

**NEW JERSEY SCHOOLS DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS TELECONFERENCE MEETING
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 7, 2021**

A teleconference meeting of the Board of Directors of the New Jersey Schools Development Authority (SDA or the Authority) was held on Wednesday, April 7, 2021 at 9:00 A.M.

Participating by teleconference were:

Robert Nixon, Chairman
Michael Kanef (Treasury)
Bernard Piaia (DOE)
David Nuse (EDA)
Kevin Luckie (DCA)
Kevin Egan
Richard Elbert
Daniel Gumble
Loren Lemelle
Lester Lewis-Powder
Michael Maloney
Mario Vargas

being all the Members of Board.

At the Chairman's request, Andrew Yosha, vice president; Jane F. Kelly, vice president and assistant secretary; Donald Guarriello, vice president and chief financial officer; and Albert Barnes, chief counsel, of the SDA, participated in the meeting by teleconference. Joy Johnson of the Governor's Authorities Unit (GAU) also participated in the meeting by teleconference.

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman of the Board, Mr. Nixon. The Chairman asked Ms. Kelly to read the requisite notice of the meeting. Ms. Kelly announced that the meeting notice had been sent to the *Trenton Times* and *Star-Ledger* at least 48 hours prior to the

meeting. She said that a call-in number was provided on the SDA Website so that members of the public could participate in the meeting by teleconference. She also advised the Members that the call-in number for the meeting was posted at the SDA offices earlier in the morning. Ms. Kelly then conducted a roll call and indicated that a quorum of the Board Members was present.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

The Chairman presented for consideration and approval the minutes of the Board's March 3, 2021 Open Session meeting. A copy of the meeting minutes and a resolution had been provided to the Members for review in advance of the meeting. Upon motion duly made by Mr. Vargas and seconded by Ms. Lemelle, the Open Session minutes of the March 3, 2021 SDA Board meeting were approved by the Board with the Members' unanimous vote in favor of the resolution attached hereto as ***Resolution 3a.***

Next, Mr. Nixon presented for consideration and approval the minutes of the Board's March 3, 2021 Executive Session meeting. A copy of the meeting minutes and a resolution had been provided to the Members for review in advance of the meeting. Upon motion duly made by Mr. Vargas and seconded by Ms. Lemelle, the Executive Session minutes of the March 3, 2021 SDA Board meeting were approved by the Board with the Members' unanimous vote in favor of the resolution attached hereto as ***Resolution 3b.***

Authority Matters

Mr. Nixon introduced new SDA Board Member Daniel Gumble. He said that Mr. Gumble's nomination to the Board was approved by the State Senate a few weeks ago. He advised the Board that Mr. Gumble is a distinguished business manager for IBEW Local 164 out of Bergen/Essex and Hudson Counties. He said that Mr. Gumble brings a wealth of experience in the building trades that will be valuable to the Authority, adding that Mr. Gumble's expertise and

his belief in the SDA's mission is greatly appreciated. He said that the Members of the Board are looking forward to working with Mr. Gumble and hopes he settles in quickly.

Mr. Gumble said that he appreciates the opportunity to serve on the Board.

CEO Report

The Chairman advised the Board that in the absence of CEO Da Silva, Vice President Andrew Yosha would provide the Members with the report of the CEO. Mr. Yosha welcomed Daniel Gumble to the SDA Board on behalf of SDA management and staff.

Mr. Yosha then provided an update on design-build projects in construction. He advised the Board that interior preliminary finish work has started on the 2nd and 3rd floors for the Paterson Union Avenue MS project. For the Camden HS project, he said that Ernest Bock & Sons, Inc. has completed design phase services. He said that final inspection has begun on Phase III of the Millville HS addition and renovations project—the facility's north addition that will deliver in September 2021 and includes science classrooms, a gymnasium and a dance studio, among other spaces. With respect to the Passaic Dayton Avenue Educational Campus project, Mr. Yosha advised that work to provide the permanent gas connection is complete. For the Perth Amboy HS project, he reported that permanent retaining wall construction has commenced. He said that strength testing of the installed test piles has begun and production pile installation is targeted to commence this month. He also advised the Board that utility relocation work also has begun there.

