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# BOARD OF TRUSTEES
# REGULAR MEETING

**Date** : September 16, 2026/7:00 pm
**Place** : 196 W. Railway Ave., Paterson, NJ 07503/Library-Media Center

## AGENDA
Subject to Change

**I.** The Regular Meeting of the Paterson Charter School for Science and Technology is called to order. The Board reserves the right to act on any and all agenda items.

**Open Public Meeting Act Statement**
This meeting has been publicized in accordance with the requirements of the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act, P.L. 2025, Chapter 72. Notice of this meeting has been posted on the Paterson Charter School for Science and Technology website, at www.pcsst.org, accessible via a clearly marked link on the homepage.

**Flag Salute**
I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

**Roll Call**

| Trustee | Attendance | Trustee | Attendance |
|---|---|---|---|
| Mrs. Garcia Rodriguez | | Mr. De Jesus | |
| Ms. Smith | | Mr. Turkileri | |
| Mr. Kutlu | | Mrs. Arik-Copur | |

**Also Present**

| Member | Position | Attendance |
|---|---|---|
| Mr. Riza | Lead Person | |
| Mr. Anar | SBA/Board Secretary | |
| Mr. Kirazli | Asst. SBA/Asst. Board Secretary | |
| Sabrina Fernandez | Student Representative | |

**II.** **Board Member Reelection**
Mr. Melikan Turkileri is up for reelection for another three-year term (10/01/26 thr 09/30/29)

**III.** **Executive Session**
Motion by_____, seconded by_____ to adjourn to Executive Session in accordance with the Sunshine Law, Chapter 321, P.L. 1975, to discuss topics for the purpose(s) as outlined and described below:
- Facility Matters

Please Note: The matters discussed will be made public if and when the circumstances requiring confidentiality no longer exist; however, it is not presently known when such circumstances will exist.

## IV. Reconvene Public Session

Motion by_____, seconded by_____ to exit the executive session.
**Roll call:** Public Session was reconvened at _____ p.m.

## V. Public Comment Session on Agenda Items

In accordance with Policy 0167, the Board opens this portion of the meeting to public comment on agenda items only. Speakers must state their name, town of residence, and subject, and may be limited to three minutes. Comments regarding employees or students are discouraged; the Board cannot legally respond to them. Abusive or defamatory remarks will not be tolerated, and the Board bears no responsibility for public comments. Anyone who violates these rules or disrupts the meeting may be removed.

## VI. Acceptance of Minutes

Motion by_____, seconded by_____ to accept the following minutes of the Board of Trustees Meeting.

- Regular Meeting of August 19, 2026
- Executive Session of August 19, 2026

**Roll call:**

## VII. HIB Report

## VIII. Lead Person's Report

## IX. Policy

## X. Academics

Upon recommendation of the Lead Person, motion to approve the following academics agenda items # E27-05 through # E27-13:

**E27-05:** Approval of the following field trips and transportation costs, those are provided under transportation services agreement with Northern Region Educational Services Commission and/or provided under PCSST Transportation Department.

| Field Trip | Date | # of Stud | Gr. | Location | Estimated Cost |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Finance Park | 01/19/27 | 48 | 10-12 | Edison | $0 |
| St. John Vianney High School | 01/06/27 | 9 | 10-12 | Holmdel | $0 |
| WPU Teen Summit | 10/23/26 | 10 | 10-12 | Wayne | $0 |
| Raider National | 10/23/26 | 32 | 8-12 | Ft. Knox, KY | $13,857 |
| Commanders Cup | 05/23/27 | 15 | 9-12 | Fort Dix | $720 |
| South Mt. Reservation | 04/24/27 | 30 | 8-12 | Milburn | $0 |
| Fort Dix | 06/22/27 | 20 | 8-12 | Fort Dix | $1,100 |
| VA Home | 12/16/26 | 50 | 8-12 | Paramus & Edison | $0 |
| Columbus Day Parade | 10/12/26 | 87 | 8-12 | New York, NY | $1,200 |

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| Esplanade Plaza | 09/27/26 | 50 | 8-12 | New York, NY | $0 |
| Crayola Factory | 10/23/26 | 144 | 2 | Easton, PA | $2,880 |
| Seton Hall University | 11/20/26 | 32 | 11-12 | South Orange | $800 |
| CCP Dorney Park | 05/27/27 | 40 | 6-11 | Allentown, PA | $2,000 |
| Fairview Lake YMCA Camps | 04/30/27 | 40 | 6-11 | Newton | $5,000 |
| Parkway Lane | 12/10/26 | 40 | 6-11 | Elmwood Park | $1,000 |
| Urban Air Trampoline Park | 03/13/27 | 40 | 6-11 | South Hackensack | $1,500 |
| Campgaw Mountain Ski Area | 01/23/27 | 40 | 6-11 | Mahwah | $1,500 |
| FunPlex | 11/14/26 | 40 | 6-11 | East Hanover | $1,350 |
| Montclair State University | 09/01/26 | 28 | 11-12 | Montclair | $0 |
| Alstede Farms | 10/22/26 | 144 | 3 | Chester | $3,077 |
| Finance Park | 05/25/27 | 46 | 9 | Edison | $0 |
| Finance Park | 01/15/27 | 46 | 9 | Edison | $0 |
| Rutgers University | 02/24/27 | 16 | 10-12 | Piscataway | $0 |
| K-1, 2-3 PCSST | 03/03/27 | 36 | 10-12 | Paterson | $0 |
| Kean University | 10/14/26 | 40 | 8-12 | Union | $0 |
| Hyatt Regency | 09/28/26 | 7 | 8-12 | New Brunswick | $0 |
| Junior Achievement Biztown | 03/16/27 | 75 | 6 | Edison | $0 |
| Junior Achievement Biztown | 03/12/27 | 75 | 6 | Edison | $0 |

**E27-06:** Approval of the following activities and events for the 2026-2027 school year.

| **Student/Parent Program** | **Date** | **Grades** | **Cost** |
|---|---|---|---|
| JROTC Promotion Night* | 10/7/26 | 8-12 | $7,500 |
| Fall Blood Drive | 11/16/26 | 6-12 | $250 |
| JROTC Award Night* | 5/12/27 | 8-12 | $7,500 |
| STEAM Festival | 5/15/27 | K-12 | $1,000 |
| Science Award Dinner* | 5/26/27 | 8-12 | $1,500 |
| CCP Kick Off, Mid-Year, End of Year Celebration* | 10/17, 2/6, 5/22 | 6-11 | $1,575 |
| Parent Teacher Conferences* | 10/7, 12/16, 3/17 | 8-12 | $1,650 |
| Pep Rallies [DJ] | Fall 9/18, Winter 12/18, TBD | 8-12 | $750 |
| ROAR Time Student Incentives | 9 months | 4-7 | $2,000 |
| Math Wizard Program Refreshments* | 9 months | 4-7 | $4,500 |
| NJSLA Testing Treats* | 9 months | 4-7 | $1,500 |
| Pizza with Principal* | 9 months | 4-7 | $2,000 |
| Respect Week Celebrations and Red Ribbon Week/ Bully Prevention Month | 10/1-30/26 | 4-7 | $500 |
| Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration* [Parent Program] | 10/14/26 | 4-7 | $2,000 |
| Honor Roll Parent Ceremonies* | 11/11/26, 2/11/27, 4/21/26 | 4-7 | $3,000 |
| Monthly Principal Lunch* | 10/15/26- 05/15/27 | 2-3 | $1,184 |
| K-7 Literacy Night* | 09/23/26 | K-7 | $1,825 |

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| Trunk or Treat | 10/31/26 | 2-3 | $0 |
| Multicultural night | 03/19/27 | K-12 | $2,500 |
| Noche Hispana | 10/23/26 | K-12 | $1,250 |

**Will be paid by FY27 ESEA Title IA Funds*

**E27-07:** Approval of College Coaching Program (CCP), advisors and stipends for the 2026-2027 School Year attached as exhibit A. The program will be funded by ESEA Title IV.

**E27-08:** Approval of the following Credit Recovery Program instructors and stipends for the 2026-2027 School year. The program will be funded by ESEA Title IA.

| **Staff Member** | **Title** | **Stipend** |
|---|---|---|
| Raven Felton | Instructor | $2,500 |
| Michael Feliu | Instructor | $2,500 |
| Suzanne Albert-Williams | Instructor | $2,500 |
| Mykole Tate | Instructor | $2,500 |
| Robert Lucas | Program Coordinator | $4,000 |

**E27-09:** Approval of Musical Theater Production for 2026-27 School Year attached as exhibit B.

**E27-10:** Approval of K-1 Campus After School Program, teachers and rates for the 2026-2027 School Year attached as exhibit C. The program will be funded by ESEA Title IA.

**E27-11:** Approval of 2-3 Campus After School Program, teachers and rates for the 2026-2027 School Year attached as exhibit D. The program will be funded by ESEA Title IA.

**E27-12:** Approval of 8-12 Campus After School Intervention and SAT Prep Program for the 2026-2027 School Year attached as exhibit E. The programs will be funded by ESEA Title IA.

**E27-13:** Approval of clubs, advisors and stipends for 2026-2027 school year at 2-3 and 8-12 campuses attached as exhibit F.

Block Vote: E27-05 through E27-13
Motion by _____, seconded by _____, **Roll call:**

## XI. Personnel

Upon recommendation of the Lead Person, motion to approve the following personnel agenda items # HR27-09 through # HR27-15:

**HR27-09:** Approval to hire the following New Staff for the 2026-27 School Year on an emergent basis for a period not to exceed three months, pending completion of criminal history records check, with benefits.

| **Last Name** | **First Name** | **Title** | **Salary** | **Salary Scale** | **10/12 Month** | **Start Date** |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Woods | Shakira | Teacher's Aide | $34,042 | Step 1 | 10 | 09/17/26 |
| Gomez | Cindy | Teacher's Aide | $34,042 | Step 1 | 10 | 09/14/26 |
| Alnajjar | Lina | Teacher/Sub Teacher | $55,034 | N/A | 10 | 09/17/26 |
| McCaskill | Tiffany | Hallway Monitor | $31,275 | Step 1 | 10 | 09/17/26 |

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| Falco | Anna Rita | Teacher | $86,200 | MA/20 | 10 | 09/17/26 |
| Treubig | James | Substitute Teacher | $48,500 | N/A | 10 | 09/22/26 |

**HR27-10:** Approval of revising the salary/title of the following staff for the 2026-27 school year.

| Last Name | First Name | Current Title | New Title | Current Salary | New Salary |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Prieto | Emily | Substitute Teacher | Teacher | $48,500 | BA/1 $62,200 |
| Ramirez | Jeremy | Crossing Guard | Additional Duty: On-Call Security | N/A | $180 per diem |
| Ilovayskaya | Liliya | Substitute Teacher | Teacher | $38,800 | MA/4 $69,700 |
| Park | Seung-Hae | Teacher | N/A | BA/13 $80,200 | BA/14 $81,700 |
| Rabah | Anas | Head Coach | Part-Time Teacher | N/A | MA/1 per diem |

**HR27-11:** Approval of the following stipends for the 2026-27 school year:

| Last Name | First Name | Stipend Title | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| Alarcon | Jeanette | K-1 School Bus Aide | $22.50 per route |
| Ortiz | Patricia | K-1 School Bus Aide | $22.50 per route |
| Arvine | Keshwana | K-1 School Bus Aide – Substitute | $22.50 per route |
| Dye | Jacquelyn | 2-3 School Bus Aide | $22.50 per route |
| Sasa | Bayan | 2-3 School Bus Aide | $22.50 per route |
| Arteaga | Bathsheba | 2-3 School Bus Aide – Substitute | $22.50 per route |
| Santana | Yippsi | 2-3 School Bus Aide – Substitute | $22.50 per route |
| Guvercin | Hurisa | Grant Development and Support | $5,000 |
| Mercedez-Valdez | Alfi | Temp Admin Asst to Special Services | Sec/4 $35,972 |

**HR27-12**: Approval of the following Fall Sports – Head Varsity, Assistant Varsity and Stipends as set forth in Schedule B for the 2026-2027 School Year.

| Last Name | First Name | Position | Sport |
|---|---|---|---|
| Lepenica | Jay | Assistant Varsity Coach | Boys Cross Country |
| Abutabikh | Ehab | Assistant JV Coach | Boys Soccer |

**HR26-13:** Approval of the following FMLA/NJFLA for the 2026-2027 school year.

| Last Name | First Name | Leave | Dates | Paid / Unpaid |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Kunze | David | FMLA/NJFLA | 11/30/26 - 03/10/27 | 12 Wks. Unpaid Days |
| Cooley | Raena | FMLA/NJFLA | 01/04/27 - 04/08/27 | 12 Wks. Unpaid Days |
| Cheney | Justine | FMLA/NJFLA | 10/09/26 - 10/23/26 | 2 Wks Unpaid Days |

**HR27-14**: Accepting of the resignation/termination/retirement of the following staff for the 2026-2027 School Year.

| Last Name | First Name | Status | Position | Effective Date |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Preston | Markeece | Resignation | ISS Instructor | 08/31/26 |
| Abul-Huda | Nadia | Resignation | Teacher | 08/24/26 |
| Roer | Jennifer | Resignation | Teacher | 08/24/26 |

**HR27-15:** Approval of the attendance and costs of the following Workshops/Conferences as requested by the following faculty members:

WHEREAS, the Faculty listed below will be attending workshops; and
WHEREAS, the attendance at stated functions is accepted as work related and within the scope of the work responsibilities of the attendee; and
WHEREAS, the attendance at the functions is accepted as promoting delivery of instruction, furthering efficient operation of the school district; and fiscally prudent, and
WHEREAS, the travel and related expenses particular to attendance at these functions are expected to exceed the state travel guidelines established by the Department of Treasury in NJOMB circular letter; be it
RESOLVED, that the board finds the cost of attendance, including all registration fees, and statutorily authorized travel and related expense and the excess expenses particular to attendance at this function as unavoidable, be it
RESOLVED, that the excess is justified and therefore reimbursable.

| Employee | Date | Program Name | Location | Cost |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Admin Team Members | 9/28/26 | NJPCSA 30th Anniversary/Charter Gala | New Brunswick | $3,850 |
| Vicky Tsotas | 11/20/26 | DYSLEXIA: Practical Methods to Improve Student Outcomes | Virtual | $295 |
| Matt Anar | 10/19-10/21 | NJSBA Workshop | Atlantic City | Group Rate |
| Mevlut Kirazli | 10/21/26 | NJSBA Workshop | Atlantic City | Group Rate |
| Riza Gurcanli | 10/19-10/21 | NJSBA Workshop | Atlantic City | Group Rate |
| Mevlut Kirazli | 9/22-10/06-12/15-01/12-3/11-4/13 | NJASBO Monthly PD Series | Whippany | $1,194 |
| Allison Schultz | 9/17-12/14 | Jim Knight- Intensive Instructional Coaching Institute Training | Virtual | $1,995 |
| Kerry Andrews | 2/11/2027 | Carl Anderson Speaker Series Event | New Brunswick | $180 |
| Hurisa Guvercin | 2/25/2027 - 2/26/2027 | Innovative Schools Summit-New York | New York | $502 |
| Duygu Akkoc | 10/20/2026 | NJ SCIENCE CONVENTION | Princeton | $240 |

Block Vote: HR27-09 through HR27-15
Motion by _____, seconded by _____, **Roll call:**

## XII. Finance

Upon recommendation of the Lead Person, and the Business Administrator, motion to approve the following finance agenda items # SR27-10 through # SR27-15:

**SR27-10:** Approval of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, both the A148 Report of the Secretary and the A149 Report of the Treasurer of School Moneys are in agreement with the cash balance in the Governmental Funds of $21,292,764.04 as of July 31, 2026 and $19,259,274.93 as of August 31, 2026

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Reports of the Secretary and the Reports of the Treasurer of School Moneys be accepted.

**SR27-11:** Approval of the List of Bills for the period between August 18, 2026 and September 14, 2026 in the amount of $2,587,280.56. This includes the payroll of August 31, 2026 in the amount of $1,075,829.12 and the payroll of September 15, 2026 in the amount of $1,178,850.49.

**SR27-12:** Approval of Certification of Accounts

**A. Board Secretary's Certification of Accounts**
Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.11, I certify that as of August 31, 2026, no major budgetary line item account expenditure exceeds the amount appropriated by the Charter Board of Trustees.

_____ September 16, 2026
Matt Ahmet Anar – Board Secretary Date

**B. Board Certification of Accounts**
**RESOLVED**, that after review of the Secretary's and Treasurer's reports for July and August 2026 and based upon consultation with and representations of the appropriate officials (Secretary, Treasurer, Business Administrator and Lead Person), the Board of Trustees of Paterson Charter School for Science and Technology has ascertained, to the best of our knowledge and ability, with the information provided, that no major account (Current Expense, Capital Outlay, Debt Service) has been over-expended and that sufficient funds are available to meet the charter's financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year, and hereby certifies the charter's financial plan (the budget) as approved is being followed as revealed in the financial

**SR27-13:** Approval of the following service contract for the 2026-2027 School Year:

| Vendor | Scope of Service | Fee |
|---|---|---|
| Delgado Educational Services, LLC | On Call Substitute School Secretary Services | $25/hour<br>Not to exceed $7,949 |

**SR27-14:** Approval of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Bridge of Books Foundation has offered to donate approximately 700 books to the Paterson Charter School for Science and Technology; and
WHEREAS, the donation will support the school's Gifted and Talented Program;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees accepts the donation with gratitude and authorizes the administration to send a letter of appreciation to the Bridge of Books Foundation.

**SR27-15:** Approval of the following transportation contract:

WHEREAS, the Paterson Charter School for Science and Technology (PCSST) requires motorcoach transportation for the JROTC Raider National Competition trip to Fort Knox, KY, on October 22–26, 2026; and
WHEREAS, the Business Office solicited quotations in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:27 for a student transportation contract below the bid threshold, and evaluated them for compliance with NJDOE requirements, including Form PT-2 terms, insurance, and driver background checks; and
WHEREAS, Passaic Valley Coaches submitted the lowest responsive and responsible quotation and agreed in writing to all state-mandated contract terms;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees awards the student transportation contract for the JROTC Raider National Competition trip to Passaic Valley Coaches; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board Secretary/Business Administrator is authorized to execute the NJDOE Form PT-2 contract and submit the required documentation to the Passaic County Superintendent of Schools for approval.

Block Vote: SR27-10 through SR27-15
Motion by _____, seconded by _____, **Roll call:**

## XIII. Old Business/New Business

## XIV. Public Comment Session on Any Topic

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## XV. Adjournment

Motion by _____, seconded by _____ to adjourn the meeting at _____ p.m. **Roll call:**