



PROVIDENT CHARTER SCHOOL – WEST
MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF PROVIDENT CHARTER SCHOOL
May 12, 2026
6:00 PM
HELD AT PROVIDENT CHARTER SCHOOL – WEST AND VIA ZOOM

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT	BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT	OTHERS PRESENT
Curtis Kossman*	Dan Lynch	Maria Paluselli
David Baker*	Dan Sponseller	Dr. Rachel Owens*
Dr. Jean Ferketish*	Sallie Richards	Vivi Besteman
Julie Shepard*		Lisa Augustin* (PPS)
Terry Smith*		Armetta Denk (Special Education Coordinator at PCS West)
Shiela Conway		Nick Strickland (PCS Parent)

*Via Zoom

Curtis Kossman convened the meeting at 6:02 p.m.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the April 14, 2026 meeting were reviewed by the Board.

ACTION: Upon motion by Curtis Kossman, seconded by Shiela Conway, the April 14, 2026 meeting minutes were unanimously approved.

Finance Report & Vendor Purchases

Finance Report

Maria Paluselli presented the financial report for April 2026. Ms. Paluselli noted a balance in the PCS West general fund of \$305K, and a steady \$2.2K balance in the money market account. Ms. Paluselli highlighted a slight increase in the school district accounts receivable balance to \$24K.

ACTION: Upon motion by Curtis Kossman, seconded by Terry Smith, the financial report for April 2026 was unanimously approved.

Vendor Purchases

Ms. Paluselli presented the vendor purchases for April 2026, which were ordinary and routine.

ACTION: Upon motion by Curtis Kossman, seconded by Dr. Jean Ferketish, the vendor purchases for April 2026 were unanimously approved.

2026-2027 Budget

Ms. Paluselli reviewed the proposed 2026-2027 budget with the Board. The budget reflects approximately \$5.7M in revenue (based on \$31.5K in average tuition reimbursements per district), and \$4.3M in expenses, with an overall fund balance of roughly \$1.4M.

The proposed budget incorporates a 3.5% salary increase for all staff, effective July 1, 2026, for 260-day employees, and upon return in August 2026 for 200-day employees. Mr. Kossman noted that staff compensation remains competitive, as reflected by the 94% staff retention rate last year. Healthcare costs were identified as a significant expense; however, Ms. Paluselli reported that strategies have been implemented to help manage those costs effectively.

ACTION: Upon motion by Curtis Kossman, seconded by Dr. Jean Ferketish, the 2026-2027 Budget for PCS West was unanimously approved.

Enrollment & Hiring Reports

Enrollment Report

The Board reviewed the enrollment report prepared by Ms. Paluselli. Ms. Paluselli shared that there are currently 105 students enrolled at PCS West for the 2025-2026 school year, and three students who are in the process of applying.

Ms. Paluselli also provided an open enrollment update. Ms. Paluselli reported that as of the date of the meeting, 105 students have indicated an intent to return for the 2026-2027 school year, together with 6 who are in the process of applying, 5 who are in the process of enrolling, and 1 who is enrolled. Projected enrollment for 2026-2027 is currently 117 students.

Hiring Report

Maria Paluselli reviewed the monthly hiring report. There was one salaried new hire to report: Clifford Conklin, Custodian. Ms. Paluselli noted that PCS West is gearing up to host a summer

camp for students, families and the public, and there are significant facilities needs to support the program. There were no promotions, role changes or separations to report.

ACTION: Upon motion by Curtis Kossman, seconded by Shiela Conway, the April Hiring Report was unanimously approved.

General Updates

Eighth Grade Graduation

Maria Paluselli shared that the Eighth Grade Graduation Ceremony will take place at 6:00 p.m. on Friday, June 5, 2026 at PCS Central. The event will feature several student speakers.

Adjournment

Ms. Paluselli shared that the next School Board meeting will take place on Tuesday, June 9, 2026 at PCS Central. There will not be a School Board meeting in July 2026. There will be a virtual Provident Education Foundation meeting on Tuesday, May 19, 2026.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:12 p.m.