



Rochester Academy Charter School

Minutes

Board Meeting

Date and Time

Friday October 16, 2026 at 5:00 PM

Location

Central Office located at 310 Hinchey Road

Trustees Present

C. Sampson, G. Tillery, W. Middleton

Trustees Absent

J. Santos, T. Wright

Guests Present

C. Belfield, D. Ozcan, J. Doyle, M. Demirtas, R. Roberts-Grant, S. Martina, Z. Ercan

I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance and Guests

B. Call the Meeting to Order

W. Middleton called a meeting of the board of trustees of Rochester Academy Charter School to order on Friday Oct 16, 2026 at 5:05 PM.

C. Public Comment Session

D. Approve Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes from Board Meeting on 09-18-26.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

II. Academic Excellence

A. Monthly Topic

Building principals presented their goals for the 2026–27 school year, which focus on increasing student academic achievement, reducing chronic absenteeism, and lowering the number of disciplinary referrals.

J. Doyle presented the first Wildly Important Goal scoreboard of the year, sharing data on failing grades, attendance percentages, and classroom walkthroughs.

III. Auditor's Annual Presentation

A. Financial Presentation - Audit Reports

M. Perez presented the audit summary, reporting a "clean" audit opinion indicating that the school's financial statements are fairly stated. The school's controls and procedures remain strong, with no material weaknesses identified. The audit included two recommendations for the future, one of which the school has already put into practice.

IV. Community Outreach

A. Presentation of Monthly School Activities Report

Z. Ercan presented the monthly school activities report.

V. Finance and Facilities

A. Enrollment

The school is meeting its enrollment target. Z. Ercan presented enrollment and retention data for the general student population, English as a New Language Students, and Students with Disabilities.

B. Financials

D. Ozcan presented the monthly financial report.

C. Central Office Roof Project

C. Sampson made a motion to select Harvey Strassner to replace the Central Office roof.
G. Tillery seconded the motion.

The project can be completed during the Thanksgiving Break.

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

D. 25-26 Audit Report Acceptance and Approval

C. Sampson made a motion to approve the audit report as presented by the auditor.

G. Tillery seconded the motion.

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

VI. Governance

A. Review Employee Handbook

Action on this item was deferred to the next board meeting.

B. Filling Vacant Board Secretary Position

Motion to appoint G. Tillery as Secretary of the Board of Trustees.

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

C. Review Committee Responsibilities for CSO Action Plan

W. Middleton presented the committee responsibilities to fulfill the Charter School Office Action Plan.

D. Review Governance Webinar Ideas

The Board members shared their feedback and key takeaways from the governance webinar.

E. Selection of Governance Professional Development Topic

The Board selected "How and Where to Find Exceptional Board Members" as the professional development topic for November.

VII. Other Business

A. Employee Changes Review

C. Sampson made a motion to approve the presented staffing changes.

G. Tillery seconded the motion.

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

VIII. Closing Items

A. Board Meeting Evaluation

The meeting was productive and adjourned ahead of schedule.

B. Adjourn Meeting

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 7:03 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
M. Demirtas