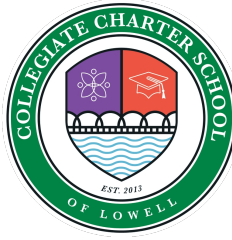


APPROVED



Collegiate Charter School of Lowell

Minutes

Regular Meeting

August 2026

Date and Time

Thursday August 20, 2026 at 6:00 PM

Location

Collegiate Charter School of Lowell

1857 Middlesex St., Lowell, MA Room 1125 or virtually at:

<https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/223620822684572?p=UYbld96T0JqDSEpYbg>

Meeting Notice

Collegiate Charter School of Lowell will hold its regular monthly meeting on Thursday, August 19th, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.

1857 Middlesex Street, Lowell, MA 01851 - Room 1125

Posted: 08/14/2026

Trustees Present

A. Miller, D. Leighton (remote), D. Tucker, E. Nelson, K. McCarthy, M. Porto, P. Patel

Trustees Absent

B. Chapman, B. Malone

Guests Present

A. Bakr, C. Connors, C. Nystrom, T. Cameron

I. Opening Items

A. Call the Meeting to Order

K. McCarthy called a meeting of the board of trustees of Collegiate Charter School of Lowell to order on Thursday Aug 20, 2026 at 5:56 PM.

B. Record Attendance

C. School Mission

Board recited the school mission to continually remind themselves of their purpose.

D. Approve Agenda

E. Nelson made a motion to approve the agenda as presented.

D. Tucker seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

E. Approve Minutes - June 2026 Meeting

E. Nelson made a motion to approve the minutes from Regular Meeting on 06-18-26.

D. Tucker seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

II. Public Comment

A. Floor Open to the Public

No public comment.

III. Director's Report

A. School Updates

Update on DESE and UMass Lowell partnership for Early College High Schools

- MOU with UMass Lowell
- Year-long process
- Allows our students to earn college credit
 - Currently doing dual enrollment and Advanced Placement, but AP doesn't provide college credit unless a qualifying score
- Early College would allow to fund up to 12 college credits for each student
- Currently 100 high schools, 12000 students participating
- Increase for FY27

- Why CCSL join early college?
 - College-going is rising, up to 60.4% attending college
 - AP coursework continues, but struggles with capacity
 - ELE students struggle with AP
- Initial planning completed with DESE.
- Next - needs assessment.

Summer Programming:

- Summer School (over 50 students)
- Extended School Year (20 students)
- Multi-Lingual Enrichment Camp (25 students)

Collegiate Athletics:

- Terrance Mann Foundation partnership
 - Hosted boys & girls basketball camps
 - Served as host location for the Lowell 978 Summer Basketball League
 - 100's of Lowell youth attended
- Camps hosted each week - boys basketball, boys soccer, football, boys & girls volleyball, cheerleading, girls soccer
- Boys Summer Soccer went 8-2-1
- Tryouts start 8/24 for football, girls and boys soccer, and girls volleyball

Summer Enrichment Camp:

- Art, Music, STEM, and Athletics
- 42 families
- Grades 1-7
- Many families received scholarships to participate
- Continue to fundraise to continue growth

Professional Development:

- Research for Better Teaching - 27 teachers
- Shrewsbury Public Schools Summer Institute - 10 teachers
- Multi-Tiered Systems of Supports (MTSS) Conference - 15 administrators
- 2-day Leadership Retreat 8/19 and 8/20

Upcoming Events:

- New teachers 8/25
- All staff 8/27
- First Day of KG 9/1
- First Day 1-12 9/2

Lowell Conservation Trust selected Collegiate to bring program to our students.

- Our students participate in the Lowell Leaders and Stewardship Program
- 2 Teacher naturalists will come each week October to January for afterschool program
- Will bring ducks, owls, and snakes along with the eco-literacy curriculum designed by Mass Audubon

IV. Committee Reports

A. Finance

Question from P. Patel - Total Bond Principal - is current year-to-date number accurate?
C. Nystrom will verify formula calculation is correct. Final budget is correct, year-to-date number did not calculate. Will be corrected in next report.

Vote to accept report delayed until next board meeting after the correction is made.

Question from A. Miller - June 2026 - Transfers listed, are they moving between accounts?

- IT Curriculum moved to Textbooks
- Funds not used for staff recruitment, moved to cover other costs.

Solution - possibly approve a revised budget at end of fiscal year. Leave variances until revised budget. Makes edits when reconciling the budget. Discuss further at finance sub-committee meeting.

B. Board Development (Fundraising)

Secured a donation for the Athletics Dept. - got a new AED machine for the high school side of the building.

C. Academic Excellence

Next meeting September 9th @ 3:30 p.m.

D. Facilities Committee

Evolv Security System

- Purchased Evolv Express
- Arriving Week of 8/24
- Metal/Threat Detectors

Update on Rourke Bridge Construction Project:

Walking path to Edwards Soccer Field cannot take place due to railway, topography.

Discuss opportunities how we could try to still make this happen.

Planning ahead for emergency evacuations. Safe routes. Coordinate with Lowell Police.

E. Executive Director Support and Evaluation Committee

Next meeting to be scheduled.

V. Items for Board Discussion

A. Reviewing and Updating Policies

Policy manual development, following Board on Track Recommended Policies for Charter Boards.

Referred to the Governance Committee. Agenda item for Board Retreat.

VI. Closing Items

A. Next Board Meeting

Tuesday, October 20th 5:30p in Room 1125.

Retreat on October 28th. Time TBD.

Kate McCarthy gave a profound thank you to Alan Miller as he plans to retire in September 2026.

B. Adjourn Meeting

E. Nelson made a motion to adjourn.

D. Tucker seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 7:26 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

T. Cameron