

COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL OF PATERSON

MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MAY 28, 2026

The Board of Trustees of the Community Charter School of Paterson (the “School”) held a Regular Board Meeting on Thursday, May 28, 2026, via the Zoom platform.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Michael DeBlasio, Vice Board President, called the meeting to order at **6:03 p.m.**

2. SALUTE TO THE FLAG

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

3. STATEMENT BY PRESIDING OFFICER

Mr. 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:

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| Board President | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Mr. Michael DeBlasio |
| Board Vice President | <input 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 type="checkbox"/> | Ms. Marqweesha Guthrie |
| Board Member | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Mr. David Gelman |
| Board Member | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Ms. Victoria Gonzalez |
| CEO/Chief Advocate | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Mr. Ira Griffith |
| School Founder Liaison | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Mr. Robert Guarasci (6:08 PM) |
| School Business Administrator | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Mr. Olugbenga Olabintan (7:02 PM) |
| Assistant School Business Administrator | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Ms. Sandra Orozco |
| Treasurer | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Mr. Flavio Rivera (6:56 PM) |
| 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), Ken Ellerbee (Elementary School Leader), Thomas O’Grady (Middle School Leader), Sarai Lucero (Senior Director of Community Schools) and Renaysa Schratz (Director of Operations) delivered a presentation covering curriculum, test preparation including NJSLA, academics, enrollment, and community school updates.

5. TREASURER’S REPORT

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

6. SECRETARY’S REPORT

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

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. **Curriculum & Instruction** met on May 28th and discussed routine items included in the resolutions.
- B. **Finance & Facilities** met on May 23rd and discussed routine F&F items included in the resolutions.
- C. **Personnel** met on May 20th and discussed routine personnel items including new hires, status changes, and resignations.
- D. **Policies & Procedures** met on May 20th and will review the first reading of Strauss Esmay Alert 237 in the June committee meeting.
- E. **Grievances** none.

8. RESOLUTIONS/ACTION ITEMS

A. Minutes

- I. **FY2026-0528-M-012: Approval of Minutes 4/30/26 Board Meeting**
The motion passed. The Board adopted the resolution, as amended.
- II. **FY2026-0528-M-013: Approval of Minutes 5/07/26 Special Board Meeting**
The motion passed. The Board adopted the resolution, as amended.

B. Curriculum and Instruction

- I. **FY2026-0528-C-008: Approval of Field Trips**
The motion passed. The Board adopted the resolution, as amended.

C. Finance & Facilities

- I. **FY2026-0528-FF-117: Operations Bill List for May 2026**
The motion passed. The Board adopted the resolution, as amended.
- II. **FY2026-0528-FF-118: Supplemental Bill List for May 2026**
The motion passed. The Board adopted the resolution, as amended.

- III. **FY2026-0528-FF-119: Food Account Bill List for May 2026**
The motion passed. The Board adopted the resolution, as amended.
- IV. **FY2026-0528-FF-120: Student Activity Bill List for May 2026**
V. The motion passed. The Board adopted the resolution, as amended.
- VI. **FY2026-0528-FF-121: Approval of May/June In-Between Checks and Online Payments (Operational)**
The motion passed. The Board adopted the resolution, as amended.
- VII. **FY2026-0528-FF-122: Approval of April 2026 Payroll Reports**
The motion passed. The Board adopted the resolution, as amended.
- VIII. **FY2026-0528-FF-123: Approval of Vendor Contracts**
The motion passed. The Board adopted the resolution, as amended.
- IX. **FY2026-0528-FF-124: Approval of Board Secretary’s Report (April)**
The motion passed. The Board adopted the resolution, as amended.
- X. **FY2026-0528-FF-125: Approval of Board Treasurer’s Report (April)**
The motion passed. The Board adopted the resolution, as amended.
- XI. **FY2026-0528-FF-126: Approval of the Nita M. Lowey 21st Century Community Learning Grant**
The motion passed. The Board adopted the resolution, as amended.
- XII. **FY2026-0528-FF-127: Approval of Budget Transfers**
The motion passed. The Board adopted the resolution, as amended.
- XIII. **FY2026-0528-FF-128: Approval of Pomptonian Food Services**
The motion passed. The Board adopted the resolution, as amended.

Be it resolved that the Community Charter School of Paterson “SFA” approves the renewal of the Food Service Management Contract with The Pomptonian, Inc. “FSMC” for the food service operation for 2026-2027.

The FSMC shall receive, in addition to the costs of operation, an administrative/management fee of \$82,361.00 to compensate the FSMC for administrative and management costs. This fee shall be billed in 10 monthly installments of \$8,236.10 per month as a cost of operation. The SFA guarantees the payment of such costs and fee to the FSMC. There is no guaranteed financial performance. The total estimated cost of the contract is \$816,924.94 which included estimated expenses for: food, labor, supplies, other expenses, and FSMC management fee.

D. Personnel

- I. **FY2026-0528-P-039: Approval of New Hires**
The motion passed. The Board adopted the resolution.

- II. FY2026-0528-P-040: Approval of Status Changes**
The motion passed. The Board adopted the resolution.
- III. FY2026-0528-P-041: Approval of Resignations/Terminations**
The motion passed. The Board adopted the resolution.
- IV. FY2026-0528-P-042: Approval of Tuition Reimbursement**
The motion passed. The Board adopted the resolution.
- V. FY2026-0528-P-043: Approval of Professional Development**
The motion passed. The Board adopted the resolution.
- VI. FY2026-0528-P-044: Approval of COLA 3% Increase for Non-CBA**
The motion passed. The Board adopted the resolution.

E. Policies & Procedures

- I. FY2026-0528-PP-021: Approval of HIB (April)**
The motion passed. The Board adopted the resolution.
- II. FY2026-0528-PP-022: Approval of Annual MOA with Paterson Police Department for the 2024–2025 and 2025–2026 School Years**
The motion passed. The Board adopted the resolution.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Motion & Second to Adjourn

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

| | MR DEBLASIO | MS. GUTHRIE | MR. GELMAN | MS. SAMPLE | DR. MCBRIDE | MS. GONZALEZ | MR. ZAYDEL |
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| NAY | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
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The motion passed. Meeting adjourned at **7:10 pm**