MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
August 17, 2026

AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE FRANKLIN BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT LIBRARY

The Board President opened the meeting at 7:00 P.M., with a roll call vote.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Kathleen Clohessey, Wayne Bartron, John Friend, Stephanie Perna, Stephen Koger, John VanKampen, John R. Giacchi, Superintendent

OTHERS PRESENT: Michael Meier, Business Administrator/Board Secretary

ABSENT: Rachel Kabbash, Erin Henry

Mrs. Clohessey conducted the Flag Salute and Pledge of Allegiance, which was followed by the following statement read by the Board Secretary:

This meeting is being conducted in compliance with the "Open Public Meetings Act – Chapter 231 – Public Laws of 1975." Advance written notice of at least 48 hours was given specifying the time, date and to the extent known, the agenda, and stating whether formal action may or may not be taken and has been properly posted at the school, mailed to the Clerk/Administrator, and mailed to the New Jersey Herald and the Star Ledger.

Approval of Regular Board Minutes

On motion by Mr. Bartron, seconded by Mrs. Perna, and carried by roll call vote, approved the minutes of the following meeting:

That the minutes of the following meeting be approved as presented:

1. July 13, 2026 – Regular Meeting Minutes **ATTACHMENT 1**
   YES – 6
   ABSTAIN –0
   NO – 0
2. July 13, 2026 – Executive Session Minutes
   YES – 6
   ABSTAIN –0
   NO – 0

PRESENTATIONS

- Positive Behavior Support in Schools (PBSIS) Update – Lisa Vallacchi, Ed.D, Principal
  Dr. Vallacchi explained the tiered behavior response process, the four-referrals-in-two-weeks threshold, possible extracurricular restrictions after a fifth referral, behavior categories, and parent communication.

- Understanding the 2026-2027 Tax Increase – John Giacchi, Ed.D, Superintendent and Michael Meier, CPA, Business Administrator/Board Secretary
  Dr. Giacchi and Mr. Meier explained the $653,843 levy increase, including the 2% base, approximately $291,220 health-care adjustment, approximately $223,000 in banked cap, health-benefit costs, the State-aid cap, cost-saving measures, and available property-tax-relief programs.

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OPEN TO THE PUBLIC – AGENDA ITEMS

On motion by Mr. Bartron, seconded by Mrs. Perna, and carried unanimously by voice vote, opened the meeting to the public for comment on the Agenda items.

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- Ms. Judy Williams expressed support for Finance/Buildings & Grounds Item E, approving care for the White Oak tree, and thanked the Board for its efforts to preserve it.
- Regarding Item F, she asked that the tree near the new playground, planted for Franklin School's 100th anniversary and used for shade, be preserved and incorporated into the playground design if possible.
- Mr. Christopher Patterson inquired about Personnel Item K, requesting additional context regarding the timeline of the Superintendent's contract renewal and annual adjustment in relation to the District's overall financial planning.

On motion by Mr. Friend, seconded by Mr. Bartron, and carried unanimously by roll call vote, closed the meeting to the public for comment on the Agenda items.

CORRESPONDENCE: N/A

BOARD SECRETARY'S REPORT

A. New Jersey School Boards Association (NJSBA) Annual Workshop from Monday, October 19, 2026 through Thursday, October 22, 2026

B. Following the official August 10, 2026 ballot draw, the following candidates and positions will be placed on the November 3, 2026 ballot for the Franklin Borough Board of Education:

   a. Kathleen Clohessey - Full, 3-year term
   b. Rachel Kabbash - Full, 3-year term
   c. No Petition Filed (Open Seat/Write-in) - Available for a full, 3-year term

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

A. School updates – Dr. Giacchi gave updates on the following:

- Parent Portal opening the following week;
- new-student orientation that Thursday;
- new-staff training the following Tuesday;
- teachers returning August 27;
- staff returning August 31 and September 1;
- students beginning September 2; and

B. To report that the fire and security drills held during the month of July 2026 were as follows:

- July 20, 2026 at 11:18 a.m. – Fire Drill
- July 22, 2026 at 9:05 a.m. – Shelter-in-Place Drill

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE – Stephanie Perna, Chair – Committee Report

On motion by Mr. Bartron, seconded by Mr. Koger, and carried unanimously by roll call vote, approved the following resolutions:

