



CITY OF ALLENTOWN

No 30733

**RESOLUTION**

**R186 - 2023**

*Introduced by the Administration on November 1, 2023*

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**BOARD OF ETHICS**  
**Sarah Hernandez**  
**Term Expiration: 11/1/2026**

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***Resolved by the Council of the City of Allentown, That***

City Council does hereby give advice and consent to the following appointment to the Board of Ethics submitted to this Council by Mayor Matt Tuerk.

**BOARD OF ETHICS**  
**Sarah Hernandez**  
**Term Expiration: 11/1/2026**

	Yea	Nay
Candida Affa	X	
Ce-Ce Gerlach	X	
Cynthia Y. Mota	X	
Santo Napoli	X	
Natalie Santos	X	
Ed Zucal	X	
Daryl Hendricks, President	X	
TOTAL	7	0

***THIS IS TO CERTIFY, That the above copy of Resolution No. 30733 was adopted by the City Council of Allentown on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of November, 2023, and is on file in the City Clerk's Office.***

  
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 City Clerk




**MATT TUERK  
MAYOR**

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**TO:** Michael Hanlon  
City Clerk

**FROM:** Matt Tuerk   
Mayor

**DATE:** October 24, 2023

**SUBJECT:** Authorities, Boards, Commissions Appointments

Mayor Tuerk has approved the following appointment for City Council's consideration.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Authority/Board/Commission</u>	<u>Term to Expire</u>
Sarah Hernandez	Board of Ethics	11/1/2026

Sarah Hernandez will be filling a vacant position on the Board of Ethics.

**Applicant Name:** Sarah Hernandez

**Email:** hernandezs@verizon.net **Phone:** 610-248-2720

**Address:** 116 S. 16th St. Allentown, PA 18102

**Authority, Board, Commission:** Ethics Board

**Reason For Application:** I believe in transparency and accountability at all levels of government. Serving on the Ethics Board is an opportunity to fulfill a civic duty that is meaningful and will contribute to a more ethical and just city government.

**Agreement to Verify Tax Payments:** Agree

## Sarah Hernandez

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### Summary

A proud urban educator with over twenty five years of experience fostering student growth through a culture of continuous improvement. Highly qualified and skilled at improving academic outcomes and creating inclusive and culturally responsive learning environments. Committed to driving positive change within the educational community and nurturing and supporting students to become responsible global citizens.

### Education

**Master of Education in Urban Education (2012)**

*Alvernia University, Reading, PA*

**Bachelor of Arts (2003)**

*Cedar Crest College, Allentown, PA*

### Professional Experience

**2009-present      Allentown School District      Allentown, PA**

**General Education Teacher** (8<sup>th</sup> grade English Language Arts at South Mountain Middle School)

**Special Education Teacher** (8<sup>th</sup> grade learning support at South Mountain Middle School)

- Created and implemented lesson plans
- Provided academic and social emotional support to students in an inclusive educational setting
- Member of the Instructional Leadership Team (Team leader for 8th grade)
- Served as a teacher mentor for newly hired teachers
- Served as a cooperating teacher for field students and student teachers attending Cedar Crest College, Kutztown University, and Muhlenberg College
- Created Individualized Education Plans for students with specific learning disabilities
- Member of the school's School Improvement and Planning Committee, Resiliency Committee, and Discipline with Dignity Committee.

**2003-2009      KidsPeace Schools      Orefield and Bethlehem, PA**

**Special Education Teacher** (7<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade)

- Created and implemented lesson plans for all areas of general education.
- Worked as a member of each student's treatment team to develop appropriate academic and behavioral goals for students and documented student progress.
- Created and implemented a classroom behavior management system.
- Created Individualized Education Plans for students.
- Provided counseling to students in crisis.
- Assisted families in identifying supports and referrals for children struggling with behavioral issues.

**2000-2003      KidsPeace William Penn School      Allentown, PA**

**Teacher Aide**

- Assisted the special education teacher with instructional planning and implementation
- Provided academic support to students in a small group or individual basis within the classroom
- Supported the classroom teacher in implementing a behavior management system

- Provided crisis intervention and crisis prevention techniques within the classroom and assisted crisis intervention staff when necessary

**1998-2000                      LifeSpan Child Care Center                      Allentown, PA**

***Head Teacher, Older Toddlers***

- Designed an environment for exploration and experimentation for children 18-36 months old
- Created age and developmentally appropriate curriculum that was theme based
- Supervised classroom assistants
- Performed evaluations, documented, and charted skills and learning progress of children

**Other Qualifications**

- Pennsylvania Public School Certification Special Education and Middle Level English
- Pennsylvania Certification Private School SED
- Certified in Life Space Crisis Intervention
- Trained in Suicide Prevention
- Trained in Sanctuary Model®
- Trained in Safe Crisis Management

**Volunteer and Community Activities**

- NACEL Open Door - Host parent for international students attending Allentown Central Catholic
- Lehigh Valley Academy Regional Charter School PTO
- South Mountain Middle School Extracurricular Activities advisor - Art Club, 8th grade dance committee
- Boy Scouts of America adult volunteer
- St. Catharine of Siena Women's Alliance

**References Available Upon Request**