In continuing, Mr. Yosha reported that the SDA is scheduled to testify before the Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee regarding the Fiscal Year 2022 budget tomorrow, April 8. He said that the hearing will take place in person at the State House. He noted that the Authority will be appearing along with the Department of Education. He then advised the Board that the

SDA is also scheduled to testify before the Assembly Budget Committee on Monday, May 10. He noted that this hearing will be held virtually.

In continuing, Mr. Yosha said that, as the Members know, Mr. Da Silva is not participating in today's meeting as he is participating in the virtual African American Chamber of Commerce's State of Black New Jersey Economic Forum. He noted that Mr. Da Silva will be part of a panel to discuss existing needs and opportunities. Mr. Yosha added that the Department of Community Affairs, Department of Transportation, NJ Transit and the Port Authority of NY/NJ also were invited to participate in the event.

Finally, Mr. Yosha said that he would like to update the Board regarding the status of another matter that was the subject of public comment at the March Board meeting. He advised that the matter is the proposed use of SDA-owned land in Jersey City for a community garden and other purposes. He reported that, since the March Board meeting, the Jersey City School District has submitted an application to SDA to enter into a License Agreement with the Authority for use of the land. He said that management reviewed the application and the SDA's attorneys responded to the district's counsel with follow up questions and requests for information based on that review.

Audit Committee

Approval of Extension of Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment Contracts – GP-0251-F01

Mr. Nixon, as Audit Committee Chairman, reported that the Audit Committee met on March 15, 2021 at which time management provided the Committee with the February 2021 New Funding Allocation and Capital Plan Update. He said that staff had informed the Committee that there were no changes in any of SDA District Reserve balances during the reporting period.

He then advised the Board that the reserve balance for the Regular Operating Districts (RODs) increased by \$1.5 million during the reporting period due to a reduction in state share for grant projects nearing completion.

Next, Mr. Nixon provided the February 2021 Monthly Financial Report. Mr. Nixon advised the Members that the Authority's operating expenses (Actual vs. Budget) for the year-to-date period totaled \$2.1 million, down \$400,000 as compared to the budget for the corresponding period. He explained that this decrease is mainly attributable to a decrease in payroll and benefits costs as the Authority has 14 fewer full time employees (FTEs) than budgeted; and lower than anticipated spending related to professional and other contracted services, facilities and general office expenses and information systems. He reported that school facilities project expenditures (Actual vs. Forecast) for the year-to-date period total approximately \$33 million, approximately \$18.3 million lower as compared to the capital spending forecast for the corresponding period. He advised the Members that this variance is the result of lower than forecasted expenditures for construction activity, grant activity, design services, payroll expense allocation to project expenditures, project insurance and property acquisition. Mr. Nixon then said that project expenditures (Actual vs. Prior Year Actual), at approximately \$33 million, are lower by \$14.2 million when compared to the corresponding prior year period. He explained that the variance is due to decreased grant activity, construction activity, design services, school furniture purchases and payroll expense allocation to project expenditures.

Mr. Nixon said that, since program inception, 89.2% of the funds authorized for the SDA districts have been disbursed. Additionally, he noted that 96% of all SDA disbursements relate to school facilities projects, while 4% relate to operating expenses. He advised that the estimated value of active school facilities capital projects, emergent projects and regular operating district grant projects, is approximately \$2 billion.

Next, Mr. Nixon advised that management is requesting that the Board consider a 1 year extension to its current Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment Contracts. He explained that in December 2018 the SDA entered into contracts with 21 firms for the manufacture, delivery and installation of furniture, fixtures and equipment (FF&E Contracts) for schools constructed or renovated by the SDA. He advised that the Board-approved value of the contracts was a total not-to-exceed amount of \$55 million, including all awardees, for the term of the contracts and any extensions. He said that, as of March 2, 2021, purchase orders have been issued to 13 of the 21 firms with an approximate value of \$9,600,000. He said that the FF&E Contracts, which are scheduled to expire on April 1, 2022, provide for a 1 year extension to the initial term, to be exercised at the sole discretion of the SDA. Mr. Nixon said that management requests that the Members of the Authority approve a 1 year contract extension to each of the 21 engaged firms with no increase to the value of each contract. He advised that, while the termination date of the contracts is not until April 2022, management is recommending Board approval now since this procurement requires an exceptionally long lead time so, absent exercise of the extension, steps would need to be taken fairly soon to begin a procurement process. In conclusion, he said that, with approval, the proposed 1 year extension would commence on April 1, 2022 and terminate on April 1, 2023.

