

COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL OF PATERSON

MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

SEPTMEBER 14, 2026

The Board of Trustees of the Community Charter School of Paterson (the “School”) held a Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees on Monday, September 14, 2026 at 32 Spruce Street, 3rd Floor, Paterson, NJ 07501.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Michael DeBlasio, Board President, called the meeting to order at **6:04 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:

Board President	☒	Mr. Michael DeBlasio
Board Vice President	☒	Dr. Tiffany McBride
Board Member	☐	Ms. Marqweesha Guthrie
Board Member	☒	Mr. David Gelman
Board Member	☐	Mr. Boris Zaydel
Board Member	☒	Mr. Andres Campo
Board Member	☒	Ms. Lashawn Pickens
CEO/Chief Advocate	☒	Mr. Ira Griffith
School Founder Liaison	☐	Mr. Robert Guarasci
School Business Administrator	☐	Mr. Olugbenga Olabintan
Assistant School Business Administrator	☒	Ms. Sandra Orozco
Treasurer	☐	Mr. Flavio Rivera
School Leader	☐	Mr. Andre Smith
Senior Director of Community Schools	☐	Mrs. Sarai Lucero
Director of Operations	☐	Ms. Renaysa Schratz

Visitors: See sign in sheets for details.

5. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

None

6. CORRESPONDENCE

The CEO shall provide the Board President with copies of all correspondence from the NJ Department of Education or any other governmental agency and highlight the same for the Board.

7. BOARD PRESIDENT'S REPORT

There was no report to present.

8. CCSP SENIOR LEADERSHIP

CCSP Senior Leadership did not present.

9. TREASURER'S REPORT

A Treasurer's report was not presented.

10. SECRETARY'S REPORT

A Board Secretary's Report was not presented.

11. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Curriculum & Instruction** did not meet.
- B. Finance & Facilities** did not meet.
- C. Personnel** did not meet.
- D. Policies & Procedures** did not meet.
- E. Grievances** none.

12. RESOLUTIONS/ACTION ITEMS

A. Minutes

B. Curriculum and Instruction

C. Finance & Facilities

I. FY2027-0914-FF-021: Operations Bill List for September 2026 (Partial)

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

II. FY2027-0914-FF-022: Approval of Submission of the Charter Renewal Application & Expansion Request

The motion passed. The Board adopted the resolution.

III. FY2027-0914-FF-023: Approval to Adopt Annual School & Board Goals for 26-27 School Year

The motion passed. The Board adopted the resolution.

IV. FY2027-0914-FF-024: Approval of Proposed Amendment to the School's Mission Statement

The motion passed. The Board adopted the resolution.

D. Personnel

E. Policies & Procedures

13. ADJOURNMENT

Motion & Second to Adjourn

Moved: Dr. Tiffany McBride ▾ Second: Ms. Lashawn Pickens ▾ Roll Call:

	MR DeBLASIO	DR. McBRIDE	MS. GUTHRIE	MR. GELMAN	MR. ZAYDEL	MR. CAMPO	MS. PICKENS
YEA	☒	☒	☐	☒	☐	☒	☒
NAY	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
ABSENT	☐	☐	☒	☐	☒	☐	☐
ABSTAINED	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

The motion passed. The meeting adjourned at **6:11 P.M.**