

**HEMPSTEAD PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
SPECIAL MEETING  
JUNE 21, 2017  
MINUTES**

The Hempstead Public Schools Board of Education special meeting was held in the high school auditorium, 201 President Street, Hempstead, New York 11550. The meeting was called to order at 6:12 P.M. The board immediately convened to executive session.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Maribel Touré	President
Gwen Jackson	Vice President
Melissa Figueroa	Trustee
Dr. David G. Gates	Trustee
LaMont E. Johnson	Trustee

**STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Patricia Wright	District Clerk
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Trustee Figueroa moved, seconded by Trustee Jackson to call the meeting to order at 6:12 P.M.

<b>MOTION</b>	<b>YES 5</b>	<b>MOTION CARRIED</b>
Call to order		

*Mr. Douglas L. Thomas continued to demand on behalf of Trustee LaMont Johnson, that this hearing be opened to the public and subject to public scrutiny, it is the person in jeopardy that his the right to decide whether his hearing is in public or private, and that person is LaMont Johnson, Mr. Johnson does knowingly, expressly and specifically waive his right to confidentiality to the extent that the same is asserted as a bar to his rights for a public hearing, the notice for this hearing was notice to commence at 7:00 P.M. at Hempstead High School in the main auditorium, that is this room. This room contains space to accommodate hundreds of members of the public. Mr. Johnson continues to maintain, that the determination of the board President, Maribel Touré, directing that this be a hearing closed to the public and removed to the small board room is improper and an abuse of discretion and a gross denial of Trustee Johnson's right to due process of law. Mr. Johnson also continues to reserve his right to a continuing objection to the procedure followed to the set of this hearing on the accusations of Trustee Gwendolyn Jackson against Trustee Lamont Johnson on the grounds stated in hearing exhibit number 1, entitled not notice of hearing but, notice of removal from Board of Education, dated June 8, 2017, this latter statement is a conclusion that this hearing is to remove Trustee, to act on a predetermined conclusion to remove Trustee Johnson. And I protest on the grounds of procedural exception to due process.*

Trustee Figueroa moved, seconded by Trustee Jackson to convene to executive session at 6:20 P.M. to continue the hearing and legal counsel advice.

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<b>MOTION</b>	<b>YES 3</b>	<b>MOTION CARRIED</b>
To convene to executive session	<b>NO 2</b> (Trustees Gates & Johnson)	

**Trustee Figueroa moved, seconded by Trustee Jackson to reconvene to open session at 9:16 P.M.**

<b>MOTION</b>	<b>YES 3</b>	<b>MOTION CARRIED</b>
<b>To reconvene to open session</b>	<b>NO VOTE CAST 2</b> (Trustee Gates & Johnson not seated)	

**Trustee Figueroa moved, seconded by Trustee Jackson to recess hearing until Friday, June 23, 2017 at 6:00 P.M.**

<b>MOTION</b>	<b>YES 3</b>	<b>MOTION CARRIED</b>
Recess hearing	<b>NO 2</b> (Trustees Gates & Johnson)	

**Trustee Jackson moved, seconded by Trustee Figueroa to adjourn the meeting at 9:23 P.M.**

<b>MOTION</b>	<b>YES 5</b>	<b>MOTION CARRIED</b>
Meeting adjourned		

Respectfully submitted:

Patricia Wright  
District Clerk