A resolution pertaining to this matter was provided to the Board for review in advance of the meeting. Upon a motion duly made by Mr. Luckie and seconded by Ms. Lemelle, the Board approved the one-year extension of the contracts previously awarded to 21 firms for furniture, fixtures and equipment upon its unanimous vote in favor of *Resolution 5a*.

School Review Committee

Release of Funds from Program Reserve, Award of Contract, and Approval of Final Project Charter - Newark Public School District – Ivy Hill Elementary School Emergent Project – Boiler Room Vault Repairs; Release of Funds from Program Reserve, Award of

Contract, and Approval of Final Project Charter - Newark Public School District – Roberto Clemente Elementary School Emergent Project–Sub-Basement Water Infiltration; Adoption of New Rules for Procedures for Compliance with Alyssa’s Law, N.J.A.C. 19:32A.

Mr. Nixon asked Mr. Luckie to provide the report of the School Review Committee. Mr. Luckie reported that the School Review Committee met on March 15, 2021 at which time three items were discussed. Mr. Luckie said that management is seeking approval of the release of funds from the program reserve, a contract award and a final project charter for the Newark Ivy Hill ES emergent project (Project). He reported that in 2008 and 2011, the SDA Board approved a total of \$197 million to fund emergent project work in SDA Districts and, in 2020, the Board approved the reallocation of funds from the SDA’s Unforeseen Events Reserve to the Emergent Projects Reserve, providing an additional \$55.6 million for emergent project work. He added that, in September 2019, the Board approved the use of the General Construction Task Order Contract (GC Task Order Contract) authorizing establishment of a pool of contractors to perform certain work. He said that the Ivy Hill ES, built in 1931, is an approximately 90,700 square foot facility in the Newark Public Schools District educating approximately 566 students in grades Pre-K through 8. Mr. Luckie explained that, upon confirming emergent boiler room vault repair conditions existed at the School, staff used the 2017 Design Consultant Task Order Contract to obtain design services for the Project. He said that, upon completion of design work, staff utilized the GC Task Order Contract to obtain the needed construction services. He noted that funding from the Program Reserve was available and had been allocated to the Project.

Mr. Luckie informed the Board that the package for work on the Project, to be assigned on a lump sum basis, was advertised beginning December 17, 2020. He said that, upon completion of the procurement process, management recommends award of the project to Catcord Construction Company (Catcord) in the amount of \$843,900, inclusive of SDA-

established allowances totaling \$205,000. He said that, following review, management determined that Catcord had included all project scope work in its bid, and Catcord has confirmed that its price proposal is inclusive of all scope elements contained in the contract documents. He advised that management also recommends that the Board approve the Project's final charter and the release of \$1,446,723 from the Project's emergent program reserve.

A resolution pertaining to this matter was provided to the Board in advance of the meeting. Upon motion duly made by Mr. Piaia and seconded by Mr. Vargas, and with Mr. Lewis-Powder recused and abstaining, the release of funds from the program reserve, contract award and final charter for the Newark Ivy Hill ES emergent project were approved with the Board's unanimous vote in favor of ***Resolution 6a***.

Next, Mr. Luckie reported that the Committee is recommending approval of the release of funds from the program reserve, a contract award and the final project charter for the Newark Roberto Clemente ES emergent project (Project). He explained that the details regarding the GC Task Order Contract and the amount of funding available for emergent projects that he just generally discussed in connection with the Ivy Hill project are also relevant to this Project. He said that the Newark Roberto Clemente ES (the School), built in 1884, is an approximately 68,000 square foot facility educating approximately 531 students in grades Pre-K through 4. He explained that, upon confirmation of the existence of emergent sub-basement water infiltration conditions at the School, SDA obtained the needed design services to provide structural repair, water proofing, paving and other associated aspects related to the emergent conditions. He added that SDA then determined to utilize the GC Task Order Contract for the Project and the package was bid on a lump sum basis beginning December 15, 2020. Mr. Luckie said that, upon completion of the procurement process, management recommends award of the Project to Catcord in the amount of \$768,800 inclusive of SDA-established Allowances totaling \$215,000.

He said that, following review, management determined that Catcord had included all Project scope work in its bid and Catcord confirmed that its price proposal is inclusive of all scope elements contained in the contract documents. He said that management also recommends that the Board approve the Project's final charter and the release of \$1,220,300 from the Program Reserve maintained for emergent projects.

