



MTCS Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday, May 28th, 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:
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- not present
 5. Matt Edgar- present
 6. Sam Trojan- present
 7. Lisa Beck- 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.
 - No conflicts noted
6. Approval of the Agenda
 - *Changes to the agenda-*
 - *Cancel agenda item 10J - agreement not made yet*
 - *May need a special meeting held before the next scheduled meeting on June 25, 2026*
 - *Item 10L- revised Budget*
 - *Item 10B- fixed agenda item on agenda*

Motion to approve the agenda by Matt

Motion Seconded by Tyler

Discussion: no further discussion

Vote: 6-0-0

Motion Carries

7. Consent Agenda

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

Motion to approve the consent agenda by Matt

Motion Seconded by Sam

Discussion: no further discussion

Vote: 6-0-0

Motion Carries

8. Open forum/public comment

No one is present for open comment

9. Reports

- a. Board Chair Report- Given by Matt Edgar
- b. Finance Report- Given by Scott Marine
- c. Policy Committee Report- Given by Shawn Fondow
- d. Superintendent's Report- Given by Shawn Fondow

10. Action Items

- a. MTCS Policy 201 - Legal Status of the School Board - 3rd read
 - i. 201 Redlined Version
 - ii. 201 Potential Final Version
 - Changes
 - 1. Removes language in V.E. that related to an annual meeting and changes it to an annual election
 - iii. Approved on a temporary basis under Policy 208
 - 1. Required to line up with our bylaws and remove the requirement for an annual meeting in SY26.
 - iv. Final read for change to become policy

Motion to approve MTCS Policy 201- Legal Status of the School Board by Tyler

Motion Seconded by Sam

Discussion: none

Vote: 6-0-0

Motion Carries

- b. ~~MTCS Policy 414 – Mandated Reporting of Child Neglect~~ - 1st 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's investments and intellectual property rights
- c. MTCS Policy 501 - Weapons - 1st 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
- d. MTCS Policy 504 - Student Dress - 1st 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
- e. Presentation by the Wellness Committee - Wendy Lorenz-Walraven
 - i. Sharing the results of the Triennial Assessment
 - ii. Sharing proposed changes to the Wellness Policy
 - iii. Resolution to send proposed changes to the Wellness policy to the policy committee for consideration

Motion for a resolution to send the Wellness Policy 533 to the Policy Committee for consideration by Nikki

Motion Seconded by Tyler

Discussion: Hoping for more representation on the committee/input; a resource list that has resources that are available throughout the state.

Vote: 6-0-0

Motion Carries

- f. Approval of ANet Coaching / Training Contract for MTCS Directors/Principals
 - i. For the 26-27 school year
 - ii. Building the instructional capacity of our Directors is in lieu of hiring instructional coaches

Motion to approve the ANet Coaching / Training Contract for MTCS Directors/Principals by Tyler

Motion Seconded by Zarah

Discussion: No further discussion

Vote: 6-0-0

Motion Carries

- g. Approval of Student Chromebook / Staff Laptop Purchases
 - i. MNVS/E Quote
 - ii. Seat-Based Schools Quote

Motion to approve the Student Chromebook/ Staff Laptop Purchases by Sam

Motion Seconded by Tyler
Discussion: No further discussion
Vote: 6-0-0
Motion Carries

h. Minnesota State High School League Resolution for Membership

Motion to approve a Minnesota State High School League Resolution for Membership by Zarah
Motion seconded by Sam
Discussion- no further discussion
Vote: 6-0-0
Motion Carries

i. Approval of SY27 Budget
i. Including SY27 staffing for MN Connections Academy

Motion to approve the SY27 Budget, including the SY27 staffing for MN Connections Academy, by Sam
Motion Seconded by Lisa
Discussion: No further discussion
Vote: 6-0-0
Motion Carries

~~j. Approval of the Business Management Contract with SMS~~

k. Appointment of New Board Members for Vacant Teacher Positions (Effective July 1, 2026)

- Matt needs to set up new board training for new members
- We need ONE more teacher to maintain a teacher majority

Motion to appoint Zahra Farah to complete the final year of Matt Edgar's term on the board by Sam
Seconded Tyler
Discussion: no further discussion
Vote: 6-0-0
Motion Carries

Added to Agenda:

- 10L- revised Budget
 - *Link to Revised Budget SY26*
 - *Link to Revised Budget #2 SY26*

Motion to approve the revised budget #2 SY26 by Tyler
Motion Seconded by Sam
Discussion: No further discussion
Vote: 6-0-0
Motion Carries

11. Discussion

- a. The superintendent's annual (final) evaluation is due at the June meeting
- Matt will send this form out to board members

12. Announcements

- a. Next Regular Meeting is Thursday, June 25th, 2026 @ 4:30 pm

13. Adjournment at 6:16 pm