

Board Meeting Minutes

Organization: Pride Academy Charter School Board Meeting
President: Mr. Mitchell
Time: 6:41pm
Place: Hybrid (at Pride and virtual via Zoom)
Date: May 29, 2025
Minute Taker: Mrs. Wilson

Board Members Present: Mr. Moore, Ms. Brown, Ms. A. Taylor, Mr. Mitchell, Mrs. Spence

Others Present: Ms. Dumenigo, Mr. Ofstad, Dr. Jones, Mrs. Dockery

Absent: Mrs. D. Taylor

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

Next Board Meeting: Wednesday, June 18, 2025 at 6:30 pm.

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 6:41pm 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 May 29, 2025 Regular Meeting - Attachment 1

Motion to approve: Ms. A. Taylor

Seconded: Ms. Brown

Vote:

Ms. A. Taylor- in favor

Mr. Mitchell- in favor

Ms. M. Brown- in favor

Mr. Moore- in favor

Mrs. Spence-in favor

Motion Carried

BOARD VOTED: To Accept Agenda for May 29, 2025 Regular Meeting - Attachment 1

Resolution to Approve the minutes from April 23, 2025, Regular Meeting – Attachment 2

Resolution to Approve the minutes from May 7, 2025, Emergency Meeting – Attachment 3

BOARD VOTED: TABLED until next meeting

Financial Committee Report by School Business Administrator

Pride Tax Filing, Year-end Close

F1. Resolution to Accept the May 2025 monthly Bills List for all funds, as outlined below - Attachment F1

General Funds Fund 10/11: \$509,987.73

Special Revenue Fund 20: \$32,739.00

Food Services Fund 60: \$6,932.98

Student Activities: \$1,890.48

Motion to approve: Ms. A. Taylor

Seconded: Ms. Brown

Vote:

Ms. A. Taylor- in favor

Mr. Mitchell- in favor

Ms. M. Brown- in favor

Mr. Moore- in favor

Mrs. Spence- in favor

Motion Carried

BOARD VOTED: to Accept the May 2025 monthly Bills List for all funds, as outlined below - Attachment F1

F2. Resolution to Accept Payroll Expense for the current payroll period(s) ending April 30, 2025 (\$166,436.60) and May 15, 2025 (\$164,988.84) - Attachment F2

Motion to approve: Ms. A. Taylor

Seconded: Ms. Brown

Vote:

Ms. A. Taylor- in favor

Mr. Mitchell- in favor

Ms. M. Brown- in favor

Mr. Moore- in favor

Mrs. Spence- in favor

Motion Carried

**BOARD VOTED: to Accept Payroll Expense for the current payroll period(s) ending April 30, 2025 (\$166,436.60) and May 15, 2025 (\$164,988.84) - Attachment F2
F3. Resolution to Accept the FICA Reimbursement Report through May 30, 2025 - Attachment F3**

Motion to approve: Ms. A. Taylor

Seconded: Ms. Brown

Vote:

Ms. A. Taylor- in favor

Mr. Mitchell- in favor

Ms. M. Brown- in favor

Mr. Moore- in favor

Mrs. Spence- in favor

Motion Carried

BOARD VOTED: to Accept the FICA Reimbursement Report through May 30, 2025 - Attachment F3

F4. Resolution to Approve Budget Transfer(s) for 2024-2025 school year, Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:22-8.1 and N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-13.3 listed budget transfers are needed to reclass expenditures from original budget approved by the board. The amount and account information are provided in detail in the attachment. - Attachment F4

Motion to approve: Ms. A. Taylor

Seconded: Ms. Brown

Vote:

Ms. A. Taylor- in favor

Mr. Mitchell- in favor

Ms. M. Brown- in favor

Mr. Moore- in favor

Mrs. Spence- in favor

Motion Carried

BOARD VOTED: to Approve Budget Transfer(s) for 2024-2025 school year, Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:22-8.1 and N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-13.3 listed budget transfers are needed to reclass expenditures from original budget approved by the board. The amount and account information are provided in detail in the attachment. - Attachment F4

F5. Board Secretary's Report & Certification – Attachment F5

Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.12, I certify that as of April 30, 2025, that no major budgetary line-item account expenditure exceeds the amount appropriated by the district Board of Trustees & that sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year.

