APPROVED

Paul Robeson Charter School

Minutes

Regular Board Meeting

Date and Time
Tuesday September 30, 2025 at 4:00 PM

Location
Remote Only

This meeting is being held in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act and is open to the public. Notices were duly posted and the meeting was advertised in The Trentonian and The Times of Trenton. Formal action will be taken.

Trustees Present
B. Blount (remote), B. Englezos (remote), J. Cassimatis (remote), K. Somberg (remote), T. Rebar (remote), V. Aggarwal (remote)

Trustees Absent
None

Guests Present
A. Wright (remote), B. Falkowski (remote), C. Freyer (remote), F. Lund (remote), J. Amenda (remote), K. Lamilla (remote), K. Tini (remote), S. Smith (remote), S. Spuhler (remote)

I. Opening Items

A. Call the Meeting to Order

K. Somberg called a meeting of the board of trustees of Paul Robeson Charter School to order on Tuesday Sep 30, 2025 at 4:03 PM.

B. Record Attendance

II. Discussion

A. Dashboard

Dashboard update was provided to Board.

Board went into discussion on PRCS Goals

B. Facility Update

Update on building - Shelby provided

Brian also gave a BvA update

John addresses Health Office Design and concern

S&P Interview compliance requirement

C. Building Safety Overview

Shakira provides a Building Safety Overview to the Board

D. Development Committee / Fundraising Update

Ken provided update to the Board

E. Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

Save the Date - November 18th

III. Acceptance of Meeting Minutes

A. Motion for Paul Robeson Charter School, Board of Trustees to accept the minutes from the August 19, 2025 board meeting.

B. Blount made a motion to approve the minutes from Regular Board Meeting on 08-19-25.
V. Aggarwal seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

IV. Motions for Approval

A. Finance

B. Englezos made a motion to approve finance items 1 to 4: 1. To approve the Secretary's and Treasurer's Reports for August 2025 as per the attached. Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:232.11(a), the Paul Robeson Charter School Board of Trustees acknowledges receipt of the secretary's certification, and after review of the monthly financial report (appropriations section) certifies that, to the best of its knowledge, as of August 2025, no major account or fund has been over expended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A:232.11(b), and that sufficient funds are available to meet the school's financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year. 2. To approve the Bills/Check List from August 20, 2025 through September 30, 2025. 3. To approve the following payrolls: 8/15/25 Payroll $ 70,319.81 8/30/25 Payroll $ 310,249.18 9/15/25 Payroll $ 326,681.39 9/30/25 Payroll $ 339,219.39 4. To approve FY26 ESEA Application: i. Title I-A - $448,435.00 ii. Title II-A - $41,716.00 Reallocated to Title I iii. Title III - $20,428.00 iv. Title IV Part A - $25,502.00 Reallocated to Title I.
J. Cassimatis seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

B. Personnel

T. Rebar made a motion to approve the Personnel items 1 through 4: 1. To approve the following staff travel and PD expenses & reimbursements: Employee- Folasade Jacobs Description- Monclair State: Observing NGSS Classroom Date- October 22 Cost- $200 Employee- Melissa Scordo Description- Art Education of NJ Conference Date- October 27 Cost- $215 2. To approve the following staff stipends: Employee- Sal LaBruno, Suley Ostolaza, Nancy Gliem, Diana Luque, Elliott Lopez Powered by BoardOnTrack 3 of 7 Purpose Presenter Time Position- Additional class- teacher additional 60 minute class Amount- 3% of salary each Employee- Joshua Saar, Marissa Jenkins, Gail Somers, Madison Collabella, Hannah Medina, Lida Geraci, Dan Rohe/Lois Lambing Position- Grade Team Lead- Lead grade team initiatives, I&RS, culture mediations, etc. Amount- $3,000 each Employee- Shatiika Waldron, Sherry Santis Position- Content Lead- Lead Reading, Math, Social Studies Amount- $1,500 each Employee- Jenna McKinney Position- Athletic Coordinator- Lead athletics program, scheduling, coaches, etc. Amount- $650 (including coaching a sport) 3. To approve the following new hires: Name- Vasilia Penna Title- Teacher Pay Rate- $--,--- 10/12 month- 10-month Name- Vincent Wade Title- Building Substitute Pay Rate- $200/day 10/12 month- 10-month Name- Taheesha Anderson Title- Lunch and Recess Aide Pay Rate- $22/hour 10/12 month- 10-month Name- Maria Rios-Soto Title- Food and Cleaning Service Aide Pay Rate- $22/hour 10/12 month- 10-month Name- Tander Dawarzai Title- Building Substitute Pay Rate- $250/day 10/12 month- Contracted until 12/31 4. To approve the following resignation: Name- Tandar Dawarzai Title- Building Substite Resignation Date- 9/22.
B. Blount seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

