



River Valley Charter School

Special Board Meeting

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Amended on July 22, 2026 at 10:34 AM EDT

Date and Time

Friday July 24, 2026 at 12:00 PM EDT

Location

Zoom

River Valley Charter School welcomes your participation at Board meetings. The purpose of a public meeting of the Board of Trustees ("Board") is to conduct the affairs of the organization in public. Your participation assures us of continuing community interest in our school and assists the Board in making the best decisions for our school. To assist you in the ease of speaking/participating in our meetings, guidelines are provided at the bottom of this agenda. All materials for all board and committee meetings, are available on our Board on track public portal found at rivervalleycharter.org.

ZOOM LINK: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5811298515?pwd=Z6lv4gC917awBi37yFVFf8A4e6lWqp.1>

Agenda

	Purpose	Presenter	Time
I. Opening Items			12:00 PM
A. Record Attendance		Jonathan Nickerson	1 m

	Purpose	Presenter	Time
B. Call the Meeting to Order		Tanya Murdy	
C. Review Trustee Code of Conduct		Tanya Murdy	1 m
D. OML Violation	Vote	Tanya Murdy	5 m
Discuss 7/8/26 OML Violation			
E. Executive Session	Vote	Tanya Murdy	20 m
Executive Session G.L. c. 30A, section 21(a)(2) to conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with nonunion personnel or to conduct collective bargaining sessions or contract negotiations with nonunion personnel (Executive Director Karen Kuse)			

The board will not reconvene after Executive Session.

Discuss release of executive session minutes: 3/28/26, 4/9/26, 4/29/26, 5/6/26

II. Closing Items

12:27 PM

A. Adjourn Meeting	Vote
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THE ORDER OF BUSINESS MAY BE CHANGED WITHOUT NOTICE Notice is hereby given that the order of consideration of matters on this agenda may be changed without prior notice.

REASONABLE LIMITATIONS MAY BE PLACED ON PUBLIC TESTIMONY The Board Chair reserves the right to impose reasonable time limits on public testimony to ensure that the agenda is completed.

Coversheet

Review Trustee Code of Conduct

Section:	I. Opening Items
Item:	C. Review Trustee Code of Conduct
Purpose:	FYI
Submitted by:	
Related Material:	BoT_Expectations_2_7_23__1_(8).pdf

RVCS Board of Trustees Member Expectations

The River Valley Charter School Board of Trustees is committed to promoting a culture of accountability, integrity, and transparency. We expect our board members to demonstrate the highest level of ethical conduct and integrity in all aspects of their service. Board members must:

1. Act in the best interest of River Valley Charter School and its mission.
2. Attend board meetings prepared and on time.
3. Maintain an open mind and recognize the value of each board member's input.
4. Contribute to meaningful discussions and decision-making processes.
5. Respect the opinions of other board members and show support for the majority's decisions.
6. Set a positive example of behavior.
7. Actively participate in fundraising activities and events.
8. Remain current on financial information and legal documents pertaining to the organization.
9. Respect the roles and responsibilities of other board members and staff.
10. Respect the confidentiality of board meetings and information shared by board members, as appropriate.
11. Avoid any form of discrimination or harassment.
12. Act with integrity and professionalism in all dealings with the school, its staff, and members of the community.

Coversheet

OML Violation

Section:	I. Opening Items
Item:	D. OML Violation
Purpose:	Vote
Submitted by:	
Related Material:	7-8-26 OML Complaint.pdf



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Office of the Attorney General
One Ashburton Place
Boston, Massachusetts 02108

OPEN MEETING LAW COMPLAINT FORM

Instructions for completing the Open Meeting Law Complaint Form

The Attorney General's Division of Open Government interprets and enforces the Open Meeting Law, Chapter 30A of the Massachusetts General Laws, Sections 18-25. Below is the procedure for filing and responding to an Open Meeting Law complaint.

Instructions for filing a complaint:

- o Fill out the attached two-page form completely and sign it. File the complaint with the public body within 30 days of the alleged violation. If the violation was not reasonably discoverable at the time it occurred, you must file the complaint within 30 days of the date the violation was reasonably discoverable. A violation that occurs during an open session of a meeting is reasonably discoverable on the date of the meeting.
- o To file the complaint:
 - o For a local or municipal public body, you must submit a copy of the complaint to the chair of the public body **AND** to the municipal clerk.
 - o For all other public bodies, you must submit a copy of the complaint to the chair of the public body.
 - o Complaints may be filed by mail, email, or by hand. Please retain a copy for your records.
- o If the public body does not respond within 14 business days and does not request an extension to respond, contact the Division for further assistance.

