



MTCS Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday, April 23rd, 2026 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 4:45 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-centered 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 - 7 current members, 4 constitutes a quorum) - Roll call and Voting to be completed in the following order:
 1. Tyler Frankhouse- Present
 2. Zahra Farah- Present
 3. Nikki Reinardy- Present
 4. Belle Thompson- Present
 5. Matt Edgar- Present
 6. Sam Trojan- Present
 7. Lisa Beck- Virtually Attended
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.

None noted
6. Approval of the Agenda
Motion to approve the Agenda
Motion by Sam
Motion Seconded by Tyler
Discussion
Vote: 7-0-0
Tyler- Aye
Zahra- Aye

Nikki- Aye
Belle- Aye
Matt- Aye
Sam- Aye
Lisa- Aye

Motion Carries

7. Consent Agenda

- a. Approval of minutes here
- b. Approval of March 2025 Accounts Payable and Wires
- c. HR resignations, terminations, and new hires
- d. Approval of minor policy changes

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda

Motion by Tyler

Motion Seconded by Sam

Discussion

Vote: 7-0-0

Tyler- Aye
Zahra- Aye
Nikki- Aye
Belle- Aye
Matt- Aye
Sam- Aye
Lisa- Aye

Motion Carries

8. Open forum/public comment

None

9. Reports

- a. Board Chair Report
 - i. Matt will be moving to Ottawa, Canada, and will be resigning at Chair/from the school board as of June 30, 2026
- b. Finance Report given by Scott Marine
- c. Policy Committee Report given by Sam Trojan
- d. Superintendent's Report given by Shawn Fondow

10. Action Items

- a. Annual approval of the succession plan.

Motion to approve the annual succession plan.

Motion by Sam

Motion Seconded by Nikki

Discussion

Vote: 7-0-0

Tyler- Aye
Zahra- Aye
Nikki- Aye
Belle- Aye
Matt- Aye
Sam- Aye
Lisa- Aye

Motion Carries

11. Approval of minor policy changes

- a. Approval of funds for teacher appreciation meals not to exceed \$10,000
Motion to approve the funds for teacher appreciation meals not to exceed \$10,000.
Motion by Sam
Motion Seconded by Tyler
Discussion
Vote: 7-0-0
Tyler- Aye
Zahra- Aye
Nikki- Aye
Belle- Aye
Matt- Aye
Sam- Aye
Lisa- Aye
Motion Carries
- b. Approval of minor policy changes
- c. MTCS Policy 513 - Student Promotion, Retention, and Program Design - 3rd/final read
 - i. 513 Redlined Version
 - ii. 513 Potential Final Version
 - iii. Changes
 - 1. Language in II. C.
 - a. New language for WBWF
 - b. Language about gifted and talented programming
 - 2. Steps for early admission to kindergarten
 - a. Required by statute
 - b. Very specific process for acceptance
 - iv. Final read to become policy
Motion to approve Policy 513 Final Version
Motion by Sam
Motion Seconded by Tyler
Discussion
Vote: 7-0-0
Tyler- Aye
Zahra- Aye
Nikki- Aye
Belle- Aye
Matt- Aye
Sam- Aye
Lisa- Aye
Motion Carries
- d. MTCS Policy 201 - Legal Status of the School Board - 2nd read
 - i. 201 Redlined Version
 - ii. 201 Potential Final VersionChanges
 - 1. Removes language in V.E. that related to an annual meeting and changes are to the annual election

- e. Approve temporarily under Policy 208
 - 1. Required to line up with our bylaws and remove the requirement for an annual meeting in SY26.
 - ii. Will require three reads for the change to become policy

- f. Amend enrollment caps at Minnesota Virtual Elementary for the remainder of SY26
 - i. Total students shall not exceed 150
 - ii. K is capped at 20, 1st, 2nd, and 3rd capped at 25, 4th capped at 26 and 5th capped at 31

Motion to approve the amended enrollment cap at Minnesota Virtual Elementary for the remainder of the SY26 school year.

Motion by Nikki

Motion Seconded by Sam

Discussion

Vote: 7-0-0

Tyler- Aye

Zahra- Aye

Nikki- Aye

Belle- Aye

Matt- Aye

Sam- Aye

Lisa- Aye

Motion Carries

12. Discussion

- a. Plan for filling open board positions following the annual election.
 - i. One parent became ineligible (pulled students)
 - ii. One teacher resigned from the board after the fact
 - iii. One teacher on the ballot is a tier 1, so will not be eligible on July 1

13. Announcements

- a. Next Regular Meeting is Thursday, May 21st, 2026 @ 4:30 pm

14. Adjournment at 5:22 pm