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The PATH School

Minutes

The PATH School Board Meeting

Date and Time
Tuesday October 6, 2026 at 5:00 PM

Location
The PATH School
653 N Somerset Ave
Indianapolis, IN 46222

All Board members are required to attend in person unless there is an extenuating circumstance, which should be discussed with the Board Chair three days prior to the meeting.

The PATH School's Conference Room
653 N Somerset Ave,
Indianapolis, IN 46222

Directors Present
A. Williams, D. Herron, F. Cuatecontzi, L. Redmon-Williams, N. Woodson, T. Pettigrew (remote)

Directors Absent
None

Guests Present
A. Hervey, B. Casanova, Carolyn Grimes, M. Johnson, T. Brannum

I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance

B. Call the Meeting to Order

N. Woodson called a meeting of the board of directors of The PATH School to order on Tuesday Oct 6, 2026 at 5:11 PM.

C. Approve Minutes

T. Pettigrew made a motion to approve the minutes from The PATH School Board Meeting on 09-15-26.
D. Herron seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

II. PATH School Financials

A. Reviewed our FY27 Budget

Previewed components of our FY27 Budget. Budget is $8.6 million. Elementary education line item is $4.6 million. Office of Principal line item is $2.9 million.

B. SY 26-27 School Budget

D. Herron made a motion to Approve the budget.
L. Redmon-Williams seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

L. Redmon-Williams	Aye
A. Williams	Aye
N. Woodson	Aye
F. Cuatecontzi	Aye
D. Herron	Aye
T. Pettigrew	Aye

III. Board Nominations

A. Board Updates/Introductions

Carolyn Grimes (Immigration Attorney) is in attendance as a guest today.

Tia Taylor has resigned from the board.

Betzy Casanova & Michael Johnson are joining the board meeting; shared about their backgrounds & professional experiences.

B. Executive Seat Votes

Lynnea Redmon-Williams - Board Chair
Nicole Woodson - Board Vice Chair
Tiffany Pettigrew - Secretary
David Herron - Treasurer
N. Woodson made a motion to vote Lynnea Redmon-Williams as Board Chair.
D. Herron seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

T. Pettigrew	Aye
A. Williams	Aye
L. Redmon-Williams	Abstain
N. Woodson	Aye
F. Cuatecontzi	Aye
D. Herron	Aye

L. Redmon-Williams made a motion to Approve Nicole Woodson as Board Vice Chair.
D. Herron seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

F. Cuatecontzi	Aye
L. Redmon-Williams	Aye
T. Pettigrew	Aye
A. Williams	Aye
N. Woodson	Abstain
D. Herron	Aye

N. Woodson made a motion to vote Tiffany Pettigrew as Secretary.
D. Herron seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

D. Herron	Aye
F. Cuatecontzi	Aye
T. Pettigrew	Abstain
A. Williams	Aye
N. Woodson	Aye
L. Redmon-Williams	Aye

L. Redmon-Williams made a motion to vote David Herron as Treasurer.
N. Woodson seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

T. Pettigrew	Aye
F. Cuatecontzi	Aye
L. Redmon-Williams	Aye

Roll Call

N. Woodson	Aye
A. Williams	Aye
D. Herron	Abstain

C. Board Member Nominations/Votes

Nicole asked both prospective board members if they had time & capacity to put into joining and helping the board.

Michael indicated he has flexibility & availability; as did Betzy.

Nicole reiterated quorum and being in-person is required; clarified that being virtual does not count towards quorum.
D. Herron made a motion to approve Michael Johnson to join The PATH School Board.
A. Williams seconded the motion.
The group discussed the existing needs within the board. Alicia provided perspective of what she believes will be required of our board over the next year with renewal and potential referendum for the upcoming school year.

The board emphasized that we are looking for board members that are willing to bring their expertise, resources & connections to the table.

Named that our board presently needs a member with legal or HR background(s).
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

D. Herron	Aye
N. Woodson	Aye
F. Cuatecontzi	Aye
L. Redmon-Williams	Aye
T. Pettigrew	Aye
A. Williams	Aye

D. Herron made a motion to approve Betzy Casanova to join The PATH School Board.
F. Cuatecontzi seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

L. Redmon-Williams	Aye
N. Woodson	Aye
D. Herron	Aye
F. Cuatecontzi	Aye
A. Williams	Aye

Alicia previewed upcoming date with OEI for charter renewal. She would share specific dates/times we will need board to participate & be present.

PATH also has HHM celebration this Thursday, 5:30-7:30 at the school.

Lynnea also previewed how IPEC impacts IPS & the existing school communities. Community currently hearing comments for a possible referendum. If a referendum does not pass, IPS may be looking at state takeover. Taxpayers have voiced they do not want tax dollars going to charter schools. Also previewed Single School Performance Framework.

IPS will need to look at unloading $40 million in expenses. IPS is exploring terminating contracts with innovation/charter schools. This would impact several resources & supports that IPS presently provides. PATH is an innovation network/charter school -- they exist in a free IPS building, but pay for student materials, school resources, teacher salaries, and so on. Potential options are they may offer to sell us our currently building and PATH incurs the cost of maintaining the building moving forward.

PATH is preparing to take on additional responsibilities of owning the building if needed. PATH presently has the cash on hand and enrollment to support this potential change. ED emphasized that these decisions will not be made without the board's involvement. Alicia named a potential challenge that these changes will potentially introduce is transportation, we may need someone to support PATH with marketing and promoting the education, services and extracurriculars available at PATH. Historically, PATH has not needed support with enrollment but policy changes diminished enrollment this school year. PATH is also transitioning to operating under their own PowerSchool and no longer utilizing IPS' PowerSchool (this would allow PATH to own comms and engagement with their students & families rather than relying on a third party).

IV. Closing Items

A. Adjourn Meeting

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 6:09 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
T. Pettigrew