

Board Meeting Minutes

Organization: Pride Academy Charter School Board Meeting
President: Mr. Mitchell
Time: 6:00pm
Place: Virtual Platform
Date: June 26, 2024
Minute Taker: Dr. Jones
Board Members Present: Mr. Mitchell, Ms. A. Taylor, Mrs. Spence, Ms. Brown, Mr. Rosado

Others Present: Ms. Dumenigo, Dr. Jones, Mrs. Thomas, Mr. Zabor

Absent: Mr. Moore, Ms. D. Taylor

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

Next Board Meeting: July 17, 2024 at 6pm

CALL TO ORDER: The Reorganization meeting was called to order at 6:00pm and Roll Call was taken.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ANNOUNCEMENT OF PUBLICATIONS: The New Jersey Open Public Meetings Law was enacted to ensure the right of the public to have advance notice of and to attend the meetings of public bodies at which any business affecting their interests is discussed or acted upon. In accordance with the provisions of this act, The Pride Academy Charter School Board of Trustees has caused notice of this meeting to be published by having the date, time, and place thereof posted in the Star Ledger and on NJ.COM under Legal Notices and posted on the school website.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA FOR THE BOARD MEETING: Resolution to Accept Agenda for June 26, 2024, Reorganization Meeting - Attachment 1

Motion to approve: Ms. A. Taylor

Seconded: Ms. Brown

Vote:

Mr. Mitchell- in favor

Mrs. Spence- in favor

Ms. A. Taylor- in favor

Ms. Brown- in favor

Motion Carried

BOARD VOTED: To approve Agenda for June 26, 2024, Reorganization Meeting - Attachment 1

APPROVAL OF THE RENEWAL OF BOARD MEMBERS: Resolution to Approve the renewal of board members: J. Spence (3-year term) Renewal to June 30, 2027

Motion to approve: Ms. A. Taylor

Seconded: Ms. Brown

Vote:

Mr. Mitchell- in favor

Mrs. Spence- in favor

Ms. A. Taylor- in favor

Ms. Brown- in favor

Motion Carried

BOARD VOTED: To approve the renewal of board member J. Spence for a 3-year term ending June 30, 2027

APPROVAL OF THE OFFICERS FOR THE 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR:

Resolution to Approve the Officers for the 2024-2025 school year as follows:

President - Robert Mitchell

Vice President- Deirdre Taylor

Motion to approve: Ms. A. Taylor

Seconded: Ms. Brown

Vote:

Mr. Mitchell- in favor

Mrs. Spence- in favor

Ms. A. Taylor- in favor

Ms. Brown- in favor

Motion Carried

BOARD VOTED: To approve the Officers for the 2024-2025 school year.

RESOLUTIONS:

1. Approval of Monthly Board Meetings

Pride Academy Charter School Board of Trustees, pursuant to Chapter 231, PAL. (Open Public Meetings Act) does hereby proclaim the public meetings of the Board of Trustees will be held virtually via ZOOM, or in the Common Room, 117 Elmwood Avenue, East Orange, New Jersey, at 6:00pm, as set forth below unless indicated otherwise:

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the purpose of the Regular Meetings shall be the normal conduct of business of the Board of Trustees and any other items brought to the Board's attention by the Board Members, Board Attorney, Principal and Business Administrator/Board Secretary

