

FIRST PHILADELPHIA PREPARATORY
CHARTER SCHOOL
4300 TACONY STREET
PHILADELPHIA, PA 19124

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

LOCATION:
ZOOM CONFERENCE

DATE & TIME:
MAY 28, 2026
6:00 P.M.

Minutes

SECTION I: CALL TO ORDER

Opening Colloquy

This meeting of the First Philadelphia Preparatory Charter School Board of Trustees is hereby called to order. The time is 6:06 p.m. My name is Anita Vega-Kaiser. I am the President of this Board of Trustees, and I will facilitate this meeting.

This meeting is being held via teleconference. This is a public meeting that was properly noticed in the Philadelphia Daily News and pursuant to the Pennsylvania Sunshine Act. The public notice included instructions for how the public could participate in tonight's meeting.

All members of the public are welcome to sit and listen to the Board of Trustees conduct its business tonight. Members of the public who have registered with the Administrative Office to participate in public comment by 5:00 p.m. on the day before this scheduled meeting may participate in public comment. At this time, I would ask that the Executive Administration submit the list of commenters to our General Counsel. Comments will be limited to three minutes unless the Board decides to grant additional time.

At this time, I will ask that Roll Call be taken.

A. ROLL CALL

Board Members Present:	By Invitation: Non-Board Members:
Anita Vega-Kaiser – President Dr. Martha J. Ritter – Vice-President Teresa Grumbrecht - Treasurer Dr. MyDirah Littlepage-Saunders Khaled Ashraf	Deborah Smith Ashley Redfearn Kristine Magargee Scott Kramer
Board Members Absent: ShoShana Skates – Secretary Pablo Mateo	Samuel Mercanti Dean Krebs, Esq. Rachel Syzhulski Kim Atias Michelle Kealey

B. DISCLOSURE: EXECUTIVE SESSION *BY ANITA VEGA-KAISER*

I would like to state, for purposes of the Minutes of this meeting, that the Board of Trustees did not meet in Executive Session prior to this meeting.

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION:

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SECOND:

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VOTE:

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R260528.01 Approval of the May 28, 2026 Agenda

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of First Philadelphia Preparatory Charter School hereby approves the May 28, 2026 Agenda.

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

Who	What
Board	General discussion

MOTION:

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SECOND:

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VOTE:

R26028.02 Minutes of the April 22, 2026 and April 29, 2026 Meeting

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of First Philadelphia Preparatory Charter School hereby approves the Minutes of the April 22, 2026 and April 29, 2026 meeting of the Board of Trustees of First Philadelphia Preparatory Charter School.

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SECTION II: REPORTS

A. COMMUNITY COMMENT

None

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

<i>Who</i>	<i>What</i>
<i>None</i>	<i>None</i>

A. FIRST PHILADELPHIA PREPARATORY CHARTER SCHOOL

- a. *Ms. Deborah Smith, CEO of FPPCS*
 - i. *Reviewed and discussed with the Board the May 2026 CEO report, previously disseminated*
 - ii. *Reviewed and discussed attendance and suspensions with the Board;*
 - iii. *Discussed recent PSSA testing;*
 - iv. *Discussed upcoming school events; and*
 - v. *Introduced Rachel Szybulski, Michelle Kealey, and Kim Atias, Special Education coordinators at FPPCS*
 - vi. *With Ms. Kristine Magargee, CAO of APS, shared guidance to Board questions regarding retention policy; and*
 - vii. *Shared that the school is going to implement weekend suspensions*
- b. *Ms. Rachel Szybulski, FPPCS Special Education Coordinator*
 - i. *Reviewed and discussed with the Board the May 2026 CEO report, previously disseminated.*
 - ii. *Shared overview of IDEA process;*
 - iii. *Informed Board that over 500 students eligible and more pending evaluation/initiations; and*
 - iv. *Shared overview in which grades they are being identified*
- c. *Ms. Michelle Kealey, FPPCS Special Education Coordinator*
 - i. *Shared data on initial evaluations regarding special education students;*
 - ii. *Shared percentages of students at private placements; increase of 10%; and*
 - iii. *Informed the Board that there has been 52% increase since 2021-22;*

iv. Discussed various adjustments that were made in the 2025-26 SY to provide FAPE

d. Ms. Kim Atias, FPPCS Special Education Coordinator

i. Shared litigation trends regarding special education matters

B. BUSINESS CONTROLLER

a. Mr. Samuel Mercanti, Santilli & Thomson, LLC

i. Reviewed and discussed with the Board the April 2026 financial report, previously disseminated to the Board;

ii. Shared budget assumptions with the Board;

iii. Shared 0% increase in medical coverage

b. Mr. Scott Kramer, CHRO of APS

i. Shared insight regarding medical coverage and ways to save money on prescription cost.