C. Curriculum

V. Aggarwal made a motion to approve the following curriculum purchases: • Grade Transferrer- $1,499 (allows Google classroom grades to automatically transfer into PowerSchool) • SS Impact Texts- $5,587.30 (McGraw Hill – for 3rd and 4th grade, other grades covered by CSP Grant) • Savvas- $423.15 (additional texts for Middle School) • EdPuzzle- $6,261 (middle school online program) • Pear Assessment- $2,785.14 (middle school assessment program – SS, Sci – include PD Session) • STAR Autism- $9,910.20 (Aut support class curriculum – includes PD workshop) • Go Guardian- $7,997 (online monitoring program & filter program – includes PD session) • PearDeck- $2,835 (online program for middle school – allows teachers to interactive and give feedback live to students) • ETR- $1,796.36 (Health Curriculum for middle school) • ANET- $16,000 (online assessments for Reading and Math standards aligned) • Smart Pass- $1,887 (online bathroom pass system) • Second Step- $2,778 (SEL Curriculum) • Eureka Math- $675 (middle school math PD) • Eureka Math- $14,247.53 (middle school math curriculum + online bundle) • Savvas- $8,078 (middle school SS Curriculum renewal) • Imagine Learning- $11,000 (middle school online intervention) • Remind- $3,058.64 (communication app for entire building) • Match Fishtank- $4,560 (middle reading curriculum + PD sessions) • Aqua Phoenix- $7,004.16 (5th Open Sci Ed curriculum – other grades already ordered in pervious year).
T. Rebar seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

D. Student Field Trips

B. Englezos made a motion to approve the following student field trips: Location- Shady Brook Farm Type- ASPIRE 2-4 grades- Reward trip for students Date- 10/30/25 # of Students Attending- 230 Costs- Trip- $2,500; Bus- $3,000; Students pay $5 Location- Franklin Institute Type- Academic 5th grade- Relates to science curriculum Date- 11/10/25 # of Students Attending- 76 Costs- Trip- $30; Bus- $1,700; Students pay $5 Location- African American History Museum Type- Academic 6th grade- Ties to Social Studies and reading content Date- 10/16/25 # of Students Attending- 76 Costs- Trip- $1,840; Bus- $6,000; Students pay $25 (includes catered lunch) Location- Liberty Science Center Type- Academic 7th grade- Relates to science curriculum Date- 11/7/25 Costs- Trip- $1,327.50; Bus- $1,700; Students pay $5 Location- Ellis Island Type- Academic 8th grade- Relates to social studies and reading content Date- 11/14/25 Costs- Trip- $1,420.50; Bus- $3,300, Students pay $5.
V. Aggarwal seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

E. Policy/Miscellaneous

J. Cassimatis made a motion to approve the following: -the annual HIB Report -the PRCS Evergreen Goals, as discussed.
B. Blount seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

V. Executive Session

A. It is expected that the Board will go into Executive Session.

V. Aggarwal made a motion to adjourn public session and open executive session.
B. Blount seconded the motion.
5:46 pm
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

VI. Adjourn Executive Session and Reconvene Regular Session

A. Adjourn Executive Session and Reconvene Regular Session

T. Rebar made a motion to adjourn executive session and open public session.
B. Englezos seconded the motion.
5:59 pm
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

VII. Closing Items

A. New Business

B. Public Comment

C. Important Dates

D. Adjourn Meeting

V. Aggarwal made a motion to adjourn meeting.
B. Blount seconded the motion.
5:59 pm
The board **VOTED** 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 5:59 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
S. Spuhler