



# Pioneer Valley Performing Arts Charter Public School

## Minutes

Board of Trustee Meeting January 2025

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### Date and Time

Tuesday January 14, 2025 at 6:00 PM

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### Trustees Present

Azizah Yasin, Craig Santos, David Cavallin, Kiara Badillo, LATRINA DENSON, Neil Hede, Sasha Viands, Tim Cable (remote), Vanessa Ford (remote)

### Trustees Absent

Grace Bannasch

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## I. Opening Items

### A. Record Attendance

### B. Call the Meeting to Order

LATRINA DENSON called a meeting of the board of trustees of Pioneer Valley Performing Arts Charter Public School to order on Tuesday Jan 14, 2025 at 6:06 PM.

### C. Read the Mission Statement

### D. D. Approve Minutes

Sasha Viands made a motion to approve the minutes from Latrina Denson Board of Trustee Meeting December 2024 on 12-10-24.

Neil Hede seconded the motion.

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

**Roll Call**

LATRINA DENSON	Aye
Sasha Viands	Aye
Craig Santos	Aye
Neil Hede	Aye
Vanessa Ford	Aye
Azizah Yasin	Aye
Grace Bannasch	Absent
Kiara Badillo	Aye
David Cavallin	Aye
Tim Cable	Aye

## II. Public Comments

### A. Public Comment

Latrina shared the board policy and procedure for everyone to follow. She opened up the floor for public comment:

1st & 6th comment: Emily Pfeiffer stated that students were huddled in a classroom today to protect themselves. Attempts have been made to address the situation and there has been a very slow response to the parent letters, complaints. Parents are not allowed to attend the executive session, which is wrong. Please read the letters.

2nd comment: Ali stated that her daughter's friend confided in her about experiencing a situation with a teacher.

3rd comment: Candace, mother of Amelia, the student who was touched by a teacher. She submitted testimony from her daughter about her fears and lack of support. She is uncomfortable that the teacher was allowed to returned.

4th comment: gentlemen asked for parents voices be heard to protect their children. negative comments toward parents is unacceptable

5th comment: Spoke in support of the students. Request to remove the teacher from the school. address Brent's behavior, allow students to remove themselves from class.

6th comment:

## III. Head of School Report

## A. Brent's Report

Head of School Brent gave updates on recent events at the school. Friday is the end of the semester. 8 new students who will be starting on the first day of the new semester. November there was a ballot initiative for the 10th grade to no longer be used for measurement of competency. The new law applies to the current seniors and everyone moving forward. Brent shared updates re: Dean of Students, Emily has been working on to improve school culture and addressing barriers.

## B. New Medical Administration

Motion to Approve new Medical Administration by Tim.

Sasha Viands seconded the motion.

Neil Hede made a statement regarding the board not being notified in a timely manner that there has been a complaint against a teacher.

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

### Roll Call

Sasha Viands	Aye
Neil Hede	Aye
Azizah Yasin	Aye
Kiara Badillo	Aye
David Cavallin	Aye
LATRINA DENSON	Aye
Vanessa Ford	Aye
Grace Bannasch	Absent
Craig Santos	Aye
Tim Cable	Aye

## C. Medical and Behavior Health Emergency Response Plan

David Cavallin made a motion to Approve Medical and Behavior Health Emergency Response Plan.

Sasha Viands seconded the motion.

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

### Roll Call

David Cavallin	Aye
Kiara Badillo	Aye
Tim Cable	Aye
Vanessa Ford	Aye
Craig Santos	Aye
Neil Hede	Aye
LATRINA DENSON	Aye
Azizah Yasin	Aye

**Roll Call**

Sasha Viands	Aye
Grace Bannasch	Absent

**D. Enrollment Lottery Process Presentation**

**IV. Board Committee Reports**

**A. Finance Committee**

Sasha Viands shared a finance report. Sasha will provide a written report.

**B. Governance Committee**

Azizah Yasin gave an update regarding the by laws. Committee members have been meeting to fine tune the language. Governance committee plans to present to board for review and then to DESE for approval. Board members are encouraged to attend school events as much as possible. We are always recruiting and need to be more engaged in the school. We plan to connect with Trevin Bond and the Affinity groups to engage with students.

**V. President's Business**

**A. President's Report**

Latrina shared the information she has received in regards to board communication and other resources the address the board rules. She will be sharing those resources with the board. Robert has agreed to meet with board members who need training. Board members can reach out to him at: [rcarpenter@mascharterschools.org](mailto:rcarpenter@mascharterschools.org)

Latrina is planning a min retreat for us soon.

**VI. Executive Session**

**A. Pursuit to G.L. c. 30A, §§ 21**

Sasha Viands made a motion to Move into Executive Session.

Azizah Yasin seconded the motion.

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

**Roll Call**

Vanessa Ford	Aye
David Cavallin	Abstain
LATRINA DENSON	Aye
Kiara Badillo	Aye
Sasha Viands	Aye
Azizah Yasin	Aye
Grace Bannasch	Absent

**Roll Call**

Tim Cable	Abstain
Craig Santos	Aye
Neil Hede	Aye

**VII. 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 8:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Vanessa Ford