

**RESOLUTION INVOKING THE DOCTRINE OF NECESSITY TO DISCUSS  
SERVICES AND CONTRACT WITH INTEGRITY HEALTH**

**WHEREAS**, the School Ethics Act, N.J.S.A. 18A:12-21 et seq. was enacted by the New Jersey State Legislature to ensure and preserve public confidence in school board members and school administrators, to provide specific ethical standards to guide the conduct of school officials, and to establish a disciplinary mechanism to ensure the uniform maintenance of these ethical standards; and

**WHEREAS**, the School Ethics Commission had clarified its previous guidance regarding invocation of the Doctrine of Necessity by a Board of Education or Charter School Board of Trustees when a quorum of its members has conflicts of interest on a matter required to be voted upon; and

**WHEREAS**, the School Ethics Commission recommends that a Board of Education or Charter School Board of Trustees should consult with its counsel to determine when it is appropriate to invoke the Doctrine of Necessity; and

**WHEREAS**, in keeping with the legislative purpose as set forth in N.J.S.A. 18A:12-22(a), the School Ethics Commission views public disclosure of conflicts of interest to be paramount when a Board of Education or Charter School Board of Trustees invokes the Doctrine of Necessity; and

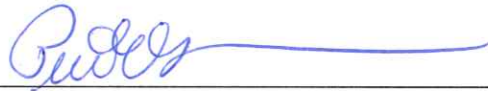
**WHEREAS**, the Long Branch Board of Education has seven (7) of nine (9) members who have relatives and/or immediate family members employed by the Board of Education; and

**WHEREAS**, in order to discuss services and the lease agreement between the Long Branch Board of Education and Integrity Health which provides health services to staff members and their families; and as required by law and contract, the Board desires to invoke the Doctrine of Necessity, in accordance with the procedures established by the School Ethics Commission.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Long Branch Education, County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. That the Board hereby invokes the Doctrine of Necessity in order to allow the full body of the Board to discuss and vote on the lease agreement with Integrity Health;
2. That this resolution shall be read in its entirety prior to its adoption at a regularly scheduled meeting of the Board and shall be posted on the Board's website for at least thirty (30) days.

3. That a copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to the School Ethics Commission.



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Peter E. Genovese III, RSBO, QPA  
School Business Administrator/Board Secretary

Ayes: 9  
Nays: 0  
Absent: 0  
Date: March 18, 2025