COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL OF PATERSON

MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

SEPTEMBER 24, 2026

The Board of Trustees of the Community Charter School of Paterson (the "School") held a Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees on Thursday, September 24, 2026 at 32 Spruce Street, 3rd Floor, Paterson, NJ 07501.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Tiffany McBride, Vice President, called the meeting to order at **6:07 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	☑	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 (arrived 6:36 PM)
Assistant School Business Administrator	☑	Ms. Sandra Orozco
Treasurer	☑	Mr. Flavio Rivera (arrived 6:39 PM)
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

Senior Leadership members CEO Ira Griffith, Andre Smith, Sarai Lucero and Renaysa Schratz shared a presentation highlighting key updates and initiatives for the 2026–2027 school year. The presentation included discussions on NJSLA 2026 scores, enrollment, strategic plans and progress, Community Schools programming, the back-to-school events and the first days of school.

9. TREASURER'S REPORT

A Treasurer's report was presented by Flavio Rivera.

10. SECRETARY'S REPORT

A Board Secretary's Report was presented by Olugbenga Olabintan.

11. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **A. Curriculum & Instruction** met on 9/21 and discussed routine items included in the resolutions.
- **B. Finance & Facilities** met on 9/17 and discussed routine F&F items included in the resolutions.
- **C. Personnel** met on 9/18 and discussed routine personnel items including new hires, status changes and resignations.
- **D. Policies & Procedures** met on 9/18 and discussed the updated policies.
- **E. Grievances** none.

12. RESOLUTIONS/ACTION ITEMS

A. Minutes

I. FY2027-0924-M-003: Approval of Minutes 08/27/26 Regular Board Meeting

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

II. FY2027-0924-M-004: Approval of Minutes 09/14/26 Special Board Meeting

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

B. Curriculum and Instruction

C. Finance & Facilities

I. FY2027-0924-FF-025: Operations Bill List for September 2026

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

II. FY2027-0924-FF-026: Supplemental Bill List for September 2026

The motion passed. The Board adopted the resolution.

III. **FY2027-0924-FF-027: Food Account Bill List for September 2026**
The motion passed. The Board adopted the resolution.

IV. **FY2027-0924-FF-028: Approval of August/September In-Between Checks and Online Payments (Operational)**
The motion passed. The Board adopted the resolution

V. **FY2027-0924-FF-029: Approval of August 2026 Payroll Reports**
The motion passed. The Board adopted the resolution.

VI. **FY2027-0924-FF-030: Approval of Vendor Contracts**
The motion passed. The Board adopted the resolution.

VII. **FY2027-0924-FF-031: Approval of Annual Charter Fiscal Questionnaire**
The motion passed. The Board adopted the resolution.

VIII. **FY2027-0924-FF-032: Approval of Health Benefits Renewal**
The motion passed. The Board adopted the resolution.

IX. **FY2027-0924-FF-033: Approval of Board Secretary's Report - July & August 2026**
The motion passed. The Board adopted the resolution.

X. **FY2027-0924-FF-034: Approval of Treasurer's Report - July & August 2026**
The motion passed. The Board adopted the resolution.

D. <u>Personnel</u>

I. **FY2027-0924-P-011: Approval of New Hires**
The motion passed. The Board adopted the resolution.

II. **FY2027-0924-P-012: Approval of Status Changes**
The motion passed. The Board adopted the resolution, as amended.

III. **FY2027-0924-P-013: Approval of Tuition Reimbursement**
The motion passed. The Board adopted the resolution, as amended.

IV. **FY2027-0924-P-014: Approval of PD & Travel Reimbursement**
The motion passed. The Board adopted the resolution, as amended.

V. **FY2027-0924-P-015: Approval of Organizational Chart Amendment**
The motion passed. The Board adopted the resolution, as amended.

E. <u>Policies & Procedures</u>

I. **FY2027-0924-PP-007: Approval of Chronic Absenteeism Action Plan**
The motion passed. The Board adopted the resolution.

II. **FY2027-0924-PP-008: Approval of HIB - August 2026**
The motion passed. The Board adopted the resolution.

III. FY2027-0924-PP-009: Approval of Updated Policies
The motion passed. The Board adopted the resolution.

13. <u>ADJOURNMENT</u>
Motion & Second to Adjourn

Moved: Mr. Boris Zaydel Second: Mr. Michael DeBlasio 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 **<u>7:07 P.M.</u>**