

JUMOKE ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOLS

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes Jumoke Academy

Date: February 14th, 2017

Time: 6:00pm

Location: 339 Blue Hills Avenue Hartford, CT 06112

Present:

James Michel - Board Chair

Melanie James - Teacher Representative

Sharon Gentles- Harris - Treasurer

Todd Cooper - Community Representative

John Mena - Community Representative

Bertram McDowell, Jr. - Secretary

Thomas Smith- Community Representative

Glenn Winfree- Community Representative

Kashifa Coleman-Dejesus - Parent Liaison to the Board

Absent:

Joy Stewart - Parent Representative

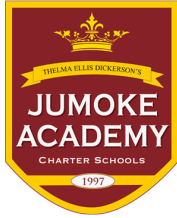
I. Meeting Called to order by James Michel at 6:05pm

II. **Opening:**

1) Welcome & Opening Remarks given by James Michel. Mr. Michel moved the scholar recognition portion of the Executive Directors Report to the opening portion of the meeting.

2) Public Comments:

- i. Several people came to speak out on behalf of Tonya Muhammad who is no longer employed by Jumoke Academy. Maggie Garnder, Warnie Gordon, Sister Nambi, Asia Muhammad, Mr. Benjamin who submitted a letter to the board. Kene Daley, Kareem Muhammad, Micah James, Avic Jame, Latoya Bull, George Robertson, Messiah Muhammad, Ms. Wilcox, Edith Byrd all made



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public comments in support of rehiring Tonya Muhammad. At approximately 6:45pm the Board chair attempted to close the public comments portion of the meeting. Tonya Muhammad came to the podium and attempted to speak, when the Board Chair advised that public comments portion had been closed. Ms. Muhammad remained in front of the audience and engaged them, asking several times if they “the people gave her permission to speak” The board meeting was officially recessed by James Michel at 6:48pm.

III. Executive Director Report:

- 1) Scholar Recognition

IV. Adjournment:

- 1) Board Chair advised the meeting was closed at 6:48pm due to a recently terminated employee who created a hostile environment.