



Agenda April 22, 2026

Meeting Dates, Meeting Recording & Minutes 2025-26			
July 2025	August 20, 2025	September 2025	October 8, 2025
No Meeting	Notes	Notes	In Person - Notes here
November 2025	December 2025 No meeting	January 2026	February 2026
Agenda	No Meeting	Agenda Notes Recording	Agenda Notes Recording
March 2026	April 2026	May 2026	June 2026
Agenda Notes Recording	Agenda Notes Recording	No Meeting	

Meeting Type	Login Information
Executive Meeting 5:00 - 5:30	Join Zoom Meeting https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81965405181 Meeting ID: 819 6540 5181 Passcode: 75063N
Open Board Meeting 5:30-7:00	Join Zoom Meeting https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86093120825 Meeting ID: 860 9312 0825 Passcode: 59371q

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



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Board Members

Name	Position	Term	Present/Absent
Craig Johnson	President	1 of 2	Present
Chris Hagy	Vice President	2 of 2	Present
Julie Wessen	Secretary	1 of 2	Present
Jeff Yurfest	Treasurer	2 of 2	Present
Anne-Merle Bryant	Community Member at Large	2 of 2	Absent
Jenny Quattlebaum	Community Member at Large	1 of 2	Absent
Elizabeth Cook	Community Member at Large	1 of 2	Present
Jody Swaingan, Principal	Ex-officio	Unlimited	Present
Billy Koll, Director of Finances	Ex-officio	Unlimited	Present
Sarah Ramsey	Ex-officio	1 of 2	Present
AJ Federico (parent)	Guest	N/A	Present
Jordan Mengel (counselor)	Presenter	N/A	Present
Jessica Miller (counselor)	Presenter	N/A	Present
Tom Miller (Leaders Building Leaders)	Presenter	N/A	Present
Caitlin Kilbride	PTN	N/A	Present

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Red Highlights = Board member homework prior to the meeting

Agenda Item	Discussion	Time	Presenter
Celebrations	The Auction netted approximately \$50,000. The Suisical production is tonight and tomorrow iReady scores showed great improvement, especially in Math	3 min	Jody
Public Comment	NONE		



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Financial/Development	Billy presented the second reading of the Budget. Notable changes include staffing changes based on non-renews and resignations.	10 min	Billy
<u>Principal Slide Deck</u>	Presentations: Tom Miller presented the Leaders Building Leaders process in detail. This contract was approved by the Board in March. The board discussed scheduling of the in person workshop for the week of July 20, 2026. The strategic plan draft will be completed through this process. Ms. Jessica and Ms. Jordan provided an overview of the School Counseling program detailing the curriculum for Tier 1, Tier 2, Tier 3 students, and the additional specialized one on one services they provide. Ms. Jody discussed staffing changes as a result of non-renews and resignations. This will include moving to one instructional coach, creating an MTSS coordinator position, creating a LE Co-Lead Teacher position, and moving the School Psychologist to Contractor position. Ms. Jody presented the results of the spring i-Ready assessments and the projected SC Ready results. Ms. Jody reported that the presentation of the Special Education consultant's report will be deferred to a later meeting to allow time for a thorough review. She reported that she and	20 min	Jody



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	staff were pleased with the process and feel that we will be able to make valuable improvements to the special education program as a result.		
Committee Reports	NONE	15 min	Leads
PTN	Ms. Kilbride reported on the success of the Auction and future planning for next year including expansion of the Golden Eagles program and a possible 5K fundraiser. She also discussed plans for Staff Appreciation week next week.		

Guiding Documents

[Charter](#)

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

[Strategic Plan](#)

***[Board Evaluation](#)

Votes

Item	Discussion/links	Approved	Denied
Approval of March 26 Meeting Minutes		Motion/ ECook - Second/ CHagy (Unanimous)	
Guidance Counselor hire	(Murakami)	Motion/CHagy	



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		Second/ECook (Unanimous)	
Second Reading of Budget		Motion/CHag y Second JWessen Unanimous	

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.