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

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

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

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