**Minutes of the Executive Session Meeting**

**of the Massachusetts Board of Elementary and Secondary Education**

**June 30, 2020**

**1:05 p.m.–1:40 p.m.**

**By Remote Participation Per Governor Baker's Emergency Order of March 12, 2020**

**Members of the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education Present:**

**Katherine Craven**,Chair,Brookline

**James Morton**, Vice-Chair, Boston

**Amanda Fernandez**,Belmont

**Matthew Hills**, Newton

**Darlene Lombos,** Boston

**Michael Moriarty**, Holyoke

**James Peyser**,Secretary of Education

**Paymon Rouhanifard**, Brookline

**Mary Ann Stewart**, Lexington

**Matthew Tibbitts**, Student Advisory Council, Ludlow

**Martin West**, Newton

**Jeffrey C. Riley**,Commissioner of Elementary and Secondary Education

Upon a unanimous roll-call vote of the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (Board), the Board went into executive session pursuant to G.L. c. 30A, § 21(3), to discuss strategy with respect to PLESH v. Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, et al., where discussion in open session would have had a detrimental effect on the litigating position of the Board.

Deb Steenland, Deputy General Counsel, provided a summary of the proposed settlement in the PLESH case, including a description of the claims in the case, the status of the litigation, and the financial terms of the proposed agreement. Following discussion by the Board, on a motion duly made and seconded, it was:

**VOTED: that the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education approve as to the Board the proposed settlement in Padres Latinos de las Escuelas de Springfield y Holyoke v. Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, and its Commissioner; the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education; Stephen Zrike, the Receiver and Superintendent of the Holyoke Public Schools; and various other named employees and principals of the Holyoke Public Schools and the City of Holyoke, U.S. District Court, District of Massachusetts, No. 3:17-cv-11556-MGM.**

The vote, by roll call, was 10-1. Mr. Moriarty voted in opposition.

**On a motion duly made and seconded, it was:**

**VOTED: that the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education adjourn the Executive Session Meeting and the Regular Meeting at 1:40 p.m., subject to the call of the Chair.**

The vote, by roll call, was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeffrey C. Riley

Commissioner of Elementary and Secondary Education

and Secretary to the Board