MCCPS Board of Trustees

August 2026 Board Meeting

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Date and Time

Tuesday September 8, 2026 at 7:00 PM EDT

Location

MCCPS

Agenda

		Purpose	Presenter	Time
I.	**Opening Items**			**7:00 PM**
	Opening Items			
	A. Record Attendance and Guests		Ian Hunt	1 m
	B. Call the Meeting to Order		Katie Holt	1 m
	C. Public Comment	Discuss	Katie Holt	5 m
II.	**Head of School Report, Annual Report, and Charter Amendment**			**7:07 PM**
	A. August 2026 HOS report	Discuss	Stephanie Brant	25 m
III.	**Board Action Items:**			**7:32 PM**

		Purpose	Presenter	Time
A.	Approve July 2026 Meeting Minutes	Approve Minutes	Ian Hunt	5 m
B.	Board Election: New Chair	Vote	Katie Holt	5 m

IV. Board Annual Items — 7:42 PM

A.	Upcoming Agenda Items	Discuss	Katie Holt	5 m

July - Adopt Annual Report, by July 31, Adopt Annual Board Goals
• August – Board Officer Vote, Adopt HOS Goals, Open Annual Board Self Assessment
• Sept – Review Annual Board Self Assessment, Approve Committee Memberships and
Vice-Chairs
• Oct – Adoption of the Annual Audit (must be done by Oct 31), MCAS Presentation, Presentation on HOS Evaluation Process by the Personnel Committee
• Nov – HOS Contract Renewal Notice
• Dec –
• Jan – HOS Mid-year review
• Feb - Adopt School Calender
• March – Set up Satisfaction Survey, Set Annual Board Retreat Date, Presentation of HOS Annual Evaluation Form
• April – Presentation by HOS of Annual Goals, Budget Adoption
• May – HOS Annual Evaluation
• June – Annual Board Retreat

V. Committee Updates — 7:47 PM

A.	Finance Committee	Discuss	Emily Promise	5 m

• Review of Finance Committee Documents
• Relevant Discussion

		Purpose	Presenter	Time
B.	Governance Committee	Discuss	Katie Holt	5 m
C.	Academic Excellence	Discuss	Chris Doyon	5 m
D.	Development & Communications —A new committee chair is needed	Discuss	Kimberly Nothnagel	5 m
E.	DEI Committee A new committee chair is needed	Discuss	Lindsay Smith	
F.	Personnel Committee	FYI	Chris Re	
VI.	**Public Comment**			**8:07 PM**
A.	Public Comment	Discuss	Lindsay Smith	5 m
VII.	**Closing Items**			**8:12 PM**
A.	Adjourn Meeting	Vote	Katie Holt	

Coversheet

August 2026 HOS report

Section:	II. Head of School Report, Annual Report, and Charter Amendment
Item:	A. August 2026 HOS report
Purpose:	Discuss
Submitted by:	
Related Material:	August 2026 Head of School Report (1) (1).pdf

Stephanie Brant
Head of School Report
August 25, 2026

1. **FY 27 Projected Enrollment**
2. **Staffing**
    a. **New Teacher/Staff Orientation 8/24**
    b. **Returning Staff 8/25**
3. **First Day of School (8/31) logistics**
4. **Teaching & Learning Updates: Summer Work**
5. **Amendment Submission**
6. **Community Events 26-27**
7. **Miscellaneous**

Coversheet

Approve July 2026 Meeting Minutes

Section:	III. Board Action Items:
Item:	A. Approve July 2026 Meeting Minutes
Purpose:	Approve Minutes
Submitted by:	
Related Material:	Minutes for Board of Trustees Meeting on July 28, 2026

APPROVED

MCCPS Board of Trustees

Minutes

Board of Trustees Meeting

Date and Time
Tuesday July 28, 2026 at 7:00 PM

Location
Hybrid Format:

- in person at MCCPS
- via Zoom at https://us06web.zoom.us/j/98355446062?pwd=bVg2VzE4bEZUVXJqY0R4UlJnVmZ1dz09

Trustees Present
Carly McIver (remote), Carol McEnaney, Chris Re (remote), Ellen Lodgen, Eric Neagle (remote), Karen Kagan, Katie Holt, Polly Titcomb (remote), Rachel March, Stephanie Brant

Trustees Absent
Emily Promise, Ian Hunt

Guests Present
KD MacDonald

I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance and Guests

B. Call the Meeting to Order

Katie Holt called a meeting of the board of trustees of MCCPS Board of Trustees to order on Tuesday Jul 28, 2026 at 7:07 PM.

