



MTCS Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday, August 27th, 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
called to order 4:32pm by Nikki
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. Lisa Beck -present
 2. Sarah Blair -present
 3. Zahra Farah -present
 4. Kayla Franklin -present
 5. Holly Johnson -present
 6. Nikki Reinardy -present
 7. Ashley Romano -present
 8. Jennifer Stumpf -present
 9. Belle Thompson- present at 4:40
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 has a conflict of interest exists.
no conflicts
6. Approval of the Agenda
motion to approve the agenda by Nikki 4:35pm
Seconded by Kayla
Discussion
Roll Call Vote: 8 approved, 0 abstained, 0 nays

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. Approval of minor policy changes - None this month

Motion to approve the agenda by Nikki 4:37pm

Motion seconded by Kayla

Discussion

Roll Call Vote: 8-0-0

Motion carried

8. Open forum/public comment

no one present

9. Reports

- a. Board Chair Report
- b. Finance Report - *Scott will have a full report in October to report on*
- c. Policy Committee Report - *no further changes made, simply scheduled meetings for remainder of the year. 3 Policies to work on will be on next agenda*
- d. Superintendent's Report -
enrollment for school year

MN Permanent School Fund on the ballot this fall- will not pose increases for individuals. Spread the word this will add more \$ to schools that do not cost taxpayers anything- but must vote on this.

Good energy seeing students excitement returning to school.

Insurance options and changes-changing from Delta Dental to BCBS Dental, giving a lower rate of increase, and as med insurance increases, how do we accommodate to have less impact in employees wallets?

10. Action Items

- a. Approval of the MTCS 26-27 Health Insurance Benefits Plan

Motion to approve BCBS Dental by Jenny

Motion Seconded by Lisa

Roll Call Vote: 9-0-0

Motion carries

- b. Approval of an increase to the MTCS contribution to employee benefits plans

Motion to approve increase to the MTCS contribution to employee benefits plans to \$2000 by Lisa

Motion Seconded by Jenny

Roll Call Vote: 9-0-0

Motion carries

Discussion on aligned vs unaligned proposal

Motion to approve variable insurance plan by Jenny

No second to the motion

Motion dissolved

Motion to approve aligned rates insurance plan by Kayla

Seconded by Lisa

Discussion

Roll Call Vote: 8-0-1

- c. Approval of the 26-27 Student Handbook- *do we need to have 2 versions of the handbook? One for Virtual and one for seat based programs?*
Jenny pointed out that much of what is in the handbook doesn't exactly apply to virtual schools
- d. Waiver of Policy 426 - Nepotism
 - i. MTSE would like to hire Chanice Martin as a Admin Assistant
 - 1. No direct supervision by her relative, Stan Scott
 - 2. The position was posted the requisite 20 days
 - ii. MNVE would like to hire Kelsay Neron-Kloss
 - 1. No direct supervision by her mother Nichole Neron-Kloss
 - 2. The position was posted the requisite 20 days
 - iii. MNVS would like to hire Michelle Irish
 - 1. No direct supervision by her mother Maggie Hollbeck
 - 2. The position was posted the requisite 20 days

Motion to waive policy 426 for MTSE to hire Chanice Martin, MNVE to hire Kelsay Neron-Kloss, and MNVS to hire Michelle Irish, by Nikki

Motion Seconded by Kayla/Jenny

Roll Call Vote: 9-0-0

Motion carries

- e. Committee Assignments for the Finance and Policy Committees - changes
Motion to elect Sarah Blair as Secretary Treasure by Nikki
Seconded by Lisa
Roll call 9-0-0
Motion carries

Policy committee changes- add Kayla and remove Nikki

Finance committee changes- add Nikki?

- f. Signatory Authorization - Chair, Treasurer on documents/banking
Motion for Sarah to be Signatory Authorization by Nikki
Second by Lisa
Roll call 8-0-0
Motion carries

11. Discussion

- a. Work session date/time for Board Members-
Monday Oct 5 at 4:30pm in person
- b. Annual Training date/time for Board Members
online training w/ Trevor TBA
- c. Feedback/Discussion regarding Mission, Core Values, & Strategic Plan
send emails/questions to Shawn or Nikki
- d. Discussion regarding student transportation.
 - i. MTCS Policy 707 - Transportation of MTCS Students
-add revising Policy 707 to the committee agenda to go over

12. Announcements

- a. Next Regular Meeting is Thursday, September 24th, 2026 @ 4:30 pm

13. Adjournment

adjourned at 6:39pm