



Agenda March 18, 2025

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	Absent
Jeff Yurfest	Treasurer	2 of 2	Present
Anne-Merle Bryant	Community Member at Large	2 of 2	Present
Jenny Quattlebaum	Community Member at Large	1 of 2	Present
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
Karen Mast	Guest		Present

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Red Highlights = Board member homework prior to the meeting

Agenda Item	Discussion	Time	Presenter
Celebrations	Anna Bennet was selected as Rookie of the Year by her Peers!	3 min	Jody
Public Comment	NONE		
Financial/Development	Dashboard/Annual Fund Billy - Financial Presentation Highlights - State Aid to Classroom 1st payment, updated per pupil - new financial package will be discussed at next Finance Committee meetings. 1st reading of the Budget - approximately \$83M	10 min	Billy



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	surplus		
Principal Slide Deck	Gym update, Auction, New video Auction 504 IEP and Intervention Aggregate Data New Video!! DRAFT Strategic Plan was shared with the Board and feedback requested. The goal is to have a reviewed draft in place prior to the end of the school year.	20 min	Jody
Committee Reports	NONE	15 min	Leads

Guiding Documents

[Charter](#)

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

[Strategic Plan](#)

***[Board Evaluation](#)

Votes

Item	Discussion/links	Approved	Denied
Approval of February Meeting Minutes		Jenny/Anne Merle, Unanimous	
1st Reading of Budget		Anne Merle/Jeff, Unanimous	
Board Support Contract	Leaders Building Leaders	Jeff/Jenny, Unanimous	



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Our 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.