Charlene Jones, SBA

May 29, 2025

F6. Resolution to Accept the School Treasurer's monthly report for April 2025 — Attachment F6

Motion to approve: Ms. A. Taylor

Seconded: Ms. Brown

Vote:

Ms. A. Taylor- in favor

Mr. Mitchell- in favor

Ms. M. Brown- in favor

Mr. Moore- in favor

Mrs. Spence-in favor

Motion Carried

BOARD VOTED: to Accept the School Treasurer's monthly report for April 2025 — Attachment F6

F7. Resolution to Approve Drawdowns of Special Revenue Funds for IDEA-B as follows for the period ending May 15, 2025: Attachment F7

- **Drawdown #8 – IDEA-B – \$2,799 - Salary & Instructional Supplies Expenditures**

Motion to approve: Ms. A. Taylor

Seconded: Ms. Brown

Vote:

Ms. A. Taylor- in favor

Mr. Mitchell- in favor

Ms. M. Brown- in favor

Mr. Moore- in favor

Mrs. Spence-in favor

Motion Carried

BOARD VOTED: to Approve Drawdowns of Special Revenue Funds for IDEA-B as follows for the period ending May 15, 2025: Attachment F7

F8. Resolution to accept the ESEA – Title IA Grant amendment for reallocation of expenditures for the 2024-2025 school year – Attachment F8

Motion to approve: Ms. A. Taylor

Seconded: Ms. Brown

Vote:

Ms. A. Taylor- in favor

Mr. Mitchell- in favor

Ms. M. Brown- in favor

Mr. Moore- in favor

Mrs. Spence- in favor

Motion Carried

BOARD VOTED: To accept the ESEA – Title IA Grant amendment for reallocation of expenditures for the 2024-2025 school year – Attachment F8

F9. Resolution to Accept the Health Source Group staffing agreement for the 2025-2026 school year and attached rate schedule for School Nurse coverage – Attachment F9

Motion to approve: Ms. A. Taylor

Seconded: Ms. Brown

Vote:

Ms. A. Taylor- in favor

Mr. Mitchell- in favor

Ms. M. Brown- in favor

Mr. Moore- in favor

Mrs. Spence- in favor

Motion Carried

BOARD VOTED: To Accept the Health Source Group staffing agreement for the 2025-2026 school year and attached rate schedule for School Nurse coverage – Attachment F9

F10. Resolution to Accept the Delta T staffing agreement for the 2025-2026 school year and attached rate schedule, for SPED Teachers, Paraprofessionals, Sub Teachers, School Nurse Coverage and more. – Attachment F10

Motion to approve: Ms. A. Taylor

Seconded: Ms. Brown

Vote:

Ms. A. Taylor- in favor

Mr. Mitchell- in favor

Ms. M. Brown- in favor

Mr. Moore- in favor

Mrs. Spence- in favor

Motion Carried

BOARD VOTED: To Accept the Delta T staffing agreement for the 2025-2026 school year and attached rate schedule, for SPED Teachers, Paraprofessionals, Sub Teachers, School Nurse Coverage and more. – Attachment F10

F11. Resolution to Approve the Support Services Specialist position in the Business Office effective 2025-2026 – Attachment F11

Motion to approve: Ms. A. Taylor

Seconded: Ms. Brown

Vote:

Ms. A. Taylor- in favor

Mr. Mitchell- in favor

Ms. M. Brown- in favor

Mr. Moore- in favor

Mrs. Spence- in favor

Motion Carried

BOARD VOTED: To Approve the Support Services Specialist position in the Business Office effective 2025-2026 – Attachment F11

F12. Resolution to Approve the contract for Ms. Lina Lopez, as Support Services Specialist, for the 2025-2026 school year – Attachment F12

Motion to approve: Ms. A. Taylor

Seconded: Ms. Brown

Vote:

Ms. A. Taylor- in favor

Mr. Mitchell- in favor

Ms. M. Brown- in favor

Mr. Moore- in favor

Mrs. Spence- in favor

Motion Carried

BOARD VOTED: To Approve the contract for Ms. Lina Lopez, as Support Services Specialist, for the 2025-2026 school year – Attachment F12

F13. Approval for Lease Renewal with Imani Baptist Church effective July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026 – Attachment F13

Motion to approve: Ms. A. Taylor

Seconded: Ms. Brown

Vote:

