



# Pioneer Valley Performing Arts Charter Public School

## PVPA Board of Trustees

### Monthly Meeting

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#### Date and Time

Tuesday October 13, 2026 at 6:00 PM EDT

#### Location

PVPA  
3rd Floor Conference Room 304  
15 Mulligan Dr  
S. Hadley, MA

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PVPA Conference Room  
15 Mulligan Drive  
South Hadley, MA

[Zoom Link](#)

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#### Agenda

|                  | Purpose | Presenter | Time    |
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| I. Opening Items |         |           | 6:00 PM |

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| <b>A.</b> | Record Attendance                | Azizah Yasin      | 1 m  |
| <b>B.</b> | Call the Meeting to Order        | Azizah Yasin      | 1 m  |
| <b>C.</b> | Reading of the Mission Statement | PVPA Board Member | 1 m  |

**PVPA offers its students intensive exposure to the performing arts within the context of an excellent college preparatory curriculum.**

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| <b>D.</b> | Public Comments             | Azizah Yasin | 10 m |
|           | Brief comments are welcomed |              |      |

Public Comment is a time for us to hear directly from the community. We genuinely value every opinion, as your feedback is crucial to our work as we provide service and support to PVPA students, families, and staff. Please note that the Board does not respond directly to Public Comment to ensure that we give full consideration to each issue before formulating an official response.

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| <b>E.</b> | Approval of Minutes                                                        | Approve Minutes | Azizah Yasin | 5 m |
|           | Approve minutes for Meeting of the Board of Trustees on September 15, 2026 |                 |              |     |

## **II. PVPA Staff and Student Reports 6:18 PM**

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| <b>A.</b> | Staff Report                                                        | Discuss | Jayme Winell         | 5 m |
|           | Jayme Winell is invited to provide a PVPA Staff Report              |         |                      |     |
| <b>B.</b> | Student Reports                                                     | Discuss | Student Council Reps | 5 m |
|           | PVPA Student Council members are invited to provide student reports |         |                      |     |

## **III. Head of School Report 6:28 PM**

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| <b>A.</b> | General Updates                                                                                                | Discuss | Brent Nielsen | 20 m |
|           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review of School Culture Data</li> <li>• Conditions Update</li> </ul> |         |               |      |

- 30th Anniversary wrap-up

#### IV. Finance

#### V. Presentation of FY26 Audit Report

6:48 PM

Finance Committee received a presentation from our Auditors at the last Committee meeting, the Treasurer will be presenting the Audit to the full Board in order for the Board to authorize the Treasurer to sign the report on behalf of the Board of Trustees to submit to all of our relevant stakeholders.

Draft Audit report is attached here for Trustee review prior to meeting, a presentation will be given to summarize the findings of this report at the meeting - the report will not be gone through in detail, please review in advance and bring questions to the meeting for a healthy discussion.

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| A. FY26 Audit Presentation | Vote | Mindi Winter | 30 m |
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Finance Committee voted to recommend that the Board approve the FY26 Audit, we are asking the Board to do the following:

Vote to, Approve the FY26 Audit as presented to the Board and authorize the Treasurer to sign the Audit on the Boards behalf.

#### VI. Governance Committee

7:18 PM

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| A. Approve Non-Discrimination on the Basis of Gender Policy | Vote | Thomas Roy | 10 m |
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See Attached Policy for Review

This policy is already active at PVPA so we are simply updating an existing policy to make it in compliance with current laws and guidelines.

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| B. Approve Protect Act Policy | Vote | Thomas Roy | 10 m |
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See Policy Attached

Required Policy per Mass state law, created based on a DESE Template

#### VII. New Committees

## VIII. Discussion and creation of New Committees and Focus Groups

Proposing creation of two new groups, which were discussed during the Board Retreat:

1. A committee that would be something like an Academic Committee
  1. Track the new Metrics that the Admin team is developing with their drop-ins with the classrooms
  2. Meet with Mike Mizzoni from Board on Track to create Dash Boards to help track and monitor the progress of the teachers and students throughout the year to help the Board in their responsibilities for Academic oversight of the school and the overall school culture.
  3. This committee would be responsible for meeting with the various Administrative leaders to check-in on their roles and concerns then bring those issues or comments and observations positive or negative to the larger Board for review and discussion.
  4. The Board should name this committee and decide on its goals then assign a committee chair
2. The Focus Group needs to be created in order to begin work on the Strategic Action Plan
  1. This can be a focus group instead of a committee so that it can meet without the restrictions of quorum and have more flexibility.
  2. The focus group also invites more community involvement because in order to complete the Strategic Action Plan, gathering as much feedback from the community as possible is very important.
  3. Does anyone have a special interest in data collection or strategic vision work that would be interested in leading this effort or co-leading it with an Administrator?

## IX. Closing Items

7:38 PM

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| <b>A.</b> | President's Business                                                                                                                                                   | Discuss | Azizah Yasin | 10 m |
|           | President's Business as well as any updates that were not anticipated 24 hours prior to the meeting.                                                                   |         |              |      |
| <b>B.</b> | Executive Session for Union Strategy Discussion                                                                                                                        | Vote    | Azizah Yasin | 20 m |
|           | Executive session pursuant to Chapter 30A, section 21(a)(3) to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining with respect to with UAW, Local 2322, if an open |         |              |      |

|           | Purpose                                                                                                                                         | Presenter | Time         |
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|           | meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigating position of the public body, and the chair so declares.                   |           |              |
| <b>C.</b> | Adjourn Meeting                                                                                                                                 | Vote      | Azizah Yasin |
|           | The Board will not return to Open Session after the Executive session, and so will Adjourn formally during the vote to enter Executive session. |           |              |
|           |                                                                                                                                                 |           | 1 m          |