A resolution pertaining to this matter was provided to the Board in advance of the meeting. Upon motion duly made by Mr. Vargas and seconded by Mr. Piaia, and with Mr. Lewis-Powder recused and abstaining, a release of funds from the program reserve, contract award and final charter for the Newark Roberto Clemente ES emergent project were approved with the Board's unanimous vote in favor of ***Resolution 6b***.

In continuing, Mr. Luckie reported that management also is seeking Board approval for the adoption of new rules for procedures for compliance with Alyssa's Law, N.J.A.C. 19 (Alyssa's Law). He informed the Members that Alyssa's Law was enacted on February 6, 2019 and required that every public elementary and secondary school building in the state be equipped with a panic alarm to alert law enforcement in the event of a school security emergency. He explained that Alyssa's Law further required that the SDA adopt regulations, to be effective immediately upon filing and for a period of six months. He noted that the regulations were also required to be proposed in the normal course at the same time in order to establish a regulatory basis for the program. He reported that, in conjunction with the Department of Education (DOE), SDA developed Rules for implementing a program to allow SDA to assess compliance with the requirements of Alyssa's Law by each school building in each district. Mr. Luckie said that in November 2019, the Board authorized management to proceed with the Special Rule adoption and the Concurrent Proposal of the Rules for adoption in the normal course. He advised that, upon the filing of the Notice of Special Adoption and Concurrent Proposal with the Office of

Administrative Law, the Rules were immediately adopted with no public comment period, for a period of six months. He added that, at the same time, the Rules were proposed for publication with a 60 day public comment period which ended on February 14, 2020. Mr. Luckie noted that several comments were received during that period and that SDA staff drafted responses to the comments received. He advised that those responses have been shared with, and approved by, the DOE. Mr. Luckie advised the Board that it was determined that none of the submitted comments requires a response that would result in a change in the rules as proposed. He said that the form of the Rules now proposed for final adoption are unchanged from the original proposal that was previously approved by the Board and published in the New Jersey Register.

Mr. Luckie explained that, upon adoption, the Rules would be effective for a 7 year period. He said that SDA management recommends that the Board authorize the filing of the notice of adoption of the Rules captioned “Procedures for Compliance with Alyssa’s Law”, and final adoption of the Rules.

A resolution pertaining to this matter was provided to the Board for review in advance of the meeting. Upon motion duly made by Mr. Vargas and seconded by Mr. Piaia, the adoption of the new Rules was approved with the Board’s unanimous vote in favor of *Resolution 6c*.

Public Comments

The Chairman then opened the Public Comments portion of the meeting. He asked Ms. Kelly to invite those who had signed up to speak to address the Board.

Ms. Kelly asked Bishop Marino to offer comments. Bishop Marino introduced himself and advised the Board that for many years he and others in the Black Interest Team Enterprise Corporation (B.I.T.E.) have worked in New Jersey to improve the quality of life of the community through nutrition. He said that the food and products that are offered are first rate. He advised the Board that, as time passes, he and others are waiting see if SDA can determine and

become conscious of the fact that the work they do is for the community that is in so much need. He said that, nowadays in particular, there are a lot of single mothers who sometimes are unable to provide their children with glasses of milk. Bishop Marino said that the group is putting forth effort for the health and benefit of the people of Jersey City. He implored the Board to thoroughly analyze and make it possible for this cause to move forward and to not allow things to return to what they were in the past. He said that he is asking the Mayor and the SDA to let the group continue to help the people of Jersey City that have so many needs. Bishop Marino said that the place where the yard is located is in the neediest part of Jersey City. He urged the Board to think about that community, not the group as they are doing God's work. He said that SDA should be proud of the work the organization has done in this area for so many years. He said that they have served 1,200 individuals in each of their communities, as confirmed by their tracking efforts. In concluding his remarks, Bishop Marino implored the Board to give the organization the opportunity to continue operating in the yard.

