

METROPOLITAN NASHVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOL BOARD MEETING –

August 11, 2026

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

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 Priscilla Cole
- C. Adoption of Agenda

Motion to adopt the consent agenda.

By Berthena Naba-Mckinney, seconded Cheryl Mayes

Vote: 9-0 (unanimous)

AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

- A. Southeast Egg Hunt Awards Presentation – Register of Deeds, Karen Johnson presented awards to Freda Player, Cheryl Mayes and Dr. Battle
- B. CMA Foundation Partnership with MNPS Visual and Performing Arts – Dr. Battle and the Board recognized the CMA Foundation.

DIRECTOR’S REPORT

- A. Dr. Battle and staff presented a Start of School and Data: Core Tenets: 1. Re-envision central office as a support hub; 2. Empower and equip leaders at all levels; 3. Create and Support Engaging, Rigorous, and Personalized Learning Experiences for All Students; 4. Identify and Eliminate Inequities

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- A. Samira Hardcastle – She addressed the Board concerning MNPS students, staff and parents.
- B. Chris Pipkin – He addressed the Board concerning MNPS policy.
- C. Lilith Pipkin – She addressed the Board concerning MNPS policy.

GOVERNANCE ISSUES

A. Actions

1. Consent

a. Minutes – 6/23/2026– Regular Meeting

b. Awarding of Purchases and Contracts

- 1. 808educationLLC**
- 2. Caissa Public Strategy**
- 3. Catapult Learning, LLC**
- 4. Corwin Press**
- 5. Engage! Learning, Inc. dba engage2learn**
- 6. FranklinCovey Client Sales, Inc.**
- 7. FRB Educational Consulting, LLC dba Be Heard Education**
- 8. Jacquelyn Akbari dba Worthington Advisory**
- 9. InSite Health, Inc.**
- 10. Intrepid College Preparatory Inc**
- 11. KIPP Nashville**
- 12. LEAD Public Schools**
- 13. Martha O’Bryan Center**
- 14. Marzano Resources, LLC**
- 15. MGT Impact Solutions, LLC**
- 16. Nashville Classical Inc**
- 17. PIVOT: School Improvement Leaders**
- 18. Precision Plumbing Co, Inc.**
- 19. Project Reflect dba Smithson-Craighead Academy**
- 20. RePublic Schools Nashville**
- 21. Solution Tree, Inc.**
- 22. STEM Prep Academy**

- 23. Tennessee Filter Sales, Inc.
- 24. The International Solutions for Growth Group
- 25. Two Revolutions LLC dba
- 26. 2Revolutions LLC
- 27. UnboundEd Learning, Inc.
- 28. Valor Collegiate Academies
- 29. Vanderbilt University
- c. Bowers v. Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County (Claim No. C-47250
- d. Kelley v. Metropolitan Government of *Nashville and Davidson County*, Case No. 24C2240 (Davidson County Circuit Court)

Motion to approve the consent agenda.
By Cheryl Mayes, seconded T.K. Fayne
Vote: 9-0 (unanimous)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A.** Freda Player announced that newly re-elected Board members and student board members will be Sworn In prior to the September 22 Board meeting

Freda Player adjourned the meeting at 6:35 p.m.

David G. Sevier

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Board Secretary

Freda Player
Board Chair

Date