

COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL OF PATERSON

MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

APRIL 30, 2026

The Board of Trustees of the Community Charter School of Paterson (the “School”) held a Regular Board Meeting on Thursday, April 30, 2026, via the Zoom platform.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Tiffany McBride, Vice Board President, called the meeting to order at **6:05 p.m.**

2. SALUTE TO THE FLAG

Dr. Tiffany McBride led all those assembled in a salute to the flag of the United States of America.

3. STATEMENT BY PRESIDING OFFICER

Dr. Tiffany McBride 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 (6:07pm)
Board Vice President	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Dr. Tiffany McBride
Board Member	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Mr. Boris Zaydel
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 (6:27pm)
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 (6:40 PM)
Assistant School Business Administrator	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Ms. Sandra Orozco
Treasurer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Mr. Flavio Rivera (6:40 PM)
School Leader	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Mr. Andre Smith
Director of Community Schools	<input 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), Ken Ellerbee (Elementary School Leader), Thomas O’Grady (Middle School Leader), and Renaysa Schratz (Director of Operations) delivered a presentation covering curriculum, test preparation, academics, enrollment, and community school updates. In addition, Margaret Renn from William Paterson University discussed PIR and shared insights on the ongoing partnership efforts between CCSP and the university throughout the school year.

5. TREASURER’S REPORT

Flavio Rivera presented the Treasurer’s Report for the month of March 2026.

6. SECRETARY’S REPORT

Olugbenga Olabintan presented the secretary’s report for the month of March 2026.

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Curriculum & Instruction** met on April 27th and discussed routine items included in the resolutions.
- B. Finance & Facilities** met on April 23rd and discussed routine F&F items included in the resolutions.
- C. Personnel** met on April 20th and discussed routine personnel items including new hires, status changes, and resignations.
- D. Policies & Procedures** met on April 20th and discussed the NJDOE Broadcast “Guidance on Additional Annual IEP Meeting Notice Requirements”
- E. Grievances** none.

8. RESOLUTIONS/ACTION ITEMS

A. Minutes

- I. FY2026-0430-M-011: Approval of Minutes 3/26/26 Board Meeting**
The motion passed. The Board adopted the resolution, as amended.

B. Curriculum and Instruction

- I. FY2026-0430-C-007: Approval of Field Trips**
The motion passed. The Board adopted the resolution, as amended.

C. Finance & Facilities

- I. FY2026-0430-FF-106: Operations Bill List for April 2026**
The motion passed. The Board adopted the resolution, as amended.
- II. FY2026-0430-FF-107: Supplemental Bill List for April 2026**
The motion passed. The Board adopted the resolution, as amended.
- III. FY2026-0430-FF-108: Food Account Bill List for April 2026**
The motion passed. The Board adopted the resolution, as amended.

- IV. FY2026-0430-FF-109: Student Activity Bill List for April 2026**
The motion passed. The Board adopted the resolution, as amended.
- V. FY2026-0430-FF-110: Approval of April/May In-Between Checks and Online Payments (Operational)**
The motion passed. The Board adopted the resolution, as amended.
- VI. FY2026-0430-FF-111: Approval of March 2026 Payroll Reports**
The motion passed. The Board adopted the resolution, as amended.
- VII. FY2026-0430-FF-112: Approval of Vendor Contracts**
The motion passed. The Board adopted the resolution, as amended.
- VIII. FY2026-0430-FF-113: Approval of Board Secretary’s Report (March)**
The motion passed. The Board adopted the resolution, as amended.
- IX. FY2026-0430-FF-114: Approval of Board Treasurer’s Report (March)**
The motion passed. The Board adopted the resolution, as amended.
- X. FY2026-0430-FF-115: Approval of Form 990**
The motion passed. The Board adopted the resolution, as amended.

D. Personnel

- I. FY2026-0430-P-035: Approval of Resignations/Terminations**
The motion passed. The Board adopted the resolution.
- II. FY2026-0430-P-036: Approval of Tuition Reimbursement**
The motion passed. The Board adopted the resolution.
- III. FY2026-0430-P-037: Approval of Professional Development**
The motion passed. The Board adopted the resolution.

E. Policies & Procedures

- I. FY2026-0430-PP-020: Approval of HIB (March)**
The motion passed. The Board adopted the resolution.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Motion & Second to Adjourn

Moved: Mr. Boris Zaydel ▾ Second: Mr. Michael DeBlasio ▾ 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 **7:30 pm**