

COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL OF PATERSON

MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

JANUARY 29, 2026

The Board of Trustees of the Community Charter School of Paterson (the “School”) held a Regular Board Meeting on Thursday, January 29, 2026, at 32 Spruce Street, 3rd Floor, Paterson, NJ 07501.

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Michael DeBlasio, Board President, called the meeting to order at **6:08 p.m.**

2. **SALUTE TO THE FLAG**

Michael DeBlasio led all those assembled in a salute to the flag of the United States of America.

3. **STATEMENT BY PRESIDING OFFICER**

Michael DeBlasio stated: “I hereby announce that adequate notice of this meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Community Charter School of Paterson was given as required by the Open Public Meetings Act. Notice of this meeting was provided in a timely manner to the official newspapers, *The Herald News* and *The Record*. Copies of this notice were mailed to all persons who have requested that the Secretary of this Board do so.”

4. **ROLL CALL**

Board of Trustees:

Board President	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Mr. Michael DeBlasio
Board Vice President	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Dr. Tiffany McBride
Board Member	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Mr. Boris Zaydel (7:01pm)
Board Member	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Ms. Sophia Sample
Board Member	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Ms. Marqweesha Guthrie
Board Member	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Mr. David Gelman
Board Member	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Ms. Victoria Gonzalez (7:01pm)
CEO/Chief Advocate	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Mr. Ira Griffith
School Founder Liaison	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Mr. Robert Guarasci
School Business Administrator	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Mr. Olugbenga Olabintan (6:20pm)
Assistant School Business Administrator	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Ms. Sandra Orozco
Treasurer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Mr. Flavio Rivera (arrived 6:19pm)
School Leader	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Mr. Andre Smith
Director of Community Schools	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Ms. Sarai Lucero

Visitors: See sign in sheets for details.

1. **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

There were no comments from the public.

2. **CORRESPONDENCE**

There was no report to present.

3. **BOARD PRESIDENT’S REPORT**

There was no report to present.

4. CCSP SENIOR LEADERSHIP

Ira Griffith (CEO), Andre Smith (School Leader), Dr. Kenneth Ellerbee and Thomas O’Grady (School Leaders), Saria Lucero (Sr. Director of Community Schools, and Renaysa Schratz (Director of Operations), presented a presentation that entailed curriculum, test preparations, academics, enrollment, and community schools updates.

5. TREASURER’S REPORT

Flavio Rivera presented the Treasurer’s Report for the month of December 2025.

6. SECRETARY’S REPORT

Olugbenga Olabintan did not present the secretary’s report at this Board Meeting.

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Curriculum & Instruction** met on January 27th and discussed routine items included in the resolutions.
- B. Finance & Facilities** met on January 22nd and the 27th and discussed routine F&F items included in the resolutions.
- C. Personnel** met on January 27th and discussed routine personnel items including new hires, status changes, resignations, and reduction in force (*rifs*) due to budget cuts.
- D. Policies & Procedures** met on January 27th and discussed the first reading of new policies from Alert 236 provided by Strauss Esmay.
- E. Grievances** none.

8. RESOLUTIONS/ACTION ITEMS

A. Minutes

- I. FY2025-0129-M-008: Approval of Minutes 12/18/25 Board Meeting**
The motion passed. The Board adopted the resolution, as amended.

B. Curriculum and Instruction

- I.**

C. Finance & Facilities

- I. FY2026-0129-FF-075: Operations Bill List for January 2026**
The motion passed. The Board adopted the resolution, as amended.
- II. FY2026-0129-FF-076: Supplemental Bill List for January 2026**
The motion passed. The Board adopted the resolution, as amended.
- III. FY2026-0129-FF-077: Food Account Bill List for January 2026**
The motion passed. The Board adopted the resolution, as amended.
- IV. FY2026-0129-FF-078: Student Activity Bill List for January 2026**
The motion passed. The Board adopted the resolution, as amended.

V. FY2026-0129-FF-079: Approval of January/February In-Between Checks and Online Payments (Operational)

The motion passed. The Board adopted the resolution, as amended.

VI. FY2026-0129-FF-080: Approval of December 2025 Payroll Reports

The motion passed. The Board adopted the resolution, as amended.

VII. FY2026-0129-FF-081: Approval of Vendor Contracts

The motion passed. The Board adopted the resolution, as amended.

VIII. FY2026-0129-FF-082: Approval of Board Treasurer's Report (December)

The motion passed. The Board adopted the resolution, as amended.

IX. FY2026-0129-FF-083: Approval of Budget Transfers 2025-2026

The motion passed. The Board adopted the resolution, as amended.

X. FY2026-0129-FF-084: Approval of Revised Budget 2025-2026

The motion passed. The Board adopted the resolution, as amended.

D. Personnel

I. FY2026-0129-P-021: Approval of New Hires

The motion passed. The Board adopted the resolution.

II. FY2026-0129-P-022: Approval of Status Changes

The motion passed. The Board adopted the resolution.

III. FY2026-0129-P-023: Approval of Resignations/Terminations

The motion passed. The Board adopted the resolution.

IV. FY2026-0129-P-024: Approval of Tuition Reimbursement

The motion passed. The Board adopted the resolution.

V. FY2026-0129-P-025: Approval of Professional Development

The motion passed. The Board adopted the resolution.

VI. FY2026-0129-P-026: Approval of Reduction in Force (RIF) Positions

The motion passed. The Board adopted the resolution.

E. Policies & Procedures

I. FY2026-0129-PP-014: Approval of HIB (November)

The motion passed. The Board adopted the resolution.

II. FY2026-0129-PP-015: Approval of Updated Policies

The motion passed. The Board adopted the resolution.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Motion & Second to Adjourn

Moved: Ms. Marqweesha Guthrie ▾ Second: Mr. Boris Zaydel ▾ Roll Call:

	MR DeBLASIO	MS. GUTHRIE	MR. GELMAN	MS. SAMPLE	DR. McBRIDE	MS. GONZALEZ	MR. ZAYDEL
YEA	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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ABSENT	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
ABSTAINED	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

The motion passed. Meeting adjourned at **7:13 pm**