A. Resolved that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, accepts the following resignations:

Staff	Position	Date
Adam Alvarado	Part-time Paraprofessional	Effective June 30, 2026
Daniel Engelhardt	Part-time Paraprofessional	Effective June 30, 2026
Johanna Ferrari	Part-time Paraprofessional	Effective June 30, 2026
Angela Lanham	Part-time Paraprofessional	Effective June 30, 2026
Nicole Paragh	Part-time Paraprofessional	Effective June 30, 2026
Ryan Silvestri	Part-time Paraprofessional	Effective June 30, 2026
Jessica Trovato	Part-time Paraprofessional	Effective June 30, 2026

B. Resolved that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, appoints the following personnel for the 2026-2027 school year, pending receipt of required paperwork where applicable:

Staff Member/Appointment	Start Date	Compensation
Sara Blondina (1 FTE) - Long-term Substitute Middle School Math Special Education Teacher	August 27, 2026 until on or about December 23, 2026	$170 per day, plus benefits, compensation upon completion of timesheets
Sarah Chimileski (1 FTE) - Long-term Substitute Instrumental Music Teacher	August 27, 2026 until on or about March 25, 2027	$170 per day for 60 days, not benefit eligible. Beginning on day 61, at BA Step 1 at $63,936 per year retroactive to day 1, benefit eligible, pending completion of required paperwork
Dawn Iadarola (1 FTE) - Long-term Substitute Special Education Teacher	September 2, 2026 until on or about December 23, 2026	$170 per day for 60 days, no benefits. Beginning on day 61, at MA Step 1 at $68,236 per year retroactive to day 1, plus benefits, pending completion of required paperwork

Morgan Sturmfels (1 FTE) - Long-term Substitute Social Worker	August 27, 2026 through on or about February 1, 2027	$170 per day for 60 days, no benefits. Beginning on day 61, at MA Step 1 at $68,236 per year retroactive to day 1, plus benefits, pending completion of required paperwork
Lisaury De Leon Garcia (.71 FTE) – Part-time Paraprofessional	On or about August 31, 2026	$20.26 per hour, not benefit eligible, pending completion of required paperwork
Melissa Halter (.71 FTE) – Part-time Paraprofessional	On or about August 31, 2026	$20.26 per hour, not benefit eligible, pending completion of required paperwork
Katherine Herrera (.71 FTE) – Part-time Paraprofessional	On or about August 31, 2026	$20.26 per hour, not benefit eligible, pending completion of required paperwork
Cassandra Meyers (.71 FTE) – Part-time Paraprofessional	On or about August 31, 2026	$20.26 per hour, not benefit eligible, pending completion of required paperwork
Betsy Morse (.71 FTE) – Part-time Paraprofessional	On or about August 31, 2026	$20.26 per hour, not benefit eligible, pending completion of required paperwork
Enas Yasin (.71 FTE) – Part-time Paraprofessional	On or about August 31, 2026	$20.26 per hour, not benefit eligible, pending completion of required paperwork

C. Resolved that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approves the following substitutes for the 2026-2027 school year, pending completion of required documents where applicable. Compensation upon completion of timesheets:

Name	Position	Compensation
Hermilyn Cruz	Substitute Teacher	$150 per day, not benefit eligible, pending completion of required paperwork
Debra DeVries	Substitute Nurse	$250 per day, not benefit eligible
Destinee DeGroat	Substitute Paraprofessional	$115 per day, not benefit eligible, pending completion of required paperwork
Johanna Ferrari	Substitute Paraprofessional	$115 per day, not benefit eligible
Katherine Herrera	Substitute Teacher	$150 per day, not benefit eligible, pending completion of required paperwork
Dawn Iadarola	Substitute Teacher	$150 per day, not benefit eligible, pending completion of required paperwork
Kiara Roman	Substitute Paraprofessional	$115 per day, not benefit eligible, pending completion of required paperwork
Ryan Silvestri	Substitute Paraprofessional	$115 per day, not benefit eligible
Lea Torres	Substitute Paraprofessional	$115 per day, not benefit eligible, pending completion of required paperwork
David Trexler	Substitute Teacher	$150 per day, not benefit eligible, pending completion of required paperwork

D. Resolved that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approves the following professional development stipend, compensation upon submission of timesheets:

Name	Purpose/Dates	Cost
Dawn Iadarola	Teacher In-Service Days: August 27, August 31, and September 1, 2026	$170 per day

E. Resolved that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approves the following Extended School Year (ESY) substitute listed below. Compensation upon submission of timesheets:

Name	ESY Position	Compensation
Donna Worflar	ESY Substitute Nurse	$250 per day (prorated to $107.14 per day) Compensation upon submission of timesheets.

