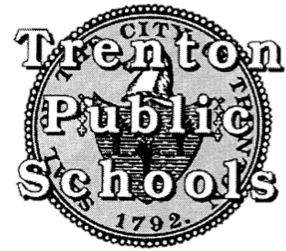


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Trenton Board of Education Receives Board Certification

TRENTON, NJ: The Trenton Public School District is proud to announce the [Trenton Board of Education](#) has satisfied all requirements to receive [Board Certification \(BC\)](#) through the NJSBA Board Member Academy (BMA). Through Board Certification, the BMA recognizes mastery of the unique aspects of the group process. This certification recognizes the full board's commitment to training and effective governance in areas such as group process, decision-making, planning, effective meetings and focus on student achievement.

The district congratulates BOE members Gene Bouie, Addie Daniels-Lane, Deniece Johnson, Jeannie Weakliem, Austin Edwards, Esq., Sasa Olessi Montañó, BOE Vice President Gerald Trueheart and BOE President Yolanda Marrero-Lopez on being a part of the certified board.

"I commend the work our board members have done to grow both personally and professionally while continuing their education and serving our district. Their commitment to becoming board-certified has enhanced the working relationship between the district and the public. I have witnessed the depth of their knowledge related to the district's strategic plan and their role in supporting my efforts during implementation." - Superintendent James Earle

The Trenton Board of Education will be acknowledged at 6:45 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 16, at the Mercer County SBA Hybrid Meeting. This meeting will be held in the TBOE Ellis Auditorium at 108 N. Clinton Avenue Trenton, New Jersey. The event will be livestreamed on the [TPS YouTube channel](#).

Board Certification requirements:

- Earn 16 credits of group training within a four-year period.
- Participate in at least one full-day retreat (or an equivalent of board workshops)
- Complete an NJSBA Policy Wellness Check to ensure that the board's policy manual is current
- Complete an analysis of the district's negotiated teachers contract by NJSBA's Legal and Labor Relations staff
- Demonstrate commitment to continuous improvement through completion of the annual board self-evaluation
- Comply with current mandatory training requirements for each board member
- Satisfy the governance portion of the NJDOE monitoring process (If the board has not received a satisfactory rating from the NJDOE and the state has intervened in board operations, the board may demonstrate effective governance by pursuing the alternate route of annually adopting and implementing a "Code of Governance" developed with NJSBA staff.)

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