At the Chairman's request, Ms. Kelly asked Ms. Vera Bland to address the Board. Ms. Bland said that it has been sixty (60) days since the SDA seized the land and evicted her organization. She said that the land has now again become the eyesore that B.I.T.E. worked so hard to eliminate. She said that the same undesirable population is now eyeing the land. She asked that the Authority expedite the paperwork in any way possible so that B.I.T.E. can go back and cultivate the beautiful land that SDA Board members came to Jersey City to visit. She said that B.I.T.E. goes to every meeting of the Jersey City Board of Education and the SDA Board and that, unfortunately, it is the red tape that results in them being advised that someone else has the paperwork that is needed to resolve the situation. She said that the growing season is now here and, again, she asked that the process be expedited. She said that B.I.T.E. provides free labor and that this use of the land is an asset, not a liability.

Ms. Kelly asked Reverend Philip Webb to begin his remarks. Reverend Webb advised the Board that he is affiliated with the St. Paul's Church. He said that he was speaking to the Board to express his support for returning control of the land to the B.I.T.E. organization. He said that this land provides light in a community where light is so necessarily needed.

At the Chairman's direction, Ms. Kelly asked Minister Rosa Roney to speak to the Board. Ms. Roney advised the Board that she has grandchildren and extended children who so appreciate helping out with the greenery that the garden provides. She said that the site is now returning to the condition that it had been in previously. She reiterated previous speakers' comments that the planting season is now upon us. She said that it is ridiculous that we cannot get the site back to the condition that the B.I.T.E. organization started. She said that it is an asset to have your neighborhood clean and presentable and an area to which people will want to come to get their food; and to have the children, who know nothing about planting, want to come and participate in the process. She said that this teaches the children where their food is coming from and how it is grown. She asked that the Board consider the children who are willing to come in and do whatever is necessary to return the site to its presentable and respectable condition.

Next, Ms. Kelly asked Deacon Jermaine Thomas to offer comments to the Board. Reverend Thomas said that he was saddened and appalled that with the world in crisis, we could allow this to happen (to the garden). He said that we need to feed the people and allow them to smile. He said that for some people, this is the only food that they are able to get. He said that other programs also have evolved from the community garden. He said that this helps people in times of crisis and asked what can be done to reopen the garden so that we can help people in need. He said that we need to put our tax dollars to work and to help one another.

Next, Ms. Anjella Jaikisson addressed the Board. She said that she represents Astor Place Community Gardens and that she is a resident of the community. She said that that she is

speaking this morning to request that the SDA open the garden. She said that she was in a unique position as a nurse in the jail system and, in this capacity, was able to see how constant exposure to violence, stealing, and emotional distress affects the physiological wellbeing of our youth. She said that the youth is being shipped off to the jail system because of a lack of opportunity to have meaningful pastimes. She said they then indulge in things that aren't good for them. She said that she believes that this garden will be a symbol for them of hope for life. She said that it will serve as a green space and a beautiful space that will symbolize life, and it will provide fresh organic vegetables. Ms. Jaikisson said that it will teach the future generation the importance of eating healthy and offer connections with the environment and nature. She said that the garden will offer social connections and the opportunity to be involved in something that has meaning. Ms. Jaikisson added that the garden will give joy, a sense of peace and a mediation place.

Ms. Jaikisson said that when she was studying nursing she surveyed the community and observed that there were more fast food restaurants than fresh food markets. She said that she doesn't understand why the decision makers are having such a hard time doing something so good for a community. She said that the actions that we do today for our youth will impact future generations. She asked, if the Board is the decision maker, that the Members please do what they can to open the garden. She said it would be an act of kindness and the right thing to do.

At Ms. Kelly's request, Dr. Charles Curtis addressed the Board. Dr. Curtis said that he is a product of the Jersey City School system. He said that he has a Doctorate from Rutgers University, studied at Princeton University and holds a degree from Seminary. He said that education pulled him out of poverty as it has with so many minority students. He said that he promotes this Community Garden meal program and he asks the question "how can culinary students learn?" He said that there is a linear collation between a good diet and academic

progress. Dr. Curtis said that this is a borderline community with individuals who dropout, people with limited hopes and people involved in illegal activities. He added that this program is vital. He said that there are so many people affected by COVID-19 and as the NAACP says “a mind is a terrible thing to waste.” He asked how much is too much to spend on developing people that will be good citizens, creative thinkers and help with society. Dr. Curtis said that this program is a must and is truly needed. He added that he is not sure what he would do today if it wasn't for the good meal that his mother and father somehow managed to provide so that he could finish the public school system. He said that he was truly poor and there are people today that can benefit from this program. He urged the Board not to end the program as this is a community in crisis. He said that they want to do what is best for the citizens of Jersey City, the students and for the world because it will make a difference. He said that he hopes that the program will continue because it is vital.