C. AMERICAN PARADIGM SCHOOLS

a. Board accepted the APS report, as submitted and previously disseminated to the Board

b. Mr. Scott Kramer, CHRO of APS

i. Shared meeting with CEOs and stakeholders regard Founder's day and honoring Gerald Santilli, noting Gerald Santilli would be honored at upcoming graduations and other efforts to acknowledge his legacy

D. GENERAL COUNSEL

a. Dean Krebs, Esq.

i. Expressed importance of the work being performed by FPPCS special education coordinators.

SECTION III: OLD BUSINESS

NONE

SECTION IV: NEW BUSINESS

A. RESOLUTIONS

MOTION:

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SECOND:

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VOTE:

R260528.03 Report of the Business Controller

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of First Philadelphia Preparatory Charter School accepts the Financial Report of the Business Controller and all documents submitted thereby, which shall be incorporated into the record of this meeting.

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R260528.04 Approval of Draft 2026-27 School Year Budget

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of First Philadelphia Preparatory Charter School hereby approves of the Draft 2026-27 School Year budget, as presented.

ROLL CALL

Anita Vega-Kaiser – aye
Dr. Martha J. Ritter - aye
Teresa Grumbrecht - aye
ShoShana Skates – absent
Dr. MyDirah Littlepage-Saunders - aye
Pablo Mateo – aye
Khaled Ashraf - aye

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R260528.05 Approval of FY 2025 Form 990

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of First Philadelphia Preparatory Charter School hereby approved of the FY 2025 Form 990, as presented.

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R260528.06 Human Resources Resolution

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of First Philadelphia Preparatory Charter School accepts the Human Resources changes, modifications, and additions, as presented.

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HIRES / RATE CHANGE / POSITION CHANGE / RETURN LOA		
NAME	TITLE	START DATE
Timothy Freise (LOA)	Teacher	4/27/2026
Marianne Kleinbrahm (LOA)	Teacher	6/1/2026
Martha Acosta (LOA)	Instructional Assistant	6/9/2026

TERMINATIONS / RESIGNATIONS / LOA		
NAME	TITLE	EFFECTIVE DATE
None	None	None

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R260528.07 Professional Services Contract/s Resolution

RESOLVED, the Professional Services Contract/s and associated report/s listed below are hereby accepted and ratified;

FURTHER RESOLVED, the CEO, Business Controller, and General Counsel are hereby authorized and directed to negotiate contract/s for the professional services described below;

FURTHER RESOLVED, the President is authorized to execute any document or delegate any task necessary to effectuate this resolution.

Contractor	Amount	Comment: Terms and Conditions
A&J Personal Touch Cleaning Service	\$47,680.50	Cleaning service, 2026- 27 School Year
Pathway School	\$8,650 / Student	Extended School Year One (1) Student
Clover Speech & Language	\$100/hr	Therapy services

Vanguard School	\$95,200 / year / Student	Approved Private Placement Three (3) Students
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R260528.08 Approval of Amended 2025-26 School Year Calendar

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of First Philadelphia Preparatory Charter School approves of the 2025-26 School Year Calendar, as presented.

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R260528.09 Approval of 2026-27 School Year Calendar

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of First Philadelphia Preparatory Charter School approves of the 2026-27 School Year Calendar, as presented.

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UPON MOTION BY KHALED ASHRAF AND SECOND BY PABLO MATEO, THE BOARD ENTERED INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR PURPOSES DESCRIBED UNDER 65 PA.C.S. § 708(A)(5). SPECIFICALLY, TO DISCUSS MATTERS PERTAINING TO RESOLUTION R260325.06 BELOW, WHICH RELATES TO AN ALLEGED COMPENSATORY EDUCATION CLAIM.

UPON MOTION BY KHALED ASHRAF AND SECOND BY PABLO MATEO, THE BOARD ENTERED INTO OPEN SESSION.

R260528.10 Confidential Settlement and Release Agreement for Student

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No. 10112340.

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of First Philadelphia Preparatory Charter School hereby approves of the Confidential Settlement and Release Agreement between itself and Student No. 10112340 pending final legal review.

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B. DISCUSSION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEXT BOARD MEETING: JUNE 24, 2026 AT 6:00 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT AT 7:38 P.M.

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