Instructions for a public body that receives a complaint:

- o The chair must disseminate the complaint to the members of the public body.
- o The public body must meet to review the complaint within 14 business days (usually 20-22 calendar days).
- o After review, but within 14 business days, the public body must respond to the complaint in writing and must send the complainant a response and a description of any action the public body has taken to address it. At the same time, the body must send the Attorney General a copy of the response. The public body may delegate this responsibility to its counsel or a staff member, but only after it has met to review the complaint.
- o If a public body requires more time to review the complaint and respond, it may request an extension of time for good cause by contacting the Division of Open Government.

Once the public body has responded to the complaint:

- o If you are not satisfied with that the public body's response to your complaint, you may file a copy of the complaint with the Division by mail, e-mail, or by hand, but only once you have waited for 30 days after filing the complaint with the public body.
- o When you file your complaint with the Division, please include the complaint form and all documentation relevant to the alleged violation. You may wish to attach a cover letter explaining why the public body's response does not adequately address your complaint.
- o The Division will not review complaints filed with us more than 90 days after the violation, unless we granted an extension to the public body or you can demonstrate good cause for the delay.

If you have questions concerning the Open Meeting Law complaint process, we encourage you to contact the Division of Open Government by phone at (617) 963-2540 or by e-mail at openmeeting@state.ma.us.



OPEN MEETING LAW COMPLAINT FORM

Office of the Attorney General
One Ashburton Place
Boston, MA 02108

Please note that all fields are required unless otherwise noted.

Your Contact Information:

First Name: Jared Last Name: Hubbard

Address: 49 Boardman St.

City: Newburyport State: MA Zip Code: 01950

Phone Number: +1 (202) 596-8714 Ext.

Email: jared.hubbard@gmail.com

Organization or Media Affiliation (if any):

Are you filing the complaint in your capacity as an individual, representative of an organization, or media?

(For statistical purposes only)

☒ Individual ☐ Organization ☐ Media

Public Body that is the subject of this complaint:

☐ City/Town ☐ County ☒ Regional/District ☐ State

Name of Public Body (including city/town, county or region, if applicable): River Valley Charter School Board of Trustees

Specific person(s), if any, you allege committed the violation:

Date of alleged violation: Jun 30, 2026

Description of alleged violation:

Describe the alleged violation that this complaint is about. If you believe the alleged violation was intentional, please say so and include the reasons supporting your belief.

Note: This text field has a maximum of 3000 characters.

On June 15, 2026, I wrote the River Valley Charter School Board of Trustees (the "Board") pursuant to MGL ch. 30A, s. 22(g)(2) requesting copies of all Executive Session minutes from October 1, 2025 to the present.

To date, in violation of the requirement under that section of Massachusetts law that the Board must respond to my request within 10 business days, I have not received any response from the Board or any copies of Executive Session minutes.

Notably, the Board has met twice since June 15, 2026, but has not performed any review of the Executive Session minutes in order to release the non-exempt minutes.

What action do you want the public body to take in response to your complaint?

Note: This text field has a maximum of 500 characters.

Release all Executive Session minutes in full.

Pay a fine for the intentional and willful refusal to comply with the Open Meeting Law.

Be compelled to have all members of the Board trained in the requirements of the Open Meeting Law, specifically as regards Executive Session minutes.

Review, sign, and submit your complaint

I. Disclosure of Your Complaint.

Public Record. Under most circumstances, your complaint, and any documents submitted with your complaint, is considered a public record and will be available to any member of the public upon request.

Publication to Website. As part of the Open Data Initiative, the AGO will publish to its website certain information regarding your complaint, including your name and the name of the public body. The AGO will not publish your contact information.

II. Consulting With a Private Attorney.

The AGO cannot give you legal advice and is not able to be your private attorney, but represents the public interest. If you have any questions concerning your individual legal rights or responsibilities you should contact a private attorney.

III. Submit Your Complaint to the Public Body.

The complaint must be filed first with the public body. If you have any questions, please contact the Division of Open Government by calling (617) 963-2540 or by email to openmeeting@state.ma.us.

By signing below, I acknowledge that I have read and understood the provisions above and certify that the information I have provided is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signed: _____

Jared Hubbard

Date: 7/8/2026

For Use By Public Body

Date Received by Public Body:

For Use By AGO

Date Received by AGO: