



Agenda August 2026

Meeting Dates, Meeting Recording & Minutes 2025-26			
July 2025	August 19, 2026	September 16, 2026	October 24, 2026
No Meeting	Agenda Notes Recording	Agenda Notes Recording	Agenda Notes Recording
November 2026	December 2026	January 2027	February 2027
Agenda Notes Recording	NO MEETING	Agenda Notes Recording	Agenda Notes Recording
March 2027	April 2027	May 2027	
Agenda Notes Recording	Agenda Notes Recording	Agenda Notes Recording	

Meeting Type	Login Information
Executive Meeting 5:00 - 5:30	
Open Board Meeting 5:30-7:00	

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

Board Members

Name	Position	Term	Present/Absent
Craig Johnson	President	2 of 2	Present



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Allen Federico		1 of 2	Present
Julie Wessen		2 of 2	Present
Alyson Amerson		1 of 2	Present
Unfilled	Community Member at Large		
Jenny Quattlebaum	Community Member at Large	2 of 2	Absent
Elizabeth Cook	Community Member at Large	2 of 2	Present
Jody Swaingan, Principal	Ex-officio	Unlimited	Present
Billy Koll, Director of Finances	Ex-officio	Unlimited	Present
Sarah Ramsey	Ex-officio	2 of 2	Present

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Red Highlights = Board member homework prior to the meeting

Start at 5:41 pm				
Agenda Item	Discussion		Time	Presenter
Celebrations			3 min	Jody
Public Comment	Sign up Name	Topic		
Financial/Development	Dashboard		10 min	Billy
	Presentations: Welcome New Members Meeting Calendar/Bylaws/Committee Assignments Safety Plans Enhancements Review /Approve Mission and Vision Statement Approve Charter Promise Review Annual Goals - Achievement 90-Day Plan		20 min	Jody



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Start at 5:41 pm

	Special Education Report Goals Referendum Planning for building enhancements Fund Balance Budgeting Process Fundraising Budget 26-27 All Board Members complete the Board Assessment Full Board Training in September Date options Exit Interview Presentation Annual Conflict of Interest/Confidentiality		
Committee Reports		15 min	
	None		

Guiding Documents

[Charter](#)

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

[Strategic Plan](#)

***[Board Evaluation](#)

Votes

Item	Discussion/links	Approved	Denied
Approval of May 26 Meeting Minutes		approved	
Afterschool Hire #1, #2 and #3		approved	
Marketing Hire		approved	



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Psychologist MOU			
Development/socials hire Vaneesha Pause		approved	
Computer Science Hire Scot Boccia		approved	

Discussion of Data Drive- ELA and Math goals

Special Education consultant- David Bateman- observations in class- handbooks for every position in school

IEP vs 504 differences

AI- middle school

- How to use it
- Monitor AI use

Free Mental Health Care- 7 visits per ailment

Badges- add on to Powerschool

- How to account for the students when they arrive before school starts

Leaders Building Leaders

- Board structure allows ECMCS to continue forever
- Tom Miller- charter school leader consultant
- Meeting with board- Sept. 11, 2026 10am to 2pm

Meeting ended at 6:52 pm



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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.