Pioneer Valley Performing Arts Charter Public School

Board of Trustees Annual Retreat

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Date and Time

Sunday July 19, 2026 at 12:00 PM EDT

Location

In person only at:

Mt. Holyoke College, Betty Shabazz Cultural Center
2 Dunlap Place
South Hadley, MA 01075

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Agenda

		Purpose	Presenter	Time
I.	**Opening Items**			**12:00 PM**
	A. Record Attendance		Azizah Yasin	1 m
	B. Call the Meeting to Order		Azizah Yasin	

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	C. Reading of the Mission		PVPA Board Member	1 m

The Pioneer Valley Performing Arts Charter Public School offers its students intensive exposure to the performing arts within the context of an excellent college preparatory curriculum. The goal is to provide students with a supportive and challenging environment that is responsive to multiple learning styles, emphasizes learning through the arts, and integrates critical and creative thinking throughout the curriculum.

II. Welcome and Introduction — 12:02 PM

Welcome board members, ex officio board members and staff stakeholders to board's annual retreat.
Brief discussion of purpose, introductions, ice breaker team building exercise.

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A.	Brief discussion of purpose of annual board retreat.	FYI	Azizah Yasin	3 m
B.	Roundtable introductions of board members, ex officio board members and staff stakeholders.	FYI	Azizah Yasin	10 m

III. Board Norms — 12:15 PM

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A.	Discussion of Board Norms	Discuss	Azizah Yasin	30 m

Discussion and agreement on board norms to be reinforced, established and implemented during the upcoming year of board governance.

IV. Bylaws — 12:45 PM

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A.	Review of amended bylaws approved by DESE.	Discuss	Azizah Yasin	15 m

V. Charter Renewal Conditions — 1:00 PM

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A.	Review investigative report related to Conditions 1	Discuss	Brent Nielsen	15 m
B.	Review PBIS school climate data report related to Condition 2	Discuss	Brent Nielsen	30 m
C.	Approve Action Plan to address Conditions 1 and 2	Vote	Brent Nielsen	60 m

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Discussion and vote on:
a. the areas for improvement identified through the assessment tool(s),
b. the areas for improvement identified in the investigation of the actions of the board and school leadership in response to past incidents, and
c. the specific strategies and timeline(s) for implementation to address all areas for improvement.

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D.	Develop and Approve Action Plan to address Condition 5	Vote	Brent Nielsen	60 m

Discussion and vote regarding outlining the steps the board has taken and will take to ensure compliance with the Open Meeting Law. The action plan must include descriptions of board policies and procedures related to meeting notices, executive sessions, remote participation, public participation, minutes, and complaints under 603 CMR 1.09.

This vote is to approve the Action Plan consisting of Onboarding Policy of for new board members, Complaint Policy and Form, Annual Training with BoardOnTrack, and Mandatory Open Meeting Law training for all new trustees.

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VI.	**Break**			**3:45 PM**
A.	Snack break and team building exercise.	FYI	Azizah Yasin	20 m
VII.	**Review of Mandatory Training related to Condition 4**			**4:05 PM**
A.	Debriefing discussion on mandatory training held on 7-14-26 related to Condition 4.	Discuss	Azizah Yasin	40 m
VIII.	**Strategic Action Plan**			**4:45 PM**
A.	Discussion on plan to develop five-year strategic action plan for 2026-2031.	Discuss	Brent Nielsen	15 m
IX.	**Other Business**			
X.	**Closing Items**			
A.	Adjourn Meeting	Vote	Azizah Yasin	