



Agenda August 20, 2025

Meeting Dates, Meeting Recording & Minutes 2025-26			
July 2025	August 20, 2025	September 2025	October 2025
No Meeting	Insert links		
November 2025	December 2025	January 2026	February 2026
	No Meeting		
March 2026	April 2026	May 2026	June 2026
		No Meeting	

Meeting Type	Login Information
Executive Meeting 5:00-5:30 (Voting board only)	Join Zoom Exec Meeting Join Zoom Meeting https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89317879449
Open Board Meeting 5:30-6:30	Join Zoom Exec Meeting Join Zoom Meeting https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89317879449 Passcode: 576n63

Our Mission: East Cooper Montessori Charter School's mission is to provide a rigorous Montessori education, guiding children toward academic excellence, lifelong learning, and stewardship of the greater community.

Freedom of Information Compliance: ☐Yes ☐No

Board Members

Name	Position	Term	Present/Absent
Chris Hagy	Vice President	2 of 2	X
Jeff Yurfest	Treasurer	2 of 2	X
Jenny Quattlebaum	Community Member at Large	1 of 2	Not



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Julie Wessen	Secretary	1 Of 2	X
Elizabeth Cook	Community Member at Large	1 of 2	X
Craig Johnson	President	1 of 2	X
Anne-Merle Bryant	Community Member at Large	2 of 2	X
Jody Swaingan, Principal	Ex-officio	Unlimited	X
Billy Koll, Director of Finances	Ex-officio	Unlimited	X
Sarah Ramsey	Ex-officio	1 of 2	X

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Red Highlights = Board member homework prior to the meeting

Agenda Item	Discussion		Time	Presenter
Celebrations	School Kick Off; New Staffing Decisions, Conscious Discipline		3 min	Jody
Public Comment	Sign up Name	Topic		
Financial/Development	Dashboard, Financials on shared drive, enrollment 438		10 min	Billy
Educational Program	New math standards 24-25 for ECMCS (1 year early) Math Decisions K-5 & 6-8, embargoed school report card		5 min	Jody
Administration/HR	Board member positions (see guiding documents), Review Board on Track evaluation, Strategic plan retreat, Review Open Meeting Law, Every member sign the Confidentiality and Conflict of Interest Form		15 min	Jody
Community & Public Relations	Implementation of Class Dojo		3 min	Jody



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Parent/Teacher Network		5 min	Caitlin
Facilities	Gym discussions, trailer health, district direction on capital projects, EUP, panic buttons for staff,	15 min	Billy/Jody

Guiding Documents

[Charter](#)

***[Bylaws](#) - Pages 8-9 Board Member Job Description

[Strategic Plan](#)

[Agreed Upon Procedures in Accounting](#)

***[Sample Board Member Job Description](#)

[Panic Buttons](#)

***[Board Evaluation](#)

Votes

Item	Discussion/links	Approved	Denied
Approval of June Meeting Minutes	June Minutes	X	
Approval of Board Chair to be a signer on bank accounts		X	
DBM change for staff member	Executive session	X	
Board Positions	Craig Johnson - Chair Chris Hagy - Vice Chair Julie Wesson - Secretary Jeff Yurfest - Treasurer	X	
Staff Member Bonus	Executive discussion		



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Panic buttons	Clarifying questions of renewal will be shared with the board over email	X	
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Your Governing Board

The governing board recognizes that public support and open lines of communication are the keys to our school's success.

We encourage you to become involved in our school, stay informed about issues that affect students, parents, and staff, and share your concerns with board members. Additionally, we invite you to attend board meetings. The responsibility of the Governing Board of East Cooper Montessori Charter School is to ensure excellence in the governance of a quality educational program by supporting the school's mission and charter, analyzing needs, establishing policies, allocating resources, and monitoring progress.

Board Meetings

Regular meetings of the Governing Board are held on the third Wednesday of each month, beginning at 5:30 pm at East Cooper Montessori Charter School or on Zoom. Special-called meetings are scheduled as needed.

Citizen Participation

Anyone wishing to speak to the Board must register in person the night of the regular meeting. The opportunity to address the Board at each regular Board Meeting is 20 minutes at the beginning of the meeting.

- Each speaker has three minutes.
- Speakers may not ask questions of board members.
- Board members may not engage in discussion with speakers.
- Disruptive behavior is not permitted.
- Personal attacks aimed at students or staff are not permitted.
- Scurrilous, obscene, or recklessly defamatory language aimed at any board member is not permitted.

The board or designee will follow up on all matters presented by speakers.