



**MTCS Regular Board Meeting Agenda**  
Thursday, November 20th, at 4:30 PM  
Minnesota Transitions Charter School District Office,  
2872 26th Avenue South, Minneapolis, MN 55406

Some members of this board may participate in this meeting via interactive technology

[Digital Meeting Link](#)

1. Call to Order at 4:30 pm
2. Land Acknowledgement Statement  
*The Minnesota Transitions Charter School Board of Directors wishes to acknowledge and pay respect to the Dakota and Ojibwe people, upon whose ancestral lands our school sites, district office and boardroom are located.*
3. MTCS Mission Statement  
*We are a student-centred learning community that inspires and supports all learners to achieve excellence through equitable, relevant learning experiences.*
4. Roll call and noting of the quorum (Roll by Voice - 9 current members, 5 constitutes a quorum) - Role call and Voting to be completed in the following order:
  1. Arianna Edington- present
  2. Tyler Frankhouse- present
  3. Zahra Farah- present
  4. Nikki Reinardy- present
  5. Belle Thompson- present virtually
  6. Matt Edgar- present
  7. Sam Trojan- present
  8. Jynaya Jackson- not present
  9. Alex DeGroot- present virtually
5. Conflict of Interest ([Policy 210.1](#))  
Are there any members of the board possessing a conflict of interest on any of the agenda items listed? Please specify which item where a conflict of interest exists.  
  
No conflicts are noted
6. Approval of the Agenda  
*Motion to approve the Agenda*  
*Motion by Matt*  
*Motion seconded by Tyler*  
*Discussion*

*Vote: 6-0-0*  
*Motion carries*

7. Consent Agenda

- a. [Approval of minutes here](#)
- b. [Approval of October 2025 Accounts Payable and Wires](#)
- c. [HR resignations, terminations, and new hires](#)

*Motion to approve the Consent Agenda*

*Motion by Nikki*

*Motion seconded by Tyler*

*Discussion*

*Vote*

*Motion carries 6-0-0*

8. Open forum/public comment

9. Reports

- a. Board Chair Report by Matt
- b. [Finance Report](#) by Scott
- c. [Policy Committee Report](#) by Sam
- d. [Superintendent's Report](#) by Shawn

10. Action Items

- a. Calendar changes for MN Connections Academy and MTS Secondary

*Motion to approve changes to the calendar that make 11/3/25 a student contact day and 11/4/25 a non-student contact day at MN Connections Academy and to make 3/10/26 an asynchronous learning day for MTS Secondary.*

*Motion by Tyler*

*Motion seconded by Zarah*

*Discussion*

*Roll Call Vote 8-0-0*

*Motion carries*

- b. [MTCS Policy 806 - Crisis Management - Proposed Final](#)
  - i. [MTCS Policy 806 - Crisis Management Policy - Redline](#)
    - 1. [Sample Emergency Procedures](#)

*Motion to Approve MTCS Policy 806*

*Motion by Sam*

*Motion seconded by Zarah*

*Discussion*

*Roll Call Vote 8-0-0*

*Motion carries*

- c. [MTCS Policy 401 - Equal Employment Opportunity - Proposed Final](#)
  - i. [Policy 401 - Equal Employment Opportunity - Redline](#)

1. Minor additions to language
2. Language changes can be approved in one reading

*Motion to Approve MTCS Policy 401*

*Motion by Sam*

*Motion seconded by Tyler*

*Discussion*

*Roll Call Vote 8-0-0*

*Motion carries*

- d. [MTCS Policy 404 - Employment Background Checks - Proposed Final](#)
  - i. [MTCS Policy 404 - Employment Background Checks](#) - Redline
    1. Added item III. K.
    2. Amended references
    3. Language changes can be approved in one reading
    4. [Form - link](#)

*Motion to Approve MTCS Policy 404*

*Motion by Sam*

*Motion seconded by Zarah*

*Discussion*

*Roll Call Vote 8-0-0*

*Motion carries*

- e. [MTCS Policy 419 - Tobacco Free Environment - Proposed Final](#)
  - i. [MTCS Policy 419 - Tobacco Free Environment](#) - Redline
    1. Added an exemption for smudging to V.C.
    2. Amended references
    3. Changes according to the law can be approved in one reading

*Motion to Approve MTCS Policy 419*

*Motion by Tyler*

*Motion seconded by Sam*

*Discussion*

*Roll Call Vote 8-0-0*

*Motion carries*

## 11. Discussion

- a. [Board protocols](#)
- b. Potential change to bylaws that would change “members” to “eligible voters”

## 12. Announcements

- a. Next Regular Meeting is Thursday, December 18th, 2025 @ 4:30 pm

## 13. Adjournment at 5:37pm