

## MEETING MINUTES

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### Attendees

Approved 9/12/23

### Voting Members

Rev. Z. Andre' Huff, Board Member - District 3  
Hon. Allen Millican, Board Chairman - District 7  
Ms. Adrienne Reed, Board Member - District 1  
Mrs. Nancy Stewart, Board Member - District 6  
Mrs. Rita Smith, Board Member – District 2

### Absent Members

Mr. Mark Dayton, Board Member – District 5  
Mr. Mike Haney, Board Member – District 4

### Non-Voting Members

Mr. Tony Reddick, Superintendent  
Mr. Keith Blackwell, Assistant Superintendent  
Mr. Ed Howard, Board Attorney  
Ms. Nancy Foster, Superintendent Administrative Assistant

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## A. Opening Exercise 1. General Welcome; Opening Prayer;

### Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Allen Millican called the meeting to order. Mrs. Rita Smith led with prayer, followed by the pledge of allegiance.

## B. Action Agenda

### 1. Interim Superintendence

Chairman Allen Millican informed the public this meeting was called to appoint an interim superintendent for Gadsden City Schools. Chairman Millican asked Board Attorney, Ed Howard, to inform the public of the laws regarding replacing a superintendent. Mr. Howard informed those in attendance the law states a school system may appoint an interim superintendent for a maximum length of 180 days from the last employed date of the former superintendent. Superintendent Tony Reddick announced his retirement at the August 1, 2023, regular board meeting. His effective retirement date is September 1, 2023.

- a. Recommendation by board chair, Allen Millican, Keith Blackwell as Interim Superintendent** The recommendation failed to get a second. Motion failed.

Motion made by: Hon. Allen Millican

**b. Recommendation by board member, Nancy Stewart, to table the recommendations until entire board is present**

The motion on the floor failed to get a second after Ms. Adrienne Reed withdrew her second. Motion failed.

Motion made by: Mrs. Nancy Stewart

**c. Recommendation by board member, Adrienne Reed, Keith Blackwell as Acting Superintendent**

The recommendation resulted in a 3 - yes, 2 - no. Motion failed.

*\*According to majority rules, a majority vote means that one more than half the members of the board voted "yes" or "no". A majority vote requires (4) four votes from a seven-member board.*

Motion made by: Ms. Adrienne Reed Motion

seconded by: Hon. Allen Millican Voting:

Rev. Z. Andre' Huff - No

Hon. Allen Millican - Yes

Ms. Adrienne Reed - Yes

Mrs. Nancy Stewart - Yes

Mrs. Rita Smith – No

**d. Recommendation by board member, Adrienne Reed, to table vote until all board is present** The

recommendation resulted in a 3 - yes, 2 - no. Motion failed.

Motion made by: Ms. Adrienne Reed Motion

seconded by: Mrs. Nancy Stewart Voting:

Rev. Z. Andre' Huff - No

Hon. Allen Millican - No

Ms. Adrienne Reed - Yes Mrs.

Nancy Stewart - Yes Mrs. Rita

Smith - Yes

**e. Recommendation by board member, Z. Andre' Huff, Sharon Maness as Interim Superintendent**

The recommendation failed to get a second. Motion failed.

Motion made by: Rev. Z. Andre' Huff

**f. Recommendation by board chair, Allen Millican, Keith Blackwell as Acting Superintendent**

The recommendation failed to get a second. Motion failed.

Motion made by: Hon. Allen Millican

**C. Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned and scheduled to reconvene when all board members were present.

*\*The meeting was scheduled to reconvene on August 22, 2023 at 5:30 p.m. But due to the required 24-hour notice of a Special Called Meeting, the meeting was postponed and announced for August 28, 2023 beginning at 5:15 p.m.*

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Date

Secretary/Superintendent