

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: February 18, 2026
Minute Taker: Mrs. Dockery

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

Others in Attendance: Dr. C. Jones, Ms. L. Dockery, Ms. J. Wilson
Quorum Met: YES

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

Next Board Meeting: Wednesday, March 18, 2026, at 6:30 pm.

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 6:38 pm and Roll Call was taken.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Pledge was done at 6:39 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 February 18, 2026, Regular Meeting

Motion to approve: Ms. A. Taylor

First: Ms. M. Brown

Second: Ms. S. Mayer

Vote:

Ms. D. Taylor - in favor

Mr. R. Mitchell- in favor

Motion Carried

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE BOARD MEETING: Board voted to Accept the Minutes from the January 21, 2026, Regular Meeting.

Motion to approve: Ms. A. Taylor

First: Ms. M. Brown

Second: Ms. S. Mayer

Vote:

Ms. D. Taylor - in favor

Mr. R. Mitchell- in favor

Motion Carried

Principal's Report

BOARD VOTE: The Board approved Consent Agenda items G1 and G2.

1. Approval of the Monthly HIB Report as presented.
2. Approval of the Title I expenditures for S.O.A.R.S. supplemental instructional program.
(Attachment G2)

Motion to approve: Ms. A. Taylor

First: Ms. M. Brown

Second: Ms. S. Mayer

Vote:

Ms. D. Taylor - in favor

Mr. R. Mitchell- in favor

Motion Carried

Business Office

Board Vote: The Board approved Consent Agenda items H1-H6.

1. Approval of the Bills List for General and Special Revenue Funds, and Student Activities for the current period: December 16, 2025-January 21, 2026 **(Attachment H1)**
General Funds 10/11 **\$66,546.99**
Fund 20: **\$ 1,498.90**
Fund 60: **\$ 17,606.10**
Student Activities (January 2026) **-\$3006.74**
Total: \$88,658.73
2. Approval of the Payroll Expense for the current month payroll period(s) ending January 31, 2026, in the amount of **\$359,798.35 (Attachment H2)**
3. Approval of the Monthly Board Secretary & Certification for the month ending November 30, 2025.
(Attachment H3)

Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.12, I certify that as of December 31, 2025, that no major budgetary line-item account expenditure exceeds the amount appropriated by the district Board of Trustees and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year.

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4. Approval of the Treasurers' Reports for the month ending November 30, 2025, and December 31, 2025. **(Attachment H4)**
5. Approval of the SEMI-Waiver to waive participation in the program as student projections is 40 or fewer Medicaid-eligible special education students for the 2026-2027 school year. **(Attachment H5)**
6. Approval of the Revised 108-Line Budget Summary, Cash Flow, and Budget Narrative for the 2025-2026 School Year. **(Attachment H6)**

Motion to approve: Ms. A. Taylor

First: Ms. M. Brown

Second: Ms. S. Mayer

Vote:

Ms. D. Taylor - in favor

Mr. R. Mitchell- in favor

Motion Carried

Facilities Report

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

New Business

The Board President asked if there was any new business. Hearing none, the Board proceeded to the next agenda item.

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

Board Voted: To adjourn the meeting to a closed session at 7:40 p.m.

Motion to approve: Ms. A. Taylor

First: Ms. M. Brown

Second: Ms. S. Mayer

Vote:

Ms. D. Taylor - in favor

Mr. R. Mitchell- in favor

Motion Carried

Board Voted: To adjourn the closed session meeting at 8:30 p.m.

Motion to approve: Ms. A. Taylor

First: Ms. M. Brown

Second: Ms. S. Mayer

Vote:

Ms. D. Taylor - in favor

Mr. R. Mitchell- in favor

Motion Carried