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:	January 21, 2026
Minute Taker:	Mrs. Dockery

Board Members Present:	Ms. A. Taylor, Ms. M. Brown, Mr. R. Mitchell, Ms. N. Pierce, Ms. D. Taylor, Ms. S. Mayer, Ms. J. Spence
Board Members Absent:	
Others in Attendance:	Ms. K. Johnson, Dr. C. Jones, Ms. L. Dockery, Ms. J. Wilson, Ms. R. Dumenigo

Quorum Met: YES

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:
Next Board Meeting: Wednesday, February 18, 2026, at 6:30 pm.

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 6:36 pm and Roll Call was taken.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Pledge was done at 6:37 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 January 21, 2026, Regular Meeting

Motion to approve: Ms. A. Taylor
First: Ms. M. Brown
Second: Ms. N. Pierce
Vote:
Ms. D. Taylor - in favor
Mr. R. Mitchell- in favor
Ms. S. Mayer- 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 December 17, 2025, Regular Meeting.

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

1. Presentation provided by the Gifted and Talented Program.
2. Approval of the following field trips: **(Attachment G2)**
    A. Branch Brook Park Skating Rink-Friday, January 30th, 2026.
    B. Ellis Island National Museum of Immigration-Tuesday, June 2nd, 2026.
    C. Bronx Zoo- Wednesday, June 3rd, 2026.
3. Approval of Elliot Fant, Academic Support, from Delta-T Group **(Attachment G3)**
4. Approval of Tamiah English as Academic Support. **(Attachment G4)**
5. Approval of Professional Development and Student Presentations from Dr. Chike Akua on . **(Attachment G5)**
6. Approval of school calendar change. Tuesday, February 3rd, will now be half a day for students for staff professional development **(Attachment G6)**
7. Approval of the Monthly HIB Report as presented.

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Business Office

Prior to the vote on the Consent Agenda, it was stated and agreed that Agenda Items H4 and H5 would be moved to the next regularly scheduled Board meeting for further review.

BOARD VOTED: The Board approved Consent Agenda items H1-H3 & H6 as presented.

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 **$345,974.40**
   Fund 20: **$9,629.59**
   Fund 60: **$1,291.66**
   Student Activities (December 2025) -**$9,654.74**
   Total: $366,550.39

2. Approval of the Payroll Expense for the current month payroll period(s) ending December 31, 2025, in the amount of $**336,520.47 (Attachment H2)**

3. Approval of the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (ACFR) and The Auditors Managers Report (AMR) with no findings for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2025. **(Attachment H3)**

4. Approval of the Monthly Board Secretary & Certification for the month ending November 30,2025. **(Shelved)**

5. Approval of the Treasurers' Reports for the month ending November 30, 2025. **(Shelved)**

6. Representative from Barre & Company will present the results of the school's annual audit for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025.

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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 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 8:02 p.m.

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

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