

METROPOLITAN NASHVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOL BOARD MEETING –

January 14, 2025

Members Present: Freda Player – Chair, Berthena Nabaa-McKinney – Vice-chair, Rachael Anne Elrod, Erin O’Hara Block, Cheryl Mayes, TK Fayne, Abigail Tylor (arrived at 5:20 p.m.), Zach Young, Robert Taylor

Members Absent: Rachael Anne Elrod

Student Members Present : Christine Tran and Hannah Nguyen

Meeting called to order at 5:00 p.m.

CONVENE AND ACTION

- A. Call to Order – Freda Player called the meeting to order.
- B. Pledge of Allegiance - Led by Jorge Robles, Chief Finance Officer.
- C. Moment of Silence – In recognition of the devastation and impact of the Los Angeles Fires.
- D. Adoption of Agenda

Motion to agenda to adopt agenda as listed.

By Cheryl Mayes, seconded Berthena Nabaa-Mckinney

Vote: 9-0 (unanimous)

AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

- A. Hume Award Winner Joshua Sims, Pearl-Cohn High School -The Board and Dr. Battle recognized Mr. Sims achievement.
- B. Grief-Sensitive School Grant Percy Priest Elementary - The Board and Dr. Batte recognized the school.
- C. Blue Ribbon School of Excellence Beacon School Award at Tom Joy Elementary.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- A. Jasmine Hairgrow – She addressed the Board concerning Explore Charter School.
- B. Marquis Smith – He addressed the Board concerning Explore Charter School.
- C. Tygima Steele – She addressed the Board concerning Rocketship United Academy charter application renewal.
- D. Benjamin Harp – He addressed the Board concerning Rocketship United Academy charter application renewal.
- E. Brandy Flenoy – She addressed the Board concerning Rocketship United Academy charter application renewal.
- F. Rubi Calderon – She addressed the Board concerning Rocketship United Academy charter application renewal.
- G. Jenny Serrano – She addressed the Board concerning Rocketship United Academy charter application renewal.
- H. Mara Rivera – She addressed the Board concerning STEM Prep charter application renewal.
- I. Eunice Tapia – She addressed the Board concerning STEM Prep charter application renewal.
- J. Michael Vine – He addressed the Board concerning Wit and Wisdom.
- K. Barry Barlow – He addressed the Board concerning the great experience he and his family and the great work of the district.

GOVERNANCE ISSUES

1. Consent

- a. Minutes – 12.10.2024 – Regular Meeting**
- b. Awarding of Purchases and Contracts**
 - 1. Advanced Mechanical Contractors, Inc.**
 - 2. ERT, LLC**
 - 3. Graybar, Inc.**
 - 4. Leland, Inc.**
 - 5. McInerney & Associates, Inc.**
 - 6. Municipal Communications III, LLC**
 - 7. OpConnect, Inc.**
 - 8. Sedia Systems, Inc.**
- c. Certify Charges Teacher Dismissal**

Motion to agenda to adopt agenda as listed.

By Cheryl Mayes, seconded Berthena Nabaa-McKinney

Vote: 9-0 (unanimous)

2. Charter Renewal Applications

Motion to approve the charter renewal application for Valor Voyager based upon the approval of the Charter Review Team.

By Berthena Nabaa-McKinney, seconded Cheryl Mayes

Vote: 8-0 (unanimous)

Motion to approve the charter renewal application for Rocketship United based upon the approval of the Charter Review Team.

By Berthena Nabaa-McKinney, seconded Cheryl Mayes

Vote: 8-0 (unanimous)

Motion to approve the charter renewal application for STEM Prep based upon the approval of the Charter Review Team.

By Berthena Nabaa-McKinney, seconded Cheryl Mayes

Vote: 8-0 (unanimous)

Motion to approve the charter renewal application for Explore Community School based upon the approval of the Charter Review Team.

By Berthena Nabaa-McKinney, seconded Cheryl Mayes

Vote: 8-0 (unanimous)

Motion to approve the charter renewal application for based upon the approval of the Charter Review Team.

By Berthena Nabaa-McKinney, seconded Cheryl Mayes

Vote: 8-0 (unanimous)

Motion to approve the charter renewal application for Strive based upon the approval of the Charter Review Team.

By Berthena Nabaa-McKinney, seconded Erin Ohara-Block

Vote: 5-2 (Tylor and Young)

Motion to approve the charter renewal application for KIPP Academy Nashville at Kirkpatrick based upon the approval of the Charter Review Team.

By Berthena Nabaa-McKinney, seconded Erin Ohara-Black

Vote: 7-1 (Tylor)

3. Warner Attendance Zone

Motion to approve the Warner Attendance Zone.

By Cheryl Mayes, seconded Berthena Nabaa-McKinney,

Vote: 8-0 (unanimous)

BOARD REPORTS

A. Berthena Nabaa-McKinney gave an update on the Budget process.

Freda Player adjourned the meeting at 6:25 p.m.



Chris M. Henson
Board Secretary

Freda Player
Board Chair

Date