

Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, March 12, 2025 – 7:00pm

CALL TO ORDER - @ 7:03 PM

I. PUBLIC NOTICE OF MEETING/NJ SUNSHINE LAW

The New Jersey Open Public Meetings Law was enacted to ensure the right of the public to have advance notice of and to attend the meetings of public bodies at which any business affecting their interests is discussed or acted upon. In accordance with the provisions of this Act, the Princeton Charter School Board of Trustees has caused notice of this meeting to be given by having the date, time and place mailed to the Clerk of the Municipality; advertised in Town Topics, Trenton Times & Reporte Hispano; mailed to the County Superintendent of Schools; posted in the faculty lounge and on the school's website.

II. ROLL CALL

Voting Members	Role	Term Ends	Present	Absent
1. Anita Misri	Trustee - President	6/30/2025	X	
2. Rupal Kothari	Trustee – VP	6/30/2027	X	
3. Rakesh Kumar	Trustee	6/30/2027	X	
4. Jennifer Freedman	Trustee	6/30/2025	X	
5. Irene Chiu	Trustee	6/30/2025	X	
6. Sarah Rivett	Trustee	6/30/2026		X
7. Olga Troyanskaya	Trustee	6/30/2026	X	
8. Rishi Modi	Trustee	6/30/2026	X	(LE – 7:47PM)
9. Shinae Park	Trustee	6/30/2027		X

Also Present: Larry Patton, Head of School
 Brian Falkowski, SBA
 Michelle Dowling, Princeton Charter School
 Lisa Eckstrom, Princeton Charter School

III. BOARD BUSINESS

IV. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

- RESOLVED**, that the Board of Trustees move to approve the minutes from the meeting held on February 12, 2025.

Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Anita Misri		X				Irene Chiu		X			
Rupal Kothari	2 nd	X				Olga Troyanskaya		X			
Rakesh Kumar	1 st	X				Rishi Modi		X			
Jennifer Freedman		X				Shinae Park					X
Sarah Rivett					X						

V. PUBLIC COMMENT – None

VI. EXECUTIVE SESSION – N/A

VII. ADJOURN EXECUTIVE SESSION – N/A

VIII. HEAD OF SCHOOL REPORT/RECOMMENDATIONS

1. **RESOLVED**, that the Board of Trustees accepts the Head of School Report and approves the Head of School Recommendations.

Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Anita Misri	1 st	X				Irene Chiu	2 nd	X			
Rupal Kothari		X				Olga Troyanskaya		X			
Rakesh Kumar		X				Rishi Modi		X			
Jennifer Freedman		X				Shinae Park					X
Sarah Rivett					X						

IX. BOARD COMMITTEE AND OTHER REPORTS

1. **Admissions Committee:** Presented by Lawrence Patton.
2. **Climate Committee:** Presented by Jennifer Freedman and Lawrence Patton.
3. **Communications Committee:** Presented by Rupal Kothari.
4. **Curriculum Committee:** Did not meet.
5. **Facilities Committee:** Presented by Lawrence Patton.
6. **Finance Committee:** Presented by Lawrence Patton and Anita Misri.
7. **Personnel Committee:** Presented by Anita Misri and Lawrence Patton.

X. MOTIONS FOR APPROVAL

1. **Finance**
 - a. **RESOLVED**, that the Board of Trustees approves the Board Secretary's and Bank Reconciliation Reports for the month ending **February 2025** as per the attached. Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23-16.10 et seq., the Princeton Charter School Board of Trustees acknowledges receipt of the Secretary's certification, and after review of the monthly financial report (appropriations section) certifies that, to the best of its knowledge, as of month ending **February 2025**, no major account or fund has been over expended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A:23-16.10 et seq., and that sufficient funds are available to meet the school's financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year.
 - b. **RESOLVED**, that the Board of Trustees approves all line-item transfers up to March 12, 2025.
 - c. **RESOLVED**, that the Board of Trustees approves the check register from February 13, 2025, to March 12, 2025.
 - d. **RESOLVED**, that the Board of Trustees certify the payrolls for the following dates:
 - February 14, 2025 - \$247,849.01
 - February 28, 2025 - \$252,014.19

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Anita Misri	1 st	X				Irene Chiu		X			
Rupal Kothari	2 nd	X				Olga Troyanskaya		X			
Rakesh Kumar		X				Rishi Modi					X
Jennifer Freedman		X				Shinae Park					X
Sarah Rivett					X						

2. **Contracts**
3. **Personnel**
4. **Buildings & Ground**
5. **Curriculum**
 - a. **RESOLVED**, that the Board of Trustees approves the following field trip requests for SY24-25:
 - i. Richardson Auditorium on May 6, 2025, 4th Grade, Reason for Trip: Yearly PSO Bravo Trip, Cost: \$100.00
 - ii. The National Conference Center from April 24, 2025 to April 28, 2025, five 8th Grade

Students, Reason for Trip: Science Bowl Nationals, Cost: \$0.00

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Anita Misri	2 nd	X				Irene