

**GREENFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS
SCHOOL COMMITTEE SPECIAL MEETING
MINUTES: Monday, July 31, 2023
Greenfield MA**

Note: This meeting was held fully remotely in accordance with the Governor of Massachusetts' March 12, 2020 Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law G.L. c. 30A, §20.

Present: Elizabeth Deneeve (ED); Susan Eckstrom (SE); Glenn Johnson-Mussad (GJM); Kathryn Martini (KM) *arrived 6:04*; Amy Proietti (AP); Jean Wall (JW); Roxann Wedegartner (RW)

Absent: None

I. Call to Order

With a quorum present (ED, SE, GJM, AP, JW, RW), Chair Proietti called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

SE moved to change the agenda order to move next to a public discussion of the tabled item [Providence Christian Academy]. AP 2nd. Vote tied 3-3-1. Second vote, motion failed 5-2.

II. Executive session pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30A, s. 21(a) (3): To discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigating position of the public body and the chair so declares.

SE moved to enter Executive Session. GJM 2nd. Motion passed unanimously. Entered Executive Session at 6:09 p.m. Returned to public session at 6:45 p.m.

III. Providence Christian Academy

AP moved that the Greenfield School Committee approve the operation in the City of Greenfield of Providence Christian Academy, beginning in the 2023-2024 school year. SE 2nd.

Discussion:

- RW clarified her vote yes does not equate endorsement of the private school.
- GJM will abstain, has insufficient information to decide.
- AP supports families' right to educate their children in the way they feel comfortable with.

Motion passed 4-2-1 (Yes – SE, AP, JW, RW; No – ED; Abstain: GJM, KM).

VI. Adjournment

RW moved to adjourn. SE 2nd. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 6:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Farber
Recording Secretary

Meeting Materials

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