

METROPOLITAN NASHVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOL BOARD MEETING –

March 24, 2026

Members Present: Freda Player – Chair, Berthena Nabaa-McKinney – Vice-chair, Rachael Anne Elrod, Erin O’Hara Block, Abigail Tylor, Robert Taylor, Rachael Anne Elrod and Zach Young
Cheryl Mayes (arrived at 5:15 pm)

Members Absent: TK Fayne (joined virtually)

Student Members Absent: Ava Davash, Hannah Nguyen

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 Eric Higgs, CEO of Boys and Girls Club.
- C. Adoption of Agenda

Motion to agenda to adopt agenda as listed

By Zach Young, seconded by Berthena Nabaa-Mckinney

Vote: 7-0 (unanimous)

AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

- A. Principal Chara Rand, Isaac Litton Middle School – University of Tennessee William J. & Lucille H. Field Award for Excellence in Education Leadership in Tennessee – The Board and Dr. Battle recognized Principal Rand.
- B. Lauryn England, Fall-Hamilton Elementary School – Tennessee Council for the Social Studies 2026 Outstanding Social Studies Teacher of the Year at the Elementary School Level - The Board and Dr. Battle recognized Ms. England.
- C. MNPS Service Awards Recipients - The Board and Dr. Battle recognized the MNPS Employees.
- D. TSSAA Wrestling State Champion and Medalists – The Board and Dr.

Battle recognized the state champs.

- E. Aryanna Smith, Nashville Big Picture High School – Boys & Girls Clubs State of Tennessee Youth of the Year – The Board and Dr. Battle recognized Ms. Smith.
- F. Governor's Early Literacy Foundation Tenn Under 10 Little Literacy Leaders: Ezra Bacon, Waverly Belmont Elementary, and Matthew Clayborne Gateway Elementary – The Board and Dr. Battle recognized the schools.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- A. Dr. Battle and Staff presented an MNPS ReImaginED Update: on Core Tenets: Re-envision central office as a support hub, Empower and equip leaders at all levels. Create and support engaging, rigorous, and personalized learning experiences for all students and Identify and eliminate inequities.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- A. There were no speakers.

BOARD REPORTS

- A. Director Evaluation Committee – Erin O'hara Block gave a brief committee report.
- B. Budget and Finance Committee – Dr. Berthena Nabaa-Mckinney gave a brief committee report.

GOVERNANCE ISSUES

A. Actions

1. Consent

a. Minutes – 2/24/2026– Regular Meeting

b. Awarding of Purchases and Contracts

- 1. BCI Burke Company, LLC**
- 2. Dell Marketing LP**
- 3. High Fidelity Communications, LLC**
- 4. Personal Computer Systems**
- 5. Pitney Bowes Inc.**
- 6. Pollock Printing Inc.**
- 7. RR Donnelly & Sons Company dba Courier Printing Company**
- 8. School Health Corporation**

- 9. STARS Nashville
- 10. United Data Technologies, Inc
- c. Career and Technical Education Textbook Adoption Committees
- d. Health, Wellness and Physical Education Curriculum Material Recommendations

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. _Freda Player announced that the July 14, 2026 School Board Meeting would be canceled due to Summer Break.

WRITTEN INFORMATION TO THE BOARD

- A. State Required Thread Assessment Reporting
- B. Sales Tax Collectons as of March 20, 2026

Freda Player adjourned the meeting at 6:07 p.m.

David G. Sevier

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Board Secretary

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Board Chair

Date