Wednesday, July 17, 2024 – 6:00 pm

Wednesday, August 21, 2024 – 6:00 pm

Wednesday, September 18, 2024 – 6:00 pm

Wednesday, October 16, 2024 – 6:00 pm

Wednesday, November 20, 2024 – 6:00 pm

Wednesday, December 18, 2024 – 6:00 pm

Wednesday, January 15, 2025 – 6:00 pm

Wednesday, February 19, 2025 – 6:00 pm

Wednesday, March 19, 2025 – 6:00 pm

Wednesday, April 23, 2025 – 6:00 pm

Wednesday, May 21, 2025 – 6:00 pm
Wednesday, June 25, 2025 – 6:00 pm

2. Approval of all Board policies, procedures, regulations, curriculum and programs, and basic textbooks and resources employed in the operation of the school in accordance with state law and regulations, effective July 1, 2024.
3. Approval of Fulton Bank of NJ as the depository of record for the Pride Academy Charter School accounts:
 - Operating Account
 - Payroll Account
 - Payroll Agency Account
 - HRA Account
 - Student Activities Account
 - Food Services Account
 - Money Market Account
4. Approval of all checks drawn against the:
 - i. The Operating accounts is signed by any two of the following:
 - Business Administrator/Board Secretary
 - Board President
 - Board Vice President
 - ii. All other accounts are signed by any two of the Business Administrator, Board President, or Vice President
5. Approval of the Business Administrator/Board Secretary be designated as the Board of Trustee's Claims Auditor with authority, as provided by 18A:19-2 amended, to direct pre-payment of claims for Debt Service, Payroll, Fixed Charges and any other claim or demand which would be in the interest of the Board to pay promptly.
6. Approval of the Star Ledger and *nj.com*, and the school's website, as the school's official news outlet to receive notices of meetings, legal advertisements and all other necessary public notifications for the 2024-2025 school year.
7. Approval of Dr. Charlene Jones as the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary for the 2024-2025 school year.
8. Approval of Mr. Mitchel Mund of The Fortitude Group, Inc. the school's Insurance Provider for the 2024-2025 school year.
9. Approval of Mr. Joseph M. Wenzel, Esq. of Friend & Wenzel, LLC, Board Attorney, for the 2024-2025 school year.
10. Approval of Mr. Chris Lessard as the Treasurer of School Monies for the 2024-2025 school year.
11. Approval of Gallagher Insurance as the NJSIG broker on record for 2024-2025 school year.
12. Approval of Dr. Kevin Holder, School Physician, for the 2024-2025 school year.
13. Approval of Ms. Robin Brower as the Affirmative Action Officer for the 2024-2025 school year.
14. Approval of Ms. Robin Brower as the Title IX Officer for the 2024-2025 school year.
15. Approval of Mrs. LaShonda Dockery as the Homeless Liaison for the 2024-2025 school year.

16. Approval of Mrs. Colleen Marash as the 504 Coordinator for the 2024-2025 school year.
17. Approval of Ms. Camille Oates as the Attendance Officer for the 2024-2025 school year.
18. Approval of Dr. Charlene Jones as the Integrated Pest Management Coordinator for the 2024-2025 school year.
19. Approval of Dr. Charlene Jones as the Public Agency Compliance Officer (P.A.C.O.) for the 2024-2025 school year.
20. Approval of Dr. Charlene Jones as the Purchasing Agent for the 2024-2025 school year with a bid threshold of \$44,000, for a QPA pursuant to the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-9 and N.J.A.C. 5:34-5) and the Public School Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-2)
21. Approval of Dr. Charlene Jones as the Right-to-Know contact person for the 2024-2025 school year.
22. Approval of Dr. Charlene Jones as the Asbestos Officer for the 2024-2025 school year.
23. Approval of the Organizational Chart for the Board of Trustees for the 2024-2025 school year.
24. Approval of adoption of Roberts Rules of Order as the official parliamentary procedure manual to be used to conduct meetings and appoint the Board Secretary and Board Attorney to act as the parliamentarians for the 2024-2025 school year.
25. Approval of the following companies to provide tax sheltered salary reduction agreement plans as follows:
 - METLIFE 403b Annuity Plan
 - AFLAC Disability, Accident, Cancer Insurance Plans
26. Approval of the following companies to provide medical and dental coverage as part of the employees' independent healthcare plan as follows:
 - METLIFE Dental Insurance
 - Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield of New Jersey
27. Approval to use of state contracts as follows for E-Rate, Ed-Data:

WHEREAS, Title 18A:18A-10 provides that "A board of education, without advertising for bids, or after having rejected all bids obtained pursuant to advertising therefore, by resolution may purchase any goods or services pursuant to a contract or contracts for such goods or services entered into on behalf of the State by the Division of Purchase and Property, and

WHEREAS, Pride Academy Charter School Board of Trustees has the need, on a timely basis, to procure goods and services utilizing state contracts, and

WHEREAS, Pride Academy Board of Trustees desires to authorize its purchasing agent for the 2024-2025 to make any and all purchases necessary to meet the needs of the school district throughout the school year.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Pride Academy Board of Trustees does hereby authorize the district purchasing agent to make purchases of goods and services entered into on behalf of the State by the Division of Purchase and Property utilizing various vendors that have State Contracts. The Purchasing Agent shall make known to the Board the Commodity/Service, Vendor and State Contract Number utilized.
28. Approval for IT Services for the 2024-2025 school year by Concerto Networks

There are no comments from the Public

Motion to close the Reorganization meeting

Motion to approve: Ms. A. Taylor

Seconded: Ms. Brown

Vote:

Mr. Mitchell- in favor

Mrs. Spence- in favor

Ms. A. Taylor- in favor

Ms. Brown- in favor

Motion Carried

BOARD VOTED: To approve the adjournment of the meeting at 6:28pm.