

CSD CHELTENHAM SCHOOL DISTRICT

2026-27 BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS GUIDE

The Cheltenham School District Board of School Directors welcomes and encourages Cheltenham residents, tax payers and school district employee participation in its proceedings. Committee descriptions, legislative and committee meeting agendas, legislative board meeting minutes, board policies and calendar, employment contracts and information about the school directors is available at cheltenham.org/schoolboard. Contact the board at schoolboard@cheltenham.org.

ROLE OF THE SCHOOL BOARD

The CSD Board of School Directors is comprised of

nine elected voting members and the board-appointed, non-voting superintendent. Board members serve four-year terms and are not paid. The board is responsible for approving the district's vision, mission and goals; adopting and monitoring the district budget; adopting and updating policies for the operation of the district; monitoring student achievement, success and growth; reviewing data to make informed decisions; and evaluating the district superintendent each year.

BOARD MEMBERS AND COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS (AS OF 6/24/2026)

PRESIDENT LEAH MULHEARN | *Member, Township/District Liaison Group; Communications chair*

VICE PRESIDENT JENNIFER LOWMAN | *Policy co-chair; member, Montgomery County Intermediate Unit Board of Directors*

MIA BLITSTEIN | *Educational Affairs co-chair; member, Township/District Liaison Group*

CHARLES BURDELL-WILLIAMS | *Facilities Co-chair; member, EASTERN Joint Operating Committee*

ZACHARY EPPS | *Financial Affairs co-chair; member, Montgomery County School Directors Legislative Committee*

ROBYN MURPHY | *Policy Committee co-chair*

DANIEL SCHULTZ | *Financial Affairs co-chair*

DR. CAROLINE WATTS | *Facilities co-chair; Cheltenham Education Foundation liaison*

DR. ROSS WHITING | *Educational Affairs co-chair; Climate & Culture chair*

LEGISLATIVE BOARD MEETINGS

The board of school directors generally meets at 7 p.m. on

the second Tuesday of the month (except July). The board also convenes occasionally at publicly announced special meetings. Agendas are posted on the district website in advance. The board takes all official actions at legislative meetings.

Legislative meetings occur at the district Administration Building (2000 Ashbourne Rd., Elkins Park) and via cheltenham.org/zoom. Stream the meeting at cheltenham.org/stream.

Cheltenham residents, taxpayers and school district employees can make comments/ask questions during "Public Comment on Agenda Items Only" and "Public Comment." In-person attendees should approach the podium; those viewing through Zoom can utilize the "raise hand" feature to be called on to speak. Those watching on stream can submit questions and comments via schoolboard@cheltenham.org. Commenters must state their name and where they reside in the township.

If a question or concern is not addressed during public comment, the superintendent will reach out to the constituent to answer the question; or the question will be addressed at the next regularly scheduled legislative meeting. The question and its resolution are made known at the following legislative board meeting.

26-27 LEGISLATIVE BOARD MEETINGS

August 11 • September 8 • October 13
November 10 • December 1 (Re-organization)
December 8 • January 12 • February 9
March 9 • April 13 • May 11 • June 8

BOARD COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The school board and administration conduct discussions on relevant, school-district-related topics through its committees. During these meetings, the chairs hear administrative reports and discuss items for legislative meeting action. Committee meetings convene at the district administration building (2000 Ashbourne Rd., Elkins Park) and via cheltenham.org/zoom.

Facilities reviews facilities and maintenance operations. With administration input, members recommend short- and long-term facility uses and improvements, and advocate for cost-effective and efficient capital projects and initiatives. *First Tuesday of the month, 7 p.m.*

Finance covers business/budget issues and action items, and reviews and monitors implementation of and modifications to the budget. Members optimize financial resources to meet goals and aid in setting the annual property tax levy. *First Tuesday of the month, following Facilities*

Educational Affairs ensures quality educational opportunities and reviews matters of existing or new curriculum and educational programs, standardized testing and district evaluations. *Third Tuesday of the month, 7 p.m.*

Policy makes recommendations to introduce, updates and/or repeal board policies and administrative regulations. *Periodic throughout the school year.*

Communications meets to discuss and learn about communications initiatives, and ways to collaborate with community partners as CSD clarifies the way it communicates with its stakeholders. *9/29, 11/4 (6 p.m.), 2/23, 5/25, 7 p.m.*

Climate and Culture works to create a positive, healthy, and data-informed climate and culture across the district. *8/25, 10/27, 12/16, 2/23 (6 p.m.), 4/27, 7 p.m.*

Cheltenham residents, taxpayers and school district employees attending the meeting in-person or via Zoom are able to comment and/or pose questions after the meeting's presentation and board questions/discussion. Committee meeting summaries and recordings are available at cheltenham.org/presentations.