

METROPOLITAN NASHVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOL BOARD MEETING – September 9, 2025

Members Present: 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

Members Absent: Freda Player – Chair

Student Members: Hannah Nguyen, Ava Davash

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

CONVENE AND ACTION

- A. Call to Order – Berthena Nabaa-McKinney called the meeting to order.
- B. Pledge of Allegiance - Led by Susan Kesler, Hunters Lane High School Executive Principal.
- C. Student School Board Member Swearing In – Cheryl Mayes swore in Junior School Board Member Ava Davash.
- D. Board Elections –

Motion to nominate Freda Player to serve a second term as Board Chair.

By Erin O’Hara Block, seconded Robert Taylor

Vote: 8-0 (unanimous)

Motion to nominate Berthena Nabaa- Mckinney to serve a second term as Vice-chair.

By Cheryl Mayes, seconded Robert Taylor

Vote: 8-0 (unanimous)

Motion to nominate as Cheryl Mayes Tennessee Legislative Representative.

By Rachael Anne Elrod, seconded TK Fayne

Vote: 8-0 (unanimous)

E. Adoption of Agenda

Motion to agenda to adopt agenda with changes.

By Cherly Mayes, seconded TK Fayne

Vote: 8-0 (unanimous)

AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

- A. National Education Equity Lab Honor Society Inductees – The Board and Dr. Battle recognized the student inductees.
- B. TVAAS Level 5 Schools – The Board and Dr. Battle recognized the schools.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- A. Dr. Battle and staff presented the following reports: TVAAS Update, Academic Program Offerings: International Baccalaureate 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. Paula Pendergrass – She addressed the Board concerning partnership with MNPS.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

GOVERNANCE ISSUES

Consent

- a. **Minutes – 8.26.2025 – Regular Meeting**
- b. **Awarding of Purchases and Contracts**
 - 1. **Communities In Schools of Tennessee**
 - 2. **Cook & Boardman, LLC dba McCarthy, Jones & Woodard**
 - 3. **Demand Mechanical LLC dba Demand Mechanical**
 - 4. **Howard Technology Solutions**

5. Pathful, Inc.
6. PENCIL Foundation
7. RJ Young Company
8. Try Once, Inc.
9. Zūm Services, Inc.

**Motion to approve the consent agenda.
By Zach Young, seconded Cheryl Mayes
Vote: 8-0 (unanimous)**

Freda Player adjourned the meeting at 7:54 p.m.

David G. Sevier

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Board Secretary

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Board Chair

Date