

May 10, 2023
06:10 p.m.

Minutes of the Lawrence Alliance for Education Board

A Budget Hearing Session of the Lawrence Alliance for Education Board was held in person at the South Lawrence East Educational Complex Auditorium with the following members present: Edgar De Leon, Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Director at Noble and Greenough School, Dr. Dolores Calaf, Dr. Dolores Calaf, Early Childhood and K-12 Education, and Consultant with Community Collaborative, Mayor Brian de Pena, Maria Moeller, CEO/The Community Group, Patricia Mariano, Chair. Absent, Juana Matias, Regional Administrator for the New England Regional Office, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)

Also in person was Interim Superintendent Mr. Juan Rodriguez, and Maria Campusano, Recording Secretary for this meeting.

Chair Mariano, called the meeting to order at 6:08 p.m. The Chair asked the student representative to recite the pledge of allegiance; followed by asking Interim Superintendent Mr. Juan Rodriguez to read the public hearing notice who indicated location and time for the proposed budget hearing on July 1, 2023-June 30, 2024

Public Comments. Chair Mariano opened the meeting for public comments.

Homayoun Maali, 53 Chester Street, Lawrence, MA. Spoke that the budget should be focused on the teachers and their union; and to include the paraprofessionals and their union; make sure that the educational needs are met since many of the citizens are immigrants and don't know how to communicate. Mr. Maali demanded the best wages for the teachers.

Jonathan Cuzman, School Committee Member, 39 Lynn St, Lawrence, MA; congratulated and welcomed all three new board members. Expressed being sad that the process happened so fast, having three members newly appointed to come and vote for the budget asking if the members really had the time to review and ask questions in regards to the budget indicating that when the City council saw no input. Mr. Guzman also questioned what the board was doing when it came to inform the community in regards to the meeting and accessibility to the community.

VOTED: To close the public budget hearing

Upon the motion made by Chair Patricia Mariano to close the Budget Public Hearing at 6:22;

Vote: Upon the motion made by Chair Patricia Mariano to close the public hearing at 6:22 p.m.; so move by Mayor Brian de Pena; Seconded by Edgar De Leon

The Vote	Yes - Dr. Dolores Calaf
	Yes - Edgar De Leon
	Yes - Maria Moeller
	Yes - Mayor Brian de Peña
	Yes - Chair Patricia Mariano

Motion Passes.

VOTED To adjourn the meeting at 6:22 p.m.

Vote: Upon the motion made by Chair Patricia Mariano to adjourn the meeting; So move by Edgar De Leon; Seconded by Maria Moeller

The Vote Yes - Dr. Dolores Calaf
 Yes - Edgar De Leon
 Yes - Maria Moeller
 Yes - Mayor Brian de Peña
 Yes - Chair Patricia Mariano

Motion Passes.