



Board of Trustees Meeting Agenda October 18, 2025 – 1:30 pm

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The Board of Trustees met in Executive Session immediately prior to this meeting tonight to discuss Charter School business which, if conducted in public, would violate a lawful privilege or lead to the disclosure of information or confidentiality protected by law.

1. Meeting Opening

A. Call to order

B. Pledge of Allegiance

"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."

C. Roll Call

Name	Present	Absent	Arrival After Call to Order
Mr. Carl Schwartz			
Ms. Brenda Sachleben			
Ms Ruth Bowser			
Mr. Ariel Castillo			
Ms Stephanie Hamel			
Ms. Riana Rahman			
Mr. Victor D. Valentine, Sr.			

D. Adoption of the Agenda

Be it resolved that the Board adopts the agenda.

MM: SM: Action:

Name	Yes	No	Abstain or Recuse
Mr. Carl Schwartz			
Ms. Brenda Sachleben			
Ms. Ruth Bowser			

Mr. Ariel Castillo			
Ms. Stephanie Hamel			
Ms. Riana Rahman			
Mr. Victor Valentine			

2. Public Comment (Agenda Items Only)

3. Reports to the Board

A. Finance, IT, & OPS (Melissa Paris, Chief Financial Officer)

B. Engagement (Vicki Andrews, Chief Engagement Officer)

C. Teaching, Learning, and Family Support (Dr. Shaika BuAli, Chief Academic Officer)

D. Human Resources, Marketing, and Enrollment (Sherri Tate, Chief Human Resources & Marketing Officer)

E. Public Affairs & Accountability (Doug Wessels, Chief Public Affairs & Accountability Officer)

F. CEO (Dr. Debra Heath-Thornton, Chief Executive Officer)

4. Governance Committee

A. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Be it resolved that the Board of Trustees hereby approves the minutes from the following Board of Trustees Meeting: August 25, 2025.

MM: SM: Action:

Name	Yes	No	Abstain or Recuse
Mr. Carl Schwartz			
Ms. Brenda Sachleben			
Ms. Ruth Bowser			
Mr. Ariel Castillo			
Ms. Stephanie Hamel			
Ms. Riana Rahman			
Mr. Victor Valentine			

B. Approval of Policies

Be it resolved that the Board of Trustees hereby approves the following policies.

MM: SM: Action:

- #2101- Student Services Policy
- #4201- Social Media and Networking Guidelines Policy
- #4302- Dual Enrollment Agreements with Institutions of Higher Education Policy
- #5001- Transgender and Gender Non Conforming Student Policy
- #5002- Student Immigration Policy

- #5003- Gender Identity Information Change Policy

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Mr. Carl Schwartz			
Ms. Brenda Sachleben			
Ms. Ruth Bowser			
Mr. Ariel Castillo			
Ms. Stephanie Hamel			
Ms. Riana Rahman			
Mr. Victor Valentine			

5. Finance Committee

A. Approval of Financial Statements

Be it resolved that the Board of Trustees hereby approves the Financial Statements through August 31, 2025.

MM: SM: Action:

Name	Yes	No	Abstain or Recuse
Mr. Carl Schwartz			
Ms. Brenda Sachleben			
Ms. Ruth Bowser			
Mr. Ariel Castillo			
Ms. Stephanie Hamel			
Ms. Riana Rahman			
Mr. Victor Valentine			

B. Approval of Annual Nonprofit Annual report

Be it resolved that the Board of Trustees hereby accepts the Annual Report as required by the Pennsylvania Nonprofit Corporation Law.

MM: SM: Action:

Name	Yes	No	Abstain or Recuse
Mr. Carl Schwartz			
Ms. Brenda Sachleben			
Ms. Ruth Bowser			
Mr. Ariel Castillo			
Ms. Stephanie Hamel			
Ms. Riana Rahman			

Mr. Victor Valentine			
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C. Approve resubmission of the Consolidated Federal Grant Agreement

Be it resolved that the Board of Trustees hereby accepts the resolution to resubmit the Consolidated Federal Grant Agreement.

MM: SM: Action:

Name	Yes	No	Abstain or Recuse
Mr. Carl Schwartz			
Ms. Brenda Sachleben			
Ms. Ruth Bowser			
Mr. Ariel Castillo			
Ms. Stephanie Hamel			
Ms. Riana Rahman			
Mr. Victor Valentine			

D. Approval of electronic signatures with the Pennsylvania Department of Education

The Board of Trustees hereby approves the following resolution to include:

1. The authorization for Dr. Debra Heath-Thornton, Chief Executive Officer of PA Virtual Charter School to sign any and all contracts, agreements and grants and/or licenses with the Pennsylvania Department of Education ("Department").
2. Authorize the use of electronic signatures.
3. Agree that no writing shall be required.
4. Agree that Pa Virtual Charter School will not contest the due authorization, execution, delivery, enforceability of the electronic contract under the provisions of a statute of frauds or any other applicable law.
5. Agree to notify the Department's Bureau of Management Services if Debra Heath-Thorton is no longer authorized to execute agreements on behalf of Pa Virtual Charter School.

MM: SM: Action:

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Ms. Stephanie Hamel			
Ms. Riana Rahman			

Mr. Victor Valentine			
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6. Human Resources Committee

A. Approval of Personnel Report

Be it resolved that the Board of Trustees hereby approves the Personnel Report denoting all changes in personnel from August 26th through October 1, 2025.

MM: SM: Action:

Name	Yes	No	Abstain or Recuse
Mr. Carl Schwartz			
Ms. Brenda Sachleben			
Ms. Ruth Bowser			
Mr. Ariel Castillo			
Ms. Stephanie Hamel			
Ms. Riana Rahman			
Mr. Victor Valentine			

7. Other Action Items

A. Motion to reinstate the previously tabled motion approving settlements and or dismissals

The Board of Trustees hereby approves the motion to reinstate the previously tabled motion to approve settlements and withdrawals as warranted for the matters with various school districts.

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Mr. Carl Schwartz			
Ms. Brenda Sachleben			
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Mr. Ariel Castillo			
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Ms. Riana Rahman			
Mr. Victor Valentine			

B. Motion to approve all new settlements or dismissals

The Board of Trustees hereby approves the motion to approve all new settlements or dismissals.

MM: SM: Action:

Name	Yes	No	Abstain or Recuse
Mr. Carl Schwartz			

Ms. Brenda Sachleben			
Ms. Ruth Bowser			
Mr. Ariel Castillo			
Ms. Stephanie Hamel			
Ms. Riana Rahman			
Mr. Victor Valentine			

8. Public Comment (Topic related to PA Virtual Operations)

9. Closing of Meeting

A. Next Meeting - Public Meeting is being held on December 15, 2025 at 6:30 p.m.

B. Adjournment Time:

Motion to adjourn meeting

Be it resolved that the Board of Trustees hereby approves the motion to adjourn.

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Mr. Victor Valentine			

Ariel Castillo, Secretary