



MTCS Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday, July 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 by interactive technology

[Digital Meeting Link](#)

1. Call to Order at 4:34 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 - 5 current members, 3 constitute a quorum) - Roll call and Voting to be completed in the following order:
 1. Zahra Farah - present at 4:42
 2. Nikki Reinardy - present
 3. Belle Thompson - present
 4. Lisa Beck- absent
 5. Jennifer Stumpf - present
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
6. Approval of the Agenda
 - a. Motion to approve the agenda by Nikki.
 - b. Motion seconded by Jennie.
 - c. Discussion
 - d. Roll Call Vote: 3 approved, 0 abstained, 0 nays
 - e. Motion carried

7. Consent Agenda

- a. Approval of minutes here
- b. Approval of May 2026 Accounts Payable and Wires
- c. HR resignations, terminations, new hires
- d. Motion to approve the consent agenda by Jennie.

Nikki seconded

Discussion

Roll Call vote: 3 approved, 0 abstained, 0 nays

Motion carries.

8. Open forum/public comment

- a. No one present

9. Reports

- a. Board Chair Report - no current board chair, so no report
- b. Finance Report - only 1 member remaining, so no meeting this month (Scott reviewed)
- c. Policy Committee Report - no meeting
- d. Superintendent's Report - presented by Shawn

10. Action Items

a. Board Election Resolution

- i. Motion to approve the board election resolution confirming Ashley, Kayla, Holly, and Sarah to the school board by Zarah

Second by Nikki

Discussion

Roll call vote: Approved 4 - 0 abstain- 0 nays

Motion carries

b. Board Officer Elections

- i. Chair Election

Elections will be conducted by asking for nominations from the Board, with time given for speaking from each candidate, followed by a vote

Several nominations for Nikki

Motion to elect Nikki to the role of School board chair for the 2026-2027 school year by Jennie

Motion Second by Ashley

Discussion

Roll Call Vote: 8 - 0 - 0

Motion carries

- ii. Vice-Chair Election

Elections will be conducted by asking for nominations from the Board, with time given for speaking from each candidate, followed by a vote

Motion to elect Kayla to the role of School Board Vice Chair by Nikki

Second by Zahra

Discussion

Roll Call Vote: 8 - 0 - 0

Motion carries

- iii. Secretary-Treasurer Election

Elections will be conducted by asking for nominations from the Board, with time

given for speaking from each candidate, followed by a vote

Motion to elect Jennie to the role of School Board Treasure & Secretary by

Nikki

Motion Second by Zahra

Roll call Vote: 8 - 0 - 0

Motion Carries

c. Committee Assignments for the Finance and Policy Committees

i. Finance (in person):

1. Jennie
2. Kayla
3. Lisa
4. Opening for one more participant

ii. Policy (online):

1. Zahra
2. Ashley
3. Nikki
4. Sarah

d. Signatory Authorization - Chair, Treasurer on documents/banking (Nikki and Jennie)

Motion to delegate Nikki (Nichole) Reinardy (newly elected school board chair) and Jennie (Jennifer) Stumpf (newly elected School Board Secretary/Treasurer) as signatory authorizers made by Zahra

Second by Ashley

Roll Call Vote: 8 - 0 - 0

Motion carried

e. 3rd read MTCS Policy 409 Employee Publications, Instructional Materials, Inventions and Creations

- i. 409 Current Version
- ii. 409 Updated MSBA Version
- iii. Changes
 1. Shorter but makes the same points protecting MTCS' investments and intellectual property rights

Motion to approve MTCS Policy 409 as written in the current version by Nikki

Motion Seconded by Jennie

Roll Call Vote: 8 - 0 - 0

Motion Carried

f. MTCS Policy 501 - Weapons - 3rd read

- i. 501 Redlined Policy
- ii. 501 Potential Final Policy
- iii. Changes
 1. Adds a definition for "Dangerous Weapon"
 2. Rearranges the order of the definitions'
 3. Under Consequences V.C.
 - a. Requires referral to criminal justice in some cases
 4. Section VII Reports of Dangerous Weapons is added
 5. Additions to references

Motion to approve MTCS Policy 501 as written in the current version by Zahra

Motion Seconded by Ashley

Roll Call Vote: 8 - 0 - 0

Motion Carried

g. MTCS Policy 504 - Student Dress - 3rd Read

- i. 504 Redlined Policy
- ii. 504 Potential Final Policy
- iii. Changes
 - 1. Removes Item II.D. Which bans hats from MTCS buildings in opposition to Item II.B.5, which expressly allows hats or head coverings

Motion to approve MTCS Policy 504 as written in the current version by Ashley

Motion Seconded by Jennie

Roll Call Vote: 8 - 0 - 0

Motion Carried

h. Approval of Building Cleaning Contract with Cady Cleaning

Motion to approve the building cleaning contract with Cady Cleaning by Zahra

Motion Seconded by Jennie

Roll Call Vote: 8 - 0 - 0

Motion carries

11. Discussion

- a. Board of Directors Protocols
- b. Remember to sign an updated Oath of Office

12. Announcements

- a. Next Regular Meeting is Thursday, August 27th, 2026 @ 4:30pm
- b. Finance committee will meet on Thursday, August 27, 2026 at 3:30 pm
- c. Shawn will reach out about a policy meeting

13. Adjournment at 5:45 pm