Ms. A. Taylor- in favor

Mr. Mitchell- in favor

Ms. M. Brown- in favor

Mr. Moore- in favor

Mrs. Spence- in favor

Motion Carried

BOARD VOTED: To Approve Lease Renewal with Imani Baptist Church effective July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026 – Attachment F13

F14. Approval to Submit the Lead in Drinking Water Report to NJDOE and Report Results on School Website by June 30, 2025 – Attachment F14

Motion to approve: Ms. A. Taylor

Seconded: Ms. Brown

Vote:

Ms. A. Taylor- in favor

Mr. Mitchell- in favor

Ms. M. Brown- in favor

Mr. Moore- in favor

Mrs. Spence- in favor

Motion Carried

BOARD VOTED: To Submit the Lead in Drinking Water Report to NJDOE and Report Results on School Website by June 30, 2025 – Attachment F14

Facilities Report (Verbal Report)

- Dr. Jones presented a comprehensive update on the school's facilities improvements, ongoing maintenance, and long-range infrastructure planning efforts.

Principal report: see attachments

R1. Resolution to approve the district field trips as provided-Girls Mentoring Annual Trip – Escape Room, Bloomfield, NJ, May 31, 2025- Attachment R1

Motion to approve: Ms. A. Taylor

Seconded: Ms. Brown

Vote:

Ms. A. Taylor- in favor

Mr. Mitchell- in favor

Ms. M. Brown- in favor

Mr. Moore- in favor

Mrs. Spence- in favor

Motion Carried

BOARD VOTED: To approve the district field trips as provided – Girls Mentoring Annual Trip – Escape Room, Bloomfield, NJ, May 31, 2025- Attachment R1

R2. Resolution to Approve the Essex Regional renewal contracts for the 2025-2026 school year and rate sheet – Attachment R2

Motion to approve: Ms. A. Taylor

Seconded: Ms. Brown

Vote:

Ms. A. Taylor- in favor

Mr. Mitchell- in favor

Ms. M. Brown- in favor

Mr. Moore- in favor

Mrs. Spence- in favor

Motion Carried

BOARD VOTED: To Approve the Essex Regional renewal contracts for the 2025-2026 school year and rate sheet – Attachment R2

R3. Resolution to Approve the contract for Ms. Tiffany Caldwell, as Food Service Coordinator/Main Office for the 2025-2026 school year – Attachment R3

Motion to approve: Ms. A. Taylor

Seconded: Ms. Brown

Vote:

Ms. A. Taylor- in favor
Mr. Mitchell- in favor
Ms. M. Brown- in favor
Mr. Moore- in favor
Mrs. Spence- in favor

Motion Carried

BOARD VOTED: To Approve the contract for Ms. Tiffany Caldwell, as Food Service Coordinator/Main Office for the 2025-2026 school year – Attachment R3

R4. Resolution to approve the HIB monthly report as presented (Verbal Report)

Motion to approve: Ms. A. Taylor

Seconded: Ms. Brown

Vote:

Ms. A. Taylor- in favor
Mr. Mitchell- in favor
Ms. M. Brown- in favor
Mr. Moore- in favor
Mrs. Spence- in favor

Motion Carried

BOARD VOTED: To approve the HIB monthly report as presented (Verbal Report)

New Business

- **Upcoming Events & Graduation – June 17th (Ms. Dumenigo)**
- **1st Read – HIB Policy and Regulation**
- **NJPCSA – Extended MATLOA Policy**
- **New Board Member(s) – Interview**

Old Business

- **Policy Updates – NJSBA Review Pending, Straus Esmay consideration**
- **Board Approved Local Advertisement – Postcard Distribution May 2025**
- **Pride Academy Charter School Strategic Plan – Update**
- **Board Training – Gov IV (MB, RM, JS, AT))**

10. Comments from the Public

11. Motion to Adjourn the meeting at 9:01pm for Non-Board members and enter Executive Session.

Motion to approve: Ms. A. Taylor

Seconded: Ms. Brown

Vote:

Ms. A. Taylor- in favor
Mr. Mitchell- in favor

Ms. M. Brown- in favor

Mr. Moore- in favor

Mrs. Spence- in favor

Motion Carried

BOARD VOTED: to adjourn the meeting at 9:01pm

The next Regular Board Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 18, 2025

The Board may adjourn to Executive Session to discuss personnel or individual student concerns.