C. Public Comment

II. New Board Member Vote: KD MacDonald

A. Vote

- Brings extensive charter experience
- data analysis
- experience with changing MCCPS population

Eric Neagle made a motion to Vote KD MacDonald to the board.
Carly McIver seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

Karen Kagan	Aye
Chris Re	Aye
Rachel March	Aye
Katie Holt	Aye
Carol McEnaney	Abstain
Polly Titcomb	Absent
Eric Neagle	Aye
Emily Promise	Absent
Carly McIver	Aye
Ellen Lodgen	Aye
Stephanie Brant	Aye
Ian Hunt	Absent

III. Head of School Report, Annual Report, and Charter Amendment

A. July 2026 HOS report

- Projected enrollment 227 (74 new students)
- expect to hit 230 by open of school
- fully staffed for next year
- Leadership team had professional development with Blue Engine
- KD has been writing curriculum for CSL for all grades to be taught during one Global Studies block per week
- PALS 2x week math and 2x week ELA
- DESE civil rights review, present report to DEI before board votes, *needs to be done by 12/14/26

B. Discussion and Vote on Annual Report

Eric Neagle made a motion to Approve the annual report.
Ellen Lodgen seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

Carol McEnaney	Aye
Ellen Lodgen	Aye
Carly McIver	Aye
Eric Neagle	Aye
Rachel March	Aye
Chris Re	Aye
Karen Kagan	Aye
Polly Titcomb	Aye
Katie Holt	Aye
Stephanie Brant	Abstain
Emily Promise	Absent
Ian Hunt	Absent

C. Discussion and Vote on Charter Amendment

- Stephanie met with DESE about data and timing of submitting amendment
- Amendment is due August 13
- adding Beverly and Peabody as MCCPS' sending districts
- 20% of the SY27 enrollment come from Peabody and Beverly

Rachel March made a motion to Vote to move forward with an amendment to the school charter to add Peabody Beverly as sending districts pending the interim board chair's review of the amendment application.
Carol McEnaney seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

Polly Titcomb	Aye
Emily Promise	Absent
Carly McIver	Aye
Karen Kagan	Aye
Stephanie Brant	Abstain
Eric Neagle	Aye
Ellen Lodgen	Aye
Carol McEnaney	Aye
Chris Re	Aye
Rachel March	Aye
Ian Hunt	Absent
Katie Holt	Aye

IV. Board Action Items:

A.

Approve June 2026 Meeting Minutes

Eric Neagle made a motion to approve the minutes from Board of Trustees Meeting on 06-23-26.
Rachel March seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call	
Carly McIver	Aye
Ellen Lodgen	Aye
Ian Hunt	Absent
Stephanie Brant	Aye
Rachel March	Aye
Karen Kagan	Aye
Emily Promise	Absent
Eric Neagle	Aye
Carol McEnaney	Aye
Polly Titcomb	Aye
Chris Re	Aye
Katie Holt	Aye

V. Board Annual Items

A. Upcoming Agenda Items

B. Set Board Calendar for 2026-2027

Board meeting dates last Tuesday of the month, unless a change is needed later

VI. Committee Updates

A. Finance Committee

B. Governance Committee

Met to interview KD. Also handed off board handbook to legal council.

C. Academic Excellence

D. Development & Communications

E. DEI Committee

F. Personnel Committee

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 9:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Karen Kagan

Documents used during the meeting

- July HOS REport.pdf