

COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL OF PATERSON

MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

JUNE 25, 2026

The Board of Trustees of the Community Charter School of Paterson (the “School”) held a Regular Board Meeting on Thursday, June 25, 2026, in person at 32 Spruce Street, 3rd floor, Paterson, NJ 07501.

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Dr. McBride, Vice Board President, called the meeting to order at **6:11pm.**

2. **SALUTE TO THE FLAG**

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

3. **STATEMENT BY PRESIDING OFFICER**

Dr. 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:

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| 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 |
| Board Member | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Ms. Sophia Sample |
| Board Member | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Ms. Marqweesha Guthrie |
| Board Member | <input type="checkbox"/> | Mr. David Gelman |
| Board Member | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Ms. Victoria Gonzalez (6:38 PM) |
| CEO/Chief Advocate | <input 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 (6:43 PM) |
| Assistant School Business Administrator | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Ms. Sandra Orozco |
| Treasurer | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Mr. Flavio Rivera (7:03 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

Andre Smith (School Manager), Ken Ellerbee (Elementary School Leader), Thomas O’Grady (Middle School Leader), and Sarai Lucero (Senior Director of Community Schools) 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 May 2026.

6. SECRETARY’S REPORT

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

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. **Curriculum & Instruction** met on June 22nd and discussed routine items included in the resolutions.
- B. **Finance & Facilities** met on June 18th and discussed routine F&F items included in the resolutions.
- C. **Personnel** met on June 23rd and discussed routine personnel items including new hires, status changes, and resignations.
- D. **Policies & Procedures** did not meet. met on June 23rd and will review the first reading of Strauss Esmay Alert 237 in the July committee meeting.
- E. **Grievances** none.

8. RESOLUTIONS/ACTION ITEMS

A. Minutes

- I. **FY2026-0625-FF-129: Operations Bill List for June 2026**
The motion passed. The Board adopted the resolution, as amended.

B. Curriculum and Instruction

- I.

C. Finance & Facilities

- I. **FY2026-0625-FF-129: Operations Bill List for June 2026**
The motion passed. The Board adopted the resolution, as amended.
- II. **FY2026-0625-FF-130: Supplemental Bill List for June 2026**
The motion passed. The Board adopted the resolution, as amended.
- III. **FY2026-0625-FF-131: Food Account Bill List for June 2026**
The motion passed. The Board adopted the resolution, as amended.
- IV. **FY2026-0625-FF-132: Student Activity Bill List for June 2026**
The motion passed. The Board adopted the resolution, as amended.

V. FY2026-0625-FF-133: Approval of May/June In-Between Checks and Online Payments (Operational)

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

VI. FY2026-0625-FF-134: Approval of May 2026 Payroll Reports

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

VII. FY2026-0625-FF-135: Approval of Vendor Contracts

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

VIII. FY2026-0625-FF-136: Approval of Board Secretary's Report (May)

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

IX. FY2026-0625-FF-137: Approval of Board Treasurer's Report (May)

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

X. FY2026-0625-FF-138: Approval of Board Restricted Funds

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

D. Personnel

I. FY2026-0625-P-045: Approval of New Hires

The motion passed. The Board adopted the resolution.

II. FY2026-0625-P-046: Approval of Status Changes

The motion passed. The Board adopted the resolution.

III. FY2026-0625-P-047: Approval of Resignations/Terminations

The motion passed. The Board adopted the resolution.

IV. FY2026-0625-P-048: Approval of Tuition Reimbursement

The motion passed. The Board adopted the resolution.

V. FY2026-0625-P-049: Approval of Substitute List

The motion passed. The Board adopted the resolution.

VI. FY2026-0625-P-050: Appoint Robert Guarasci as Founder Liaison to the Board of Trustees

The motion passed. The Board adopted the resolution.

VII. FY2026-0625-P-051: Appointment of Trustees

The motion passed. The Board adopted the resolution.

E. Policies & Procedures

I. FY2026-0625-PP-023: Approval of HIB (May)

The motion passed. The Board adopted the resolution.

II. FY2026-0625-PP-024: Approval of Official 2026–2027 Board Meeting Calendar

The motion passed. The Board adopted the resolution.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Motion & Second to Adjourn

Moved: Ms. Sophia Sample ▾ Second: Mr. Michael DeBlasio ▾ Roll Call:

| | MR DEBLASIO | MS. GUTHRIE | MR. GELMAN | MS. SAMPLE | DR. MCBRIDE | MS. GONZALEZ | MR. ZAYDEL |
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| ABSENT | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
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The motion passed. Meeting adjourned at **7:34 pm**