

Metropolitan Nashville Public Schools
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• Roll Call	Present: Dr. Jo Ann Brannon Amy Frogge Tyese Hunter Dr. Sharon Gentry, Chair Elissa Kim, Vice-Chair Mary Pierce Will Pinkston Anna Shepherd Jill Speering Chris Henson, Interim Director of Schools Dr. Gentry called the meeting to order at 4:15 p.m.	
• Pledge of Allegiance	Pledge led by Ms. Lacy, Director of Communications.	
1. Charter Application Resubmissions a. KIPP Nashville Primary b. KIPP Nashville Middle	Dr. Coverstone gave a brief review of the Charter Application Resubmission for KIPP Nashville Primary. Dr. Brannon read the following statement: As we know, growth of charters has been controversial and the source of heated debate on our Board for some time. Nothing about this issue is simple, but in spite of this influx of charters, they have been managed well by MNPS, making sure that charters are: 1. screened, 2. held accountable, 3. closed when they perform poorly. At the same time, MNPS has continued to ensure that families and students have many exciting options to choose from. More than likely, we will continue to receive sound applications from proven charters that our review teams will recommend for approval. I continue to trust the review process. In fact, I have served in this capacity with many of the members of the review team that were recently criticized heavily last week. I have no doubt of the integrity of their recommendations, and also respect the work of Dr. Coverstone and Ms. Swann. So my concerns are not about the merit of the charters, but rather whether or not it benefits our district to continue adding more at such a rapid rate. My history with charters began around 2008 when, as a Board, we traveled to Denver, CO, then came back and signed a compact to allow a maximum of 20 charters to operate in MNPS. Major issues began to develop when that cap was lifted. In addition, my record will show that I have since supported effective charters. Having served as an educator for many years in MNPS, I am aware that there is an urgency to address the needs of struggling students, and it is critical that we have a clear agreed-upon vision for the	

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Adjournment	Ms. Frogge adjourned the meeting at 5:12 p.m.							
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