

METROPOLITAN NASHVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOL BOARD MEETING –

August 26, 2025

Members Present: Freda Player – Chair, Berthena Nabaa-McKinney – Vice-chair, Rachael Anne Elrod, Erin O’Hara Block, Cheryl Mayes, TK Fayne, Abigail Tylor, Robert Taylor, Rachael Anne Elrod and Zach Young and Abigail Tylor

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 Shawney Glapion.
- C. Adoption of Agenda

Motion to agenda to adopt agenda with changes.

By Berthena Nabaa-McKinney, seconded Freda Player

Vote: 9-0 (unanimous)

AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

- A. “I Believe I Belong” EP Release – The Board and Dr. Battle recognized the students and all parties involved in the project.
- B. East Iris Studios - MNPS Songwriting Summit partner – The Board and Dr. Battle recognized the partnership.
- C. Notes for Education Music Grants – The Board and Dr. Battle recognized the grants.

DIRECTOR’S REPORT

- A. Dr. Battle and staff presented the following reports: Academic Program Offerings: Early College Core Tenet: Create and Support Engaging, Rigorous, and Personalized Learning Experiences for All Students and MNPS ReimaginED Update Core Tenets: Create and Support Engaging, Rigorous, and Personalized Learning Experiences for All Students and Empower and Equip Leaders at All Levels

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A. There were no public speakers.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Rachael Anne Elrod gave a brief Governance Committee update.

GOVERNANCE ISSUES

Consent

- a. **Minutes – 8.12.2025 – Regular Meeting**
- b. **Awarding of Purchases and Contracts**
 - 1. **Amergis Healthcare Staffing, Inc.**
 - 2. **Intrepid College Prep**
 - 3. **Jarrett Fire Protection, LLC**
 - 4. **KIPP Nashville**
 - 5. **LEAD Public Schools**
 - 6. **Martha O’Bryan Center, Inc. (East End Prep and Explore! Community School)**
 - 7. **Nabholz Construction Corporation**
 - 8. **Nashville Classical Charter Schools**
 - 9. **RePublic Schools Nashville dba RePublic High School, Nashville Prep, Liberty Collegiate Academy**
 - 10. **STEM Preparatory Academy**
 - 11. **STRIVE Collegiate Academy**
 - 12. **The Stepping Stones Group LLC**
 - 13. **Valor Collegiate Academies (Valor Voyager and Valor Flagship)**
- c. **Board Policies: 1.901 Charter School Applications, 1.903 Charter School Oversight, 1.904 Charter School Intervention, 1.905 Charter School Renewal, 1.906 Charter School Revocation, 4.301 Interscholastic Athletics**

Motion to approve the consent agenda.

By Cheryl Mayes, seconded TK Fayne

Vote: 9-0 (unanimous)

2. School Calendar Special Election

Motion to amend the 2025–26 district calendar by designating October 7 and December 2 as stockpile professional development days. October 10 and January 7 will be scheduled as instructional days, with the understanding that October 10 would be converted to a discretionary stockpile inclement weather day in accordance with Tennessee Department of Education guidelines.

Motion to approve the consent agenda.

By Rachael Anne Elrod, seconded Berthena Naba Mckinney

Vote: 9-0 (unanimous)

BOARD REPORTS

- A. Freda Player announced the following Board meetings would be canceled: October 14, November 11, 25 and December 23. There will be Board meetings held September 9, 23, October 28, and December 9th. A Board Retreat will be held on September 19.

Freda Player adjourned the meeting at 7:43 p.m.

David G. Sevier

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Board Secretary

Freda Player
Board Chair

Date