PROVIDENT CHARTER SCHOOL – CENTRAL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF PROVIDENT CHARTER SCHOOL
March 10, 2026
6:00 PM
HELD AT PROVIDENT CHARTER SCHOOL – WEST AND VIA ZOOM

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT	BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT	OTHERS PRESENT
Curtis Kossman*	Terry Smith	Maria Paluselli
Dan Sponseller*	Dan Lynch	Dr. Rachel Owens*
David Baker*	Shiela Conway	Darlene Brown*
Dr. Jean Ferketish*		Alan Shuckrow*
Julie Shepard*		Vivi Besteman*
Sallie Richards*		Nick Strickland (PCS Parent)

*Via Zoom

Curtis Kossman convened the meeting at 6:00 p.m.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the February 10, 2026 meeting were reviewed by the Board.

ACTION: Upon motion by Curtis Kossman, seconded by Dan Sponseller, the February 10, 2026 meeting minutes were unanimously approved.

Governance Matters

Maria Paluselli reviewed the governance matters with the Board. Ms. Paluselli reminded Board members that the State Ethics Commission Statements of Financial Interest are due May 1, 2026 and requested that Board members submit their completed forms no later than April 15, 2026.

In addition, it was noted that Sallie Richards' Board term is set to expire in June and the Board discussed voting to renew Ms. Richards for a second term. However, this term would be a Regular Board Member term as opposed to the one year Parent Board Member term.

ACTION: Upon motion by Curtis Kossman, seconded by David Baker, the Board approved the renewal of Ms. Richards for a four year term of Regular Board Member service.

<u>Finance Report & Vendor Purchases</u>

Audit Report

Ms. Paluselli gave an overview of the audited financial statements for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025 and noted that the findings of the audit were positive and without issue. Alan Shuckrow suggested inviting the auditors to a future Board meeting to discuss the results of the audit in more detail and answer any questions from the Board.

ACTION: Upon motion by Curtis Kossman, seconded by Dan Sponseller, the audit results for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025 were unanimously approved.

Finance Report

Darlene Brown presented the financial report for February 2026. Ms. Brown noted a balance of $1.395M in the PCS Central general fund and a $3.556M balance in the money market account.

ACTION: Upon motion by Curtis Kossman, seconded by David Baker, the financial report for February 2026 was unanimously approved.

Vendor Purchases

Ms. Brown presented the vendor purchases for February 2026, which were generally ordinary and routine. Ms. Brown noted seasonal expenses for snow removal and salting.

ACTION: Upon motion by Curtis Kossman, seconded by Julie Shepard, the vendor purchases for February 2026 were unanimously approved.

<u>Enrollment & Hiring Reports</u>

Enrollment Report

The Board reviewed the enrollment report prepared by Ms. Paluselli. Ms. Paluselli shared that there are currently 311 students enrolled at PCS Central for the 2025-2026 school year. Maximum enrollment capacity for PCS Central is 336 students, leaving 25 available seats.

Ms. Paluselli also provided an open enrollment update. Ms. Paluselli reported that as of the date of the meeting, 280 scholars are enrolled to return for the 2026-2027 school year, together with 34 who are in the process of enrolling and 25 who are waitlisted due to grade level demand.

The Board discussed continued efforts to strengthen recruitment efforts for younger grade levels, including through outreach to professionals such as psychologists and preschools educators; increased social media presence; and leveraging of parent testimonials. It was noted that social media outreach appears to be more effective in recruitment than in-person events.

Hiring Report

Maria Paluselli reviewed the monthly hiring report. There were two salaried new hires to report, including Carly Minor, Student Support and Operations Assistant; and Rahwa Weldemichael, Building Substitute. There were no role changes or separations to report.

ACTION: Upon motion by Julie Shepard, seconded by Curtis Kossman, the February Hiring Report was unanimously approved.

General Updates

PCS Central Elevator Update

Ms. Paluselli shared that plans for the elevator project at PCS Central have been completed and submitted to the city for approval. The next step is to prepare the bid package, with the goal of opening bids soon and beginning construction by summer 2026.

IDA Conference

Ms. Paluselli reported that PCS will participate in *Raising Readers: Promoting Executive Functioning*, which is a conference hosted by the International Dyslexia Association's Pennsylvania Branch on March 21, 2026, at Grove City College. In additional to offering valuable insights for teaching scholars with dyslexia and presenting an opportunity to strengthen connections with their families, the event is also a way to support teacher recruitment efforts.

Ten Year Celebration

Ms. Paluselli reported that preparations are underway for PCS's Ten Year Anniversary Celebration, which will take place on April 30, 2026, at the National Aviary. Dr. Rachel Owens noted that the event will be supported in part by the Eden Hall Grant, which may be used to advance efforts to increase donor support and enrollment, both of which are key focuses of the celebration. Ms. Paluselli shared that there is a large and growing list of attendees for the event and encouraged Board members to continue sharing invitations within their networks.

Adjournment

Ms. Paluselli shared that there will be a virtual Provident Education Foundation meeting on Tuesday, March 24, 2026. The next School Board meeting will take place on Tuesday, April 14, 2026 at PCS Central.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.