

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: March 18, 2026
Minute Taker: Mrs. Dockery

Board Members Present: Ms. A. Taylor, Ms. M. Brown, Ms. D. Taylor, Ms. S. Mayer, Ms. N. Pierce
Board Members Absent: Mr. R. Mitchell, 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: April 15, 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 March 18, 2026, Regular Meeting

Motion to approve: Ms. A. Taylor

First: Ms. M. Brown

Second: Ms. N. Pierce

Vote:

Ms. D. Taylor - in favor

Ms. S. Mayer- in favor

Motion Carried

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE BOARD MEETING: Board voted to Accept the Minutes from the February 18, 2026, Regular Meeting.

Motion to approve: Ms. A. Taylor

First: Ms. M. Brown

Second: Ms. N. Pierce

Vote:

Ms. D. Taylor - in favor

Ms. S. Mayer- in favor

Motion Carried

Principal's Report

BOARD VOTE: The Board approved Consent Agenda items G1-G6.

1. Approval of Paternity Leave for Khuyen Nguyen, Social Studies Teacher, with the dates of Leave, March 9th, 2026-June 1st, 2026.
2. Approval of a student field trip to Branch Brook Park Skating Rink, previously approved on January 21, 2026, to be moved to March 19th, 2026. **(Attachment G2)**
3. Approval of the HIT grant. **(Attachment G3)**
4. Approval of the 2026-2027 School Year Calendar for Pride Academy Charter School. **(Attachment G4)**
5. Approval to have the Board of Trustees acknowledge Philanthropy Day on Thursday, April 2nd, 2026, and support the initiative for board members to voluntarily contribute donations to be recognized on the Pride Academy Charter School 15th Anniversary commemorative t-shirt. **(Attachment G5)**
6. Approval of the HIB report as presented.

Motion to approve: Ms. A. Taylor

First: Ms. M. Brown

Second: Ms. N. Pierce

Vote:

Ms. D. Taylor - in favor

Ms. S. Mayer- in favor

Motion Carried

Business Office

Board Vote: The Board approved Consent Agenda items H1 and H2.

1. Approval of the Bills List for General and Special Revenue Funds, and Student Activities for the current period: February 19, 2026-March 18, 2026 **(Attachment H1)**
General Funds 10/11: **\$162,866.27**
Fund 20: **\$1,877.48**
Fund 60: **\$14,013.40**
Student Activities (February 2026): **\$8746.62**
Total: \$187,503.77

2. Approval of the Payroll Expense for the current month payroll period(s) ending February 28, 2026, in the amount of **\$355,778.14 (Attachment H2)**

Motion to approve: Ms. A. Taylor

First: Ms. M. Brown

Second: Ms. N. Pierce

Vote:

Ms. D. Taylor - in favor

Ms. S. Mayer- 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 8:03 p.m.

Motion to approve: Ms. A. Taylor

First: Ms. M. Brown

Second: Ms. N. Pierce

Vote:

Ms. D. Taylor - in favor

Ms. S. Mayer- 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. N. Pierce

Vote:

Ms. D. Taylor - in favor

Ms. S. Mayer- in favor

Motion Carried