At the Chairman's request, Mr. Alejandro Perez addressed the Board. Mr. Perez said that he is a member of B.I.T.E. and a volunteer and helper at the site. He said that Bishop Bland took the property from a septic tank cesspool to a beautiful project where food is being planted and people are getting the necessary needs of being treated with nutrition. He said that government individuals who are involved need to look themselves in the mirror and ask themselves if they are here to serve the people or act as a despot tyrant using food as a weapon to retaliate against a community in need. He said that these people, including himself, have been blessed by divine providence for a person like Bishop Bland and all involved. He said give the people food. He said that Bishop Bland has never turned anyone away and has helped everybody regardless of religion, creed and gender. He said that he is here speaking today because he feels that those involved are trying to destroy a beautiful project built by the efforts of Bishop Bland and other volunteers. Mr. Perez said that the group maintains the property and people are well behaved. He

said that there has never been a problem with Bishop Bland's facilities while giving out food, clothes and diapers. He added that there is COVID testing that is needed. He said, most importantly, if you want to prevent disease and despair, leave Bishop Bland the property before it becomes a septic tank again and a danger to the community and surrounding areas. In concluding his remarks, Mr. Perez said that if you want to build Jersey City up like a business district, then help Bishop Bland with her project.

Next, Bishop Militinia Bland addressed the Board. Bishop Bland thanked the Members for receiving her comments, noting that the Chairman used the words "our friends in Jersey City". She said that the group does consider themselves SDA's friend. She said that friends treat friends well. She noted that it was mentioned that SDA CEO Da Silva and a SDA Board Member came to visit the land. She stated that we are all educated enough to know that you cannot see 15 years of work in a one day visit. She said that during their visit, they couldn't have seen the programs that were up and running and had to be moved, very quickly, to another location. Bishop Bland said that it is now growing season and they need to prepare the ground and teach the children. She noted that through 10 Jersey City Board of Education (JCBOE) Presidents, 4 Superintendents and many Jersey City politicians, B.I.T.E. worked. She said that they worked, not because one dime came from the SDA or JCBOE or any political avenue because "our food is not political". She stressed that the growing is very important because it teaches children so many skills. Bishop Bland said that the gardens work in collaboration with the STEMS program. She referenced a previous speaker's comments noting that to be able to grow organically it means that these children are not put into a system because for the rest of their lives they understand how to grow. She said that in the 15 years since she received this land from Dr. Charles Epps, the police have not been called 1 time. However, she said that prior to that time it was her understanding that the police were called over 300 times in one month.

Bishop Bland referenced another speaker's comment that the land is going back because it is either us on that corner or it is people calling the police. She said that this is a matter of humanitarian efforts and this is very important during this time of COVID-19. She said that all the college students and volunteers and those that do community work still have to have programs limited to 20 at a time due to social distancing requirements. Bishop Bland implored the SDA to look at the roles that they play in the community and to help B.I.T.E. continue helping others regardless of religion and livelihood.

Next, Shazia Rafia addressed the Board. She said that she and her children are volunteers at the garden. She said they miss the garden and asked that the garden be opened.

At the Ms. Kelly's request, Reverend Susan Park addressed the Board. She said that she suggests the opening of the Astor community garden. She said that it is very needed by the people for food and vegetables. She said that it is a beautiful place and asked for it to be reopened.

Next, Minister Debra Alston then addressed the Board. She said that the garden has been around for 15 years. She said that it is a safe haven for the community and the children. She said that she doesn't want the garden turned back to the drug dealers. Minister Alston said that there are many programs that are offered to college and elementary school children. She cited COVID-19 and senior services for the vaccination, noting that they want their community to stay healthy. She said that a lot of people didn't know how to eat healthy before the garden was introduced and stressed that this is planting season. Minister Alston said that the community does not want their neighbors to go back to calling the police again. She said they want to keep the land a quiet green space. She said they call it "the Garden of Eden" because it is a quiet place.

Mr. Nixon thanked everyone who participated and addressed the Board.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, upon motion by the Chairman and with unanimous consent, the meeting was adjourned.

Certification: The foregoing represents a true and complete summary of the actions taken by the Board of the New Jersey Schools Development Authority at its April 7, 2021 meeting.

/s/ Jane F. Kelly
Assistant Secretary