Pride Academy Charter School
Board Meeting Minutes

Organization:	Pride Academy Charter School Board Meeting
President:	Ms. A. Taylor
Time:	6:30 pm
Place:	Hybrid (at Pride and virtual via Zoom)
Date:	April 15, 2026
Minute Taker:	Mrs. Dockery

Board Members Present:	Ms. A. Taylor, Ms. M. Brown, Ms. D. Taylor, Mr. R. Mitchell, Ms. J. Spence, Ms. N. Pierce
Board Members Absent:	Ms. S. Mayer

Others in Attendance:	Dr. C. Jones, Ms. K. Johnson Ms. L. Dockery, Ms. J. Wilson, Mr. C. Gardner

Quorum Met: YES

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:
Next Board Meeting: May 20, 2026, at 6:30 pm.

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Pledge was done at 6:41 p.m.

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: The Board Voted to Accept Agenda for April 15, 2026, Special Board Meeting.

Motion to approve: Ms. A. Taylor
First: Ms. D. Taylor
Second: Mr. R. Mitchell
Vote:
Ms. M. Brown - in favor
Ms. N. Pierce- in favor
Ms. J. Spence-in favor
Motion Carried

<u>APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE BOARD MEETING:</u> Board voted to Accept the Minutes from the March 18th, 2026, Regular Board Meeting and March 25th, 2026, Special Board Meeting.

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<u>BOARD VOTE:</u> The Board approved agenda items G1-G7.

1. Approval of the 8th Grade Graduation Field Trip to Dorney Park in Dorneyville, Pa on Friday June 12, 2026. (Attachment G1)
2. Approval for a Field Trip to Bronx Zoo in Bronx, New York on Wednesday May 27, 2026. (Attachment G2)
3. Approval of Delta-T Agency Hire, Iminah May, for Paternity Leave Coverage, effective March 30th, 2026. (Attachment G3)
4. Approval to hire, Ashley Medina, for the position of Teacher for the 2026-2027 school year. (Attachment G4)
5. Approval of the following staff members to attend professional development conferences (Attachment G5):
    - Jumoke Charles, Social Worker, to attend the National Association of Social Workers Annual Conference in Atlantic City from April 26-28, 2026.
    - Nanayaa Nketia, Social Worker, to attend the National Association of Social Workers Annual Conference in Atlantic City from April 26-28, 2026.
    - Peter Zabor, ELA Teacher and G&T Coordinator, to attend the New Jersey Association for Gifted Children Annual Conference on April 17, 2026
      All costs to be paid in accordance with Board policy and within budgeted funds.
6. Approval of the employee renewals and non-renewals as provided.
7. Approval of the HIB monthly report as presented.

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Business Office

Board Vote: The Board approved agenda items H1, H3, and H4. Agenda Item H2 was shelved until the next board meeting.

1. Approval of the Bills List for General and Special Revenue Funds, and Student Activities for the current period: March 19, 2026-April 15, 2026 (Attachment H1)
   General Funds 10/11- $503,277.70
   Fund 20: $13,496.78
   Fund 60: $19,815.40
   Student Activities (March 2025) - $12,635.85
   Total- **$549,225.73**

2. Approval of the Payroll Expense for the current month payroll period(s) ending December 31, 2025, in the amount of $174,258.88. (Attachment H2)

3. Approval of the Food Services Solicitation Packet for the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP), and authorization to enter into an agreement with Karson Food Service Inc. for the summer program, in accordance with applicable federal and state regulations. (Attachment H3)

4. Approval of the $50.00 Gift Cards to all teachers and staff in observance with National Teacher Appreciation Week May4th-8th & National Teacher Appreciation Day on May 5, 2026.

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Facilities Report

LaSonda Dockery, Assistant Business Administrator, presented the Facilities Report, which included updates on current issues, ongoing maintenance, and upcoming projects. The Board accepted the report.

New Business

The board discussed the search for a principal for 2026-2027 school year.

Comments From the Public: There were no comments from the public.

Board Voted: To adjourn the meeting at 8:02 p.m.

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