F. Resolved that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approves additional summer hours for the following staff members for Positive Behavior Support in Schools (PBSIS) planning activities: *(Note: These hours are in addition to the four (4) hours approved for each staff member at the May 18, 2026 Board of Education Meeting.)*

Staff Member	Hours
Karen Crosby	Six (6) hours at the contracted hourly rate of $45 per hour
Meghan Putnam	Seven (7) hours at the contracted hourly rate of $45 per hour
Tyler Zuccheri	Six (6) hours at the contracted hourly rate of $45 per hour

G. Resolved that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approves a $2.00 per hour compensation differential for paraprofessionals who provide higher level care for the 2026-2027 school year, per contract language:

Paraprofessionals Receiving $2.00 Per Hour Differential for Providing Higher Level Care			Dates
Alonso, Erika	Fedor, Kristina	Neal, Justin	August 31, 2026 - June 30, 2027
Arxer, Meghan	Finamore, Emma	Nogueras, Christina	
Awuah, Wendy	Frazer, Gina	Papadoupalos, Melissa	
Baldassano, Kelly	Frye, William	Ratti, Donna	
Barrientos, Yackelin	Gallardo, Josseline	Riso, Rosalba	
Barrise, Alicia	Gonzalez, Natasha	Ross, Jessica	
Becker, Samantha	Guzman Nunez, Noemi	Sanders, Laura	

Bido, Elizabeth	Halter, Melissa	Santos, Jessica
Brown, Aurora	Hetyei, Diana	Shea, Marissa
Cilurso, Michelle	Madera, Nancy	Simone (Paugh), Lorraine
Constantinacos, Christa	McCann, Amy	Talmadge, Crystal
Counterman-O'leary, Ashley	McCarrick, Alyssa	Ulrich (Clarke), Denise
Cross, Jordan	McNamara, Sunisa	Voegele, Dolores
Cuevas-Arce, Ivelisse	Meyers, Cassandra	Walters, Kelly
Davenport, Elizabeth F/T	Moldovany, Shannon	Whetham-Denton, Lynnette
Davis, Lisa	Moreno, Donna	Yasin, Enas
De Leon Garcia, Lisaury	Morse, Betsy	Zierold-Soares, Eve
DeVore, Lauren		

H. Resolved that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approves the stipends for the paraprofessionals listed below for the 2026 - 2027 school year, per contract language:

Employee/Position	Appointment	Annual Stipend
Erika Alonso	Substitute Teacher as needed	$3,000
Kelly Baldassano	Substitute Teacher as needed	$3,000 (prorated to $2,130)
Yackelin Barrientos	Substitute Teacher as needed	$3,000 (prorated to $2,130)
Angela Gonzales	Substitute Teacher as needed	$3,000 (prorated to $2,130)

I. Resolved that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, authorizes the Superintendent to approve supplemental pay for staff members as needed for the 2026-2027 school year. Compensation upon submission of timesheets.

J. Resolved that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approves supplemental pay for the following staff member as listed below. Compensation upon submission of timesheets:

Staff Member	Reason	Compensation
Robert Hennessy	New Staff/Substitute Orientation - Tuesday, August 25, 2026	• $33.34 per hour for up to three (3) hours

K. Resolved that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approves the Superintendent's contract for John R. Giacchi, Ed.D for the period commencing July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2031 with an annual salary of $182,455 for 2026-2027; $188,385 for 2027-2028; $194,508 for 2028-2029; $200,830 for 2029-2030; and $207,357 for 2030-2031, and other benefits as depicted in **ATTACHMENT 2**.

L. Resolved that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approves the following additional summer hours:

Staff Member/Purpose	Compensation
Janel Edwards, Reading Specialist - To complete curriculum pacing guide for the 95 Phonics Core Program	$45.00 per hour for up to a total of 18 hours

M. Resolved that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, appoints Theresa Linskey as a Business Office Consultant at $100.00 per hour, not to exceed eight (8) hours per week. This appointment is from on or about July 1, 2026 to on or about September 30, 2026. Compensation upon submission of timesheets.

