

METROPOLITAN NASHVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOL BOARD MEETING – June 10, 2025

Members Present: Freda Player – Chair, Berthena Nabaa-McKinney – Vice-chair, Rachael Anne Elrod, Erin O’Hara Block, Cheryl Mayes (arrived at 3:30 p.m.), TK Fayne, Abigail Tylor, Robert Taylor, Rachael Anne Elrod and Zach Young

Student Members Absent: Hannah Nguyen and Christine Tran

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 Chris Henson.
- C. Adoption of Agenda

Motion to agenda to adopt agenda with changes.

By Cheryl Mayes, seconded Berthena Nabaa-McKinney

Vote: 9-0 (unanimous)

AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

- A. Adventure Science Center Award - William Zhong, Hume-Fogg Academic Magnet High School – The Board and Dr. Battle recognized the student.
- B. TSSAA Class AA Boys’ Tennis State Champion - Hume-Fogg Academic High School – The Board and Dr. Battle recognized the team.
- C. TSSAA Class AA Boys’ Singles Tennis State Champion - Elliott Parker, Hume-Fogg Academic High School – The Board and Dr. Battle recognized the student.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- A. Daniel Phillips – He addressed the Board concerning the Architecture and Engineering offering within MNPS.
- B. Carl Carter – He addressed the Board concerning MNPS Alternative Learning Centers.
- C. Myron Franklin – He addressed the Board concerning Johnson ALC.
- D. Ahmed White – He addressed the Board concerning the Rock Academy Charter Application.
- E. NaCole Robb - She addressed the Board concerning the Rock Academy Charter Application.
- F. Lekita Sims - She addressed the Board concerning the Rock Academy Charter Application.
- G. Wood Caldwell - He addressed the Board concerning the Forge School Charter Application.
- H. Troy Smith - He addressed the Board concerning the Forge School Charter Application.
- I. Jennifer Rhodes - She addressed the Board concerning the Rock Academy School Charter Application.
- J. Sara Tuttle - She addressed the Board concerning the Forge School Charter Application.
- K. Carol Brown – She addressed the Board concerning MNPS Attendance Support.
- L. Sonya Thomas – She addressed the Board concerning Nashville Propel.
- M. Karla McAlister - She addressed the Board concerning Nashville Propel.
- N. Matthew Nelson – He addressed the Board concerning College and Career Readiness within MNPS.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Cheryl Mayes – Announced that Ava Dahash would be serving as Junior Student School Board member for 2025-2026.
- B. Berthena Nabaa-Mckinney – Gave a brief update on the budget process.

GOVERNANCE ISSUES

Consent

- A. Minutes – 5.27.2025 – Regular Meeting
- B. Awarding of Purchases and Contracts
 - 1. Anthony N. Harris dba Avenue Construction, LLC
 - 2. BCI Burke Company
 - 3. Beynon Sports Surfaces
 - 4. Bryne and Jones Construction
 - 5. Education Strategy Group, LLC
 - 6. EnviroChem, Inc.
 - 7. Family & Children's Services
 - 8. Genesis Learning Centers
 - 9. GeoSurfaces Southeast, Inc.
 - 10. Hendrick, Inc.
 - 11. Jarrett Fire Protection, LLC
 - 12. KIPP Nashville, Nonprofit LLC
 - 13. McCain Foods USA, Inc.
 - 14. McCloskey Mechanical Contractors, Inc.
 - 15. Sessions Paving Company
 - 16. STARS Nashville
 - 17. Trilogy Mentors dba Pearl
 - 18. Unico Technology, LLC (authorized reseller under Carahsoft Technology Corporation)
 - 19. United Way of Middle Tennessee dba United Way of Greater Nashville
- C. Approval of FY 25-26 Operating Budget –
Recommendation from Budget and Finance Committee
- D. Arledge vs The Metropolitan Government of Nashville & Davidson County

Motion to approve the consent agenda.

By Zach Young, seconded Berthena Nabaa-Mckinney

Vote: 9-0 (unanimous)

2. Amended New Start Charter Applications

Motion to approve to deny the appeal of the Amended Charter New Start Application for the Forge School based on the Charter Schools Team Review Finding Report and presentation noting deficiencies in the Academic Plan and Design, Operations Plan and Capacity and Financial Plan and Capacity. Among those within the review team evidence. I would note these specific concerns that should be addressed but are still deficient but not limited to Parent and Community Engagement and Support, Recruitment and Enrollment, Facilities and Operating Budget.

**By Berthena Nabaa-Mckinney, seconded TK Fayne
Vote: 8-1 (Zach Young)**

Motion to approve to deny the appeal of the Amended Charter New Start Application for the Rocketship #5 School based on the Charter Schools Team Review Finding Report and presentation noting deficiencies in the Academic Focus and Performance, Recruitment and Enrollment and Design, Parent and Academic Performance Record as highlighted in the Charter Office for MNPS. Community Engagement and

**By Cheryl Mayes, seconded Abigail Tylor
Vote: 9-0**

Motion to approve to deny the appeal of the Amended Charter New Start Application for the Rock Academy School based on the Charter Schools Team Review Finding Report and presentation noting deficiencies in the Academic Plan and Design, Operations Plan and Capacity and Financial Plan and Capacity. Highlighting deficiency but not Facilities, Transportation and Overall Operating Budget.

**By TK Fayne, seconded Berthena Nabaa-Mckinney
Vote: 7-2 (Zach Young, Robert Taylor)**

BOARD REPORTS

- A. Freda Player announced that there will not a Board Meeting held on July 8.
- B. Zach Young spoke briefly about the support of all MNPS employees, staff and stakeholders regardless of gender identity, gender expression or sexual orientation.

Freda Player adjourned the meeting at 7:19 p.m.



Chris M. Henson
Board Secretary

Freda Player
Board Chair

Date