



# MINUTES

May 21, 2025 | 6:00pm - 7:00pm | Virtual & In Person Meeting

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## In Attendance

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BOARD MEMBERS		
NAME	PRESENT	ABSENT
Gail Arnall	X	
Ann B. Barnet	X	
Michael D. Barnet	X	
Shawn Chakrabarti	X	
Jacqueline Lopez Ponce	X	
Maria Mejia		X
Sarah Friedman		X
Natalia Isaza Brando	X	
Oralia Puente	X	
Raj Thomas	X	
Elaine Weiss	X	

**Others Present:** Haley Wiggins, Marianella Morales, Fernando Saldana, Laurel Kircher, Yinzu Nairouz, Tom Selishev, Alyson Cronquist, Christine Montgomery

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## Approval of Minutes

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Minutes from last meeting, March 18, were unanimously approved at 6:12pm, with motion to approve by Oralia.

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## Motions

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The board unanimously voted to add Raj Thomas to the board at 6:09pm, with motion led by Gail and seconded by Oralia.

Budget vote at 6:39pm with motion led by Gail and seconded by Elaine. Unanimously approved.

Meeting unanimously adjourned at 7:11pm, led by Elaine.

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## Description of Matters Discussed

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1) Welcome & Board Business, *Haley*

- a) Meeting was held partially in person at Natalia's home, and partially virtually. In person attendees included Ann, Michael, Natalia, Elaine, Gail, Haley, Laurel, Yinz, Marianella, Tom and Fernando. Virtual attendees included Oralia, Christine, Shawn, Raj, Jaqui, and Alyson.
  - b) Roll call vote and minutes from last meeting approved, with a note added that the meeting date for May was revised.
  - c) Michael shared personal updates about his retirement from Montgomery County Public Schools after 32 years.
  - d) Marcia Harrington resigned from the board on April 10, 2025.
  - e) The board unanimously voted to add Raj Thomas to the board as a replacement for Marcia.
- 2) Finance Update, *Haley*
- a) Demetria was unable to attend the meeting, so Haley went over EdOps financials.
  - b) Net income decreased due to expense reallocations and accounting adjustments but is forecast to have a positive variance.
  - c) 536 days of cash, balance of \$4.37M.
  - d) We haven't lost any money due to stock market, etc.
  - e) Draft Budget
    - i) 3 proposed forecasts due to uncertain funding. The vote is for the moderate one.
    - ii) Haley explained how PCS staff are contracted.
    - iii) More WTU funding going into effect – teachers will likely go up a step and all staff will have 2.7% increase. Most schools are not giving COLA adjustments this year so we may not either.
    - iv) Next year enrollment stays at 225 and then will be 250 the following year, when we have the new building.
    - v) Budget vote at 6:39pm with motion led by Gail and seconded by Elaine. Unanimously approved.
- 3) 990 2023-24, *Marianella*
- a) The 990 was filed on time last week.
  - b) New Facility and Loan Update, *Marianella*
  - c) We received the permit!
- 4) Executive Session
- a) Voted to go into executive session at 6:43pm. Recording paused until 6:46pm.
  - b) Discussed final loan terms
  - c) Closing on the loan next week. Should be able to move in May 2026.
- 5) Executive Director's Report, *Haley*
- a) Waiting for new OSSE 4 year grant. This will determine what open positions we will be able to fill. Shawn is optimistic because ours is a small percentage of federal funding.
  - b) TFP finally got the updated Certificate of Occupancy! This one won't expire.
- 6) Academics, *Laurel*
- a) EOY CASAS testing in June based on pre- and post-testing and EFL gains.
  - b) Middle States Foundations, Well Being, and Governance committees finished. The Resources and Teaching and Learning committees are close to completion. In the summer all committees will meet again to review.
  - c) The Middle States visit will be October 20-23, 2025!
- 7) Enrollment/Attendance, *Fernando*
- a) The in-seat attendance for the school year is currently 73%. Incentives have been helping.
  - b) Graduation will be June 17 from 10am-1pm at St. Stephen's Church.

**Date | time, Location**

Meeting adjourned at 7:11pm. Next meeting planned for July 15, 2025.