N. Resolved that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approves the second reading and adoption of the following policies:

Number	Title	Attachment
P 1110	Organizational Chart	**ATTACHMENT 3**
P 2411	Career Education and Academic Counseling	**ATTACHMENT 4**

EDUCATION COMMITTEE – Stephen Koger, Chair – Committee Report

On motion by Mr. Bartron, seconded by Mrs. Perna, and carried unanimously by roll call vote, approved the following resolutions:

A. Resolved that the Board of Education approves the submission of the Uniform State Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) Between Education and Law Enforcement Officials. **ATTACHMENT 5**

B. Resolved that the Board of Education approves the submission of the Reunification Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Sussex County Community College. **ATTACHMENT 6**

C. Resolved that the Board of Education approves the submission of the Student Safety Data system (SSDS) Report for the 2025-2026 school year.

D. Resolved that the Board of Education approves the 2026-2027 District Goals. **ATTACHMENT 7**

E. Resolved that the Board of Education approves the curriculum changes to align with New Jersey Quality Single Accountability Continuum (QSAC) regulations. **ATTACHMENT 8**

F. Resolved that the Board of Education approves the 2026-2027 Blanket Approval for Field Trips. **ATTACHMENT 9**

G. Resolved that the Board of Education approves the following tuition rates for non-resident students of non-teaching staff members for the 2026-2027 school year in accordance with Policy and Regulation 5111 - Eligibility of Resident/Nonresident Students: *(Note: On September 10, 2025, the Sussex County Office of Education approved the tuition rates listed below.)*

Student Enrollment	Tuition Rate Per Student Per Year
Enrolled Prior to July 1, 2024	$25 per student per year
Enrolled On or after July 1, 2025	$500 per student per year

H. Resolved that the Board of Education suspends Bylaw 0131 - Bylaws, Policies and Regulations for only the August 17, 2026 BOE meeting to implement the policies and regulation listed in *Item I.* below.

I. Resolved that the Board of Education approves the first reading and adoption of the following policies and regulations:

Number	Title	Attachment
P 5111.5	Preschool Admission	**ATTACHMENT 10**
P 5111.6	Preschool Attendance	**ATTACHMENT 11**
P&R 5516	Student Use of Internet-Enabled Devices	**ATTACHMENTS 12 AND 13**

FINANCE/BUILDINGS & GROUNDS – Erin Henry, Chair

On motion by Mr. Friend, seconded by Mr. Bartron, and carried unanimously by roll call vote, approved the following resolutions:

A. Resolved that the Board of Education approves the vendor payments dated July 14, 2026 to August 17, 2026. **ATTACHMENT 14**

Fund 10	Charter School/ER FICA Share	$59,337.73
Fund 11	General Expense	$416,977.56
Fund 12	Capital Outlay	$72,750.24
Fund 20	Special Revenue	$460,752.54
Fund 30	Capital Projects	-
Fund 60	Cafeteria	$31,870.96
Fund 95	Student Activities	$2,302.91
	Total	$1,043,991.94

B. Resolved that the Board of Education accepts the attached Board Secretary's Report and Treasurer of School Monies report for June 2026.

Resolved pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10 (c) 3, the Board Secretary does certify that as of June 30, 2026, no budgetary line-item account has encumbrances and expenditures which in total exceed the amount appropriated by the district Board of Education pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:22-8.1;

Therefore be it resolved that pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10 (c) 4 the Board of Education does certify that as of June 30, 2026, the Board Secretary Monthly Financial Report, did not reflect an over expenditure in any Major Account or Fund, and based on the Appropriation Balances reflected on this report and on the advice of District Officials, that sufficient funds are available to meet the District's financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year. **ATTACHMENT 15**

C. Resolved that the Board of Education approves line-item transfers as required by State rules and regulations for the month of June 2026. **ATTACHMENT 16**

D. Resolved that the Board of Education submits and accepts the IDEA Grants for the 2026-2027 school year:

Grant	Allocation
Basic	$195,716
Preschool	$10,505
Total	$206,221

E. Resolved that the Board of Education approves tree care for the White Oak Tree in the amount of $6,677.02 through Davey Tree Expert Company.

F. Resolved that the Board of Education amends the cost of the new playground to include an additional $11,880 for Ben Shaffer Recreation to remove the current play structure. Total cost for removal of the existing structure and installation of the new structure is $164,383.26, a portion of which will be paid for with funds from the Local Recreation Improvement Grant (LRIG).

G. Resolved that the Board of Education approves disposing of the following district-owned vehicles via GovDeals auction:

Vehicle
2011 Ford F-450 truck - VIN: 1FDUF4HY9BEC16898
2008 Ford pickup - VIN: 1FTWF31548EA35756

H. Resolved that the Board of Education approves the following extraordinary services for the students listed below for the 2026-2027 school year:

Student	Provider	Services	Costs/Dates
• #******4147 • #******0877	Mountain Lakes Board of Education 96 Powerville Rd Suite 1 Mountain Lakes, NJ 07046	Auditory Specialist Services, consisting of two 50-minute sessions per month	$4,000 for the 2026–2027 school year

I. RESOLVED, that the Franklin Borough Board of Education (Board), approves a withdrawal of funds from the Capital Reserve Account in an amount not to exceed $175,000.00 to fund the East Parking Lot Paving and Trench Drain Replacement project; and

WHEREAS, this project is an approved capital improvement formally listed and included in the District's approved Long-Range Facilities Plan (LRFP); and

WHEREAS, the withdrawn funds shall be transferred to the Capital Outlay - Construction Services account (12-000-400-730) for use in the current fiscal year; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board authorizes the Business Administrator/Board Secretary to submit this transfer to the Executive County Superintendent for approval, and that any unexpended funds remaining upon project completion shall be returned to the Capital Reserve Account.

J. Resolved that the Board of Education approves the following facility use requests for the 2026-2027 school year in accordance with Policy and Regulation 7510 - Use of School

Facilities and provided there are no conflicts with school activities. This approval is pending receipt of required documentation and providing there is no school conflict.

Group/Organization	Time/Date	Space/Cost
Class II – Franklin Education Foundation - Pro Wrestling Event Fundraiser	Friday, November 13, 2026 from 5:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.	Main gymnasium and locker rooms: • Costs: ○ Facility Use costs for each four hours' use: ▪ Main Gymnasium and Locker Rooms *Waived - $500.00* ○ Other Fees: ▪ Service Fee *Waived - $300.00* **TOTAL COSTS: $0**
<u>Class II</u> – Girls on the Run	From 2:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. as needed on Mondays and Wednesdays from September 14, 2026 - November 16, 2026	Outdoor areas and one classroom: • Costs: ○ Facility Use costs for each four hours' use: ▪ Athletic Field *Waived - $500.00* ▪ Classroom *Waived - $250.00* ○ Other Fees: ▪ Service Fee *Waived - $300.00* **TOTAL COSTS: $0**
<u>Class II</u> – The Center for Prevention and Counseling – Above the Influence	After school until 4:00 p.m. in the school library on the following dates: • October 5, 2026 • November 16, 2026 • December 7, 2026 • January 11, 2027 • February 8, 2027 • March 15, 2027 • April 12, 2027 • May 10, 2027	School library/classroom: • Costs: ○ Facility Use costs for each four hours' use: ▪ Library/Classroom *Waived - $250.00* ○ Other Fees: ▪ Service Fee *Waived - $300.00* **TOTAL COSTS: $0**

OLD BUSINESS –N/A

NEW BUSINESS

A. Interview Board of Education candidates:

- Michelle Grieco
- F. Cliff Graham

The Board publicly interviewed Michelle Grieco and F. Cliff Graham for the vacant Board of Education seat. The candidates were advised that the individual appointed would be sworn in at the September 14, 2026 Board meeting and would serve the remainder of the unexpired term through December 31, 2027.

Each candidate was asked to address the following:

1. Why they wished to serve as a member of the Board of Education;
2. Their understanding of the time commitment and responsibilities associated with Board service; and
3. How they believed the Board of Education could affect student achievement.

Michelle Grieco
Mrs. Grieco explained that she has a strong personal interest in the continued success of Franklin School because she is a Franklin Borough resident, has two children currently enrolled in the District, and is expecting a third child. She stated that she expects her family to remain connected to the school for many years and would like to be an active and engaged voice for the District's students and families.

Regarding the responsibilities and time commitment of Board service, Mrs. Grieco stated that she had reviewed information about the role, spoken with current Board members, and understood the commitment required to attend Board and committee meetings and serve effectively.

When asked how the Board can affect student achievement, Mrs. Grieco described the Board's role as one of oversight and accountability. She noted that the Board establishes and supports policies and regulations, provides appropriate checks and balances, and works with the Superintendent and Principal to support decisions intended to benefit students.

Mr. Meier then read Mrs. Grieco's submitted letter of interest into the record.

F. Cliff Graham
Mr. Graham explained that he previously served on the Franklin Board of Education for six years, including approximately two years as Board President, and had served on each of the Board's committees. He stated that he missed serving on the Board and believed his prior experience, knowledge of the District, and familiarity with Board operations would allow him to transition into the vacancy quickly and provide stability to the Board.

Regarding the time commitment, Mr. Graham stated that he understood the requirement to attend the monthly regular meeting and assigned committee meetings. He indicated that he now has more available time because his children are older and that he had no concerns about fulfilling the responsibilities of the position.

When asked how the Board can affect student achievement, Mr. Graham stated that the administration presents recommendations to the Board and that the Board must review those recommendations, provide guidance, and determine whether to grant approval. He explained that the Board supports the administration in pursuing appropriate outcomes for students while remaining accountable to the community.

Mr. Meier then read Mr. Graham's submitted letter of interest into the record.

The Board also clarified the duration of the unexpired term and discussed the separate three-year Board seat for which no candidate had filed a petition for the November 3, 2026 election.

Both candidates were asked whether they would consider pursuing that seat as a write-in candidate if they were not selected for the current vacancy, and both indicated that they would consider doing so.

APPOINTMENT OF BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBER CANDIDATE TO VACANCY:

The Board President opened the floor for nominations for the Board of Education vacancy:

NOMINEE	**NOMINATED BY:**
<u>F. Cliff Graham</u>	<u>John Friend</u>

The Board President closes nominations for the Board of Education vacancy.

Roll call vote to appoint candidate to the Board of Education vacancy:

Mr. Bartron – YES	Mr. Koger – YES	Vacant
Mr. Friend – YES	Mrs. Perna – YES	Ms. Henry – N/A
Mrs. Kabbash – N/A	Mr. VanKampen – YES	Mrs. Clohessey – YES

Appointee to the Board of Education vacancy is: <u>F. Cliff Graham</u>

On motion by Mr. Bartron seconded by Mrs. Perna, and carried unanimously by voice vote, appointed F. Cliff Graham to fill the Board of Education vacancy.

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF FRANKLIN BOROUGH COUNTY OF SUSSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY APPOINTING A MEMBER TO FILL THE BOARD VACANCY

WHEREAS, a vacancy occurred on the Franklin Borough Board of Education due to the resignation of former Board Member Christopher Patterson, creating an unexpired term that runs until December 31, 2027; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:12-15 and Board Bylaw 0143 - Board Member Election and Appointment, the Board publicly advertised the vacancy and invited interested, qualified citizens to submit a written request and resume for consideration; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education publicly interviewed a pool of two qualified candidates during the public meeting held on August 17, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the remaining members of the Board have deliberated upon the qualifications and experience of the candidates who expressed an interest in serving;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of Franklin Borough hereby appoints **<u>F. Cliff Graham</u>** to fill the vacant seat on the Board of Education, effective at the

September 14, 2026 Board of Education meeting, with the term to expire on December 31, 2027, upon the qualification of a successor; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this appointment is contingent upon the appointee satisfying all statutory requirements, including the completion of a criminal history background check and the filing of the School Ethics Commission's Financial Disclosure Statements within thirty (30) days of this appointment.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC – VISITORS ADDRESS THE BOARD

On motion by Mrs. Perna seconded by Mr. Koger, and carried unanimously by roll call vote, opened the meeting to the public for visitors to address the board.

The Board Secretary read the following statement:

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- Mr. F. Cliff Graham sought clarification regarding his onboarding timeline, confirming that he would be sworn in at the upcoming Board meeting and that his participation in committee meetings would begin in October.

On motion by Mr. Bartron, seconded by Mr. Friend and carried unanimously by voice vote, closed the meeting to the public for visitors to address the board.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board President noted that an Executive Session would not be required for this meeting.

On motion by Mr. Bartron, seconded by Mrs. Perna, and carried unanimously by voice vote, adjourned the meeting at 7:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Michael C. Meier

Michael C. Meier
Business Administrator / Board Secretary