

YOUNGSTOWN CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT ACADEMIC DISTRESS COMMISSION

Members:

Dr. John Richard
Nicholas Santucci
Vincent Shivers
Dr. Maria Hoffmaster
Dr. Ben McGee

Anthony J. Farris, Office of the Attorney General

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

TUESDAY, JANUARY 29, 2019 ~ 9 A.M.

CHANEY HIGH SCHOOL, ROOM #151

I. The Youngstown Academic Distress Commission meeting was called to order at 9:10 a.m. by Dr. John Richard, ADC Chair. The meeting was held at Chaney High School, Room #151.

II. Roll Call	<i>Present</i>	<i>Absent</i>
Dr. John Richard	— x —	_____
Nicholas Santucci	— x —	_____
Vincent Shivers	_____	_____ (Arrived at 9:14 a.m.)
Dr. Maria Hoffmaster	— x —	_____
Dr. Ben McGee	_____	— x —

III. Approval of January 29, 2019 Agenda

Motion by: N. Santucci Seconded by: M. Hoffmaster

Roll Call Vote:

Dr. John Richard	Yes — x —	No _____
Nicholas Santucci	Yes — x —	No _____
Vincent Shivers	Yes _____	No _____ (Arrived at 9:14 a.m.)
Dr. Maria Hoffmaster	Yes — x —	No _____
Dr. Ben McGee	Yes _____	No <u>absent</u>

IV. Approval of January 17, 2019 meeting minutes

Motion by: N. Santucci Seconded by: M. Hoffmaster

Roll Call Vote:

Dr. John Richard	Yes — x —	No _____
Nicholas Santucci	Yes — x —	No _____
Vincent Shivers	Yes _____	No _____ (Arrived at 9:14 a.m.)
Dr. Maria Hoffmaster	Yes — x —	No _____
Dr. Ben McGee	Yes _____	No <u>absent</u>

ADC Member, Vincent Shivers arrived at 9:14 a.m.

Dr. Richard expressed the purpose of the meeting which relates to the search for the next Youngstown CEO. He commented that both the ADC Vice-Chair, Nick Santucci and District Superintendent, Joseph Meranto would work with the hired search firm, Finding Leaders in creating focus groups for input regarding the selection of the next CEO. Mr. Meranto provided a brief update on the focus groups that were being created to gain input from district stakeholders in selecting the next district CEO. Mr. Meranto stated that he is working with Steve Farnsworth of Finding Leaders and would be meeting with him next week to further discuss and plan the focus groups. Mr. Meranto said the focus group meetings would be one hour sessions in February. The focus groups are primarily for the administrative team, teachers, principals, non-teaching staff, community members, district parents, business community, Mayor's office, Board of Education members, etc. Dr. Richard stated that Mr. Meranto and Mr. Santucci were to work together with the selection of the individuals for the focus groups. Discussion continued and Mr. Meranto stated his concerns and expressed his connection with the Youngstown Community and the need for transparency and the desire for the groups to be represented by the community as a whole with diversity. Dr. Richard agreed that stakeholders should be equally represented and for him to work directly with Mr. Santucci with this endeavor.

V. The Commission entered into executive session at 9:17 a.m. to consider the employment, promotion, demotion, compensation and/or discipline of public employees; as it relates to the process for the search and transition plan for the next Chief Executive Officer for the Youngstown City School District. Superintendent, Joseph Meranto was invited into executive session.

Motion by: N. Santucci *Seconded by:* M. Hoffmaster

Roll Call Vote:

Dr. John Richard	Yes	<u> x </u>	No	<u> </u>
Nicholas Santucci	Yes	<u> x </u>	No	<u> </u>
Vincent Shivers	Yes	<u> x </u>	No	<u> </u>
Dr. Maria Hoffmaster	Yes	<u> x </u>	No	<u> </u>
Dr. Ben McGee	Yes	<u> </u>	No	<u>absent</u>

VI. Return to open meeting at 10:48 a.m.

Motion by: N. Santucci *Seconded by:* V. Shivers

Roll Call:

Dr. John Richard	Yes	<u> x </u>	No	<u> </u>
Nicholas Santucci	Yes	<u> x </u>	No	<u> </u>
Vincent Shivers	Yes	<u> x </u>	No	<u> </u>
Dr. Maria Hoffmaster	Yes	<u> x </u>	No	<u> </u>
Dr. Ben McGee	Yes	<u> </u>	No	<u>absent</u>

VII. Meeting adjourned at 10:49 a.m.

Motion by: M. Hoffmaster *Seconded by:* V. Shivers

Roll Call Vote:

Dr. John Richard	Yes	<u> x </u>	No	<u> </u>
Nicholas Santucci	Yes	<u> x </u>	No	<u> </u>
Vincent Shivers	Yes	<u> x </u>	No	<u> </u>
Dr. Maria Hoffmaster	Yes	<u> x </u>	No	<u> </u>
Dr. Ben McGee	Yes	<u> </u>	No	<u>absent</u>