

NJCOE General Membership Meeting Minutes

October 2024 @ 10:00 am

Recorder: Christine Vespe

1. **Call to Order – Kenneth Figgs, President**
 - President Kenneth Figgs called the meeting to order at 10:04 am, welcoming all members and introducing the Executive Committee.
 - President Kenneth Figgs led the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. **Report of the Treasurer – Michael Gorman**
 - Reviewed the Treasurer's Report. As of September 30, 2024 there is an ending balance of \$43,789.33.
 - Motion: Lori Newell, 2nd Fidelia Sturdivant; unanimously approved by voice vote.
3. **Introduction of Sponsor – Melindo Persi**
 - Encouraged all members that if they know of a possible sponsor to please reach out with contact information.
 - Mel introduced Jeannie Oliver from Atlas Curriculum Management. Jeannie asked the attendees for any challenges that they are facing and how her company can best support their districts. A few individuals spoke in support of the Alas program and how it positively has impacted their district and QSAC review.
4. **Report of the Secretary – Christine Vespe**
 - Minutes of Executive Council Meeting-August 12, 2024
 - Minutes of General Membership Meeting – April 19, 2024
 - Motion: Cheryl Simone, 2nd Laurie Newell; unanimously approved by voice Vote.
5. **Audit and Budget Report – Laurie Newell**
 - Provided copies of the 2023-2024 Audit as well as a comparison report were provided and reviewed. The ending balance, June 30, 2024 = \$34,751.32
 - Motion: Ken Figgs, 2nd Josue Falaise; unanimously approved by voice vote.
 - Provided copies of the 2024-2025 Budget was provided and reviewed. Budget reflects an increase in Expenses, Reduction in some areas. A recommendation was made to increase the web support stipend to \$1500. Motion Ken King, 2nd Melindo Persi; unanimously approved by voice vote.

Motion to accept the 2024-2025 Budget with the Increase in web support Stipend, Martin Smith, 2nd Amy Stella; unanimously approved by voice vote.

6. Necrology Report – Melindo Persi

-Recognized the passing of Mrs. Gail Hect by reading the resolution into record to be memorialized in the minutes of the NJCOE. The resolution shall be transmitted to her family to acknowledge Gail's contributions to the educational community of New Jersey.
Copy of Obituary for Mrs. Gail Hect to be attached to the minutes.

Motion: Laurie Newell, 2nd Chuck Ford; unanimously approved by voice vote.

-Mel reminded all members to please make contact to provide information on any members who have passed away so that recognition can be made.

7. Webmaster/Social Media – Pat Hollenstein in absence of Vincent Przybylinski

-Pat reported that the website would be updated after today's meeting minutes are approved. NJCOE is on LinkedIn, please visit and join group.

8. Membership – Cheryl Simone

-New Members were presented by Cheryl. New members received a pin and portfolio.
Dr. Trudy Atkins, Mr. James DiSimone, Ms. Amy Kita,
Dr. Paryn Wallace

9. Historian – Aleash Griffith

-New inductees and Executive Board Photos after the meeting.
-Photos from previous meeting/induction available.

10. Introduction of Speaker – Jay Doolan

-*Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion: Beliefs, Behaviors and Outcomes*

Presenter: Mr. Daryn Plummer, Supervisor of Equity & Inclusion @Franklin Twp Schools.

-Resources from the presentation available: <https://bit.ly/njcouncillofeducators>

11. Open Forum/Adjournments/Lunch – Ken Figgs

-Next General Meeting – April 11, 2025

Motion to adjourn, Ken King, 2nd Denise King; unanimously approved by voice vote.