executive session according to the state law.
- Karen Dwyer explained that the law pertains to personnel and Bert is not an employee of the school.
- As such the board will continue to vote to move to executive session.

### B. Executive Session

K. Dwyer made a motion to to go into executive session.

P. Manson seconded the motion.

Jeremy Hellman from AFT- would like to see what Mr. Holloway has to said. The executive session is about him and he is open to sharing in public.

The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

#### Roll Call

C. Peterson	Absent
C. Jones	Aye
K. Dwyer	Aye
S. Olivier	Aye
C. Lacoste, Jr.	Aye
B. Holloway	No
G. Espinoza	Aye
C. Robinson	Aye
P. Manson	Aye
L. Arellano-Rivera	Aye
T. Winfield	Aye

### C. Return to regular meeting

Back in regular meeting

P. Manson made a motion to move back to regular session.

C. Jones seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

### III. Termination of Board Member

#### A. Vote on Termination of Board Member

P. Manson made a motion to Terminate the board membership of Bert Hallway.

T. Winfield seconded the motion.

Jerry Helman - Teacher's union

Strongly opposed to the removal of Bert Hallway

Bencaz - Teacher: Mr. Hallway has shown support for students and teachers at the school. Offered financial support with time and energy to give to chess club.

Antoine Johnson- opposes. He's committed and wants to help the students and the school to thrive. People need to voice their opinions. If they don't things don't get done.

Morgan Rea- Bert has been a great supporter of educators. Been instrumental in organizing parent involvement which are important in improving the school. Committed in making headway in strategic development.

Bert Hallway requested to add to the motion - the purpose of the termination of membership solely because his son was removed from the school.

Amend the motion that removal is contingent on the fact that he is no longer a parent liaison here at International High School of New Orleans.

Bert Hallway - understands that there is no second to the motion. He believes that the board has already decided. Feels that he is viewed as a liability and not an asset. Having to bring support to the school community is seen as a liability. Believes it's wrong for him to be removed because his son is no longer here. Other board members do not have

Says IHSNO will be sorry. Has two appointments scheduled tomorrow with the media. Bert says he will make sure everything is public. Says he will make sure all concerns are made public. Says he is on a mission. Will officially form friends of IHSNO. He has already started it. Says he already has members - previous students, teachers, etc. Get ready. He has a lot of good things to share and is looking forward to doing it.

Calls Charles out for not being here. Is only here for one board meeting.

Says he's obligated to the mission and it's disappointing. Will take Tonya's advice and will take it from there.

Hopes IHSNO will listen to teachers and students.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

### IV. Closing Items

**A. Public Comment**

No comments

**B. Adjourn Meeting**

T. Winfield made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

C. Jones seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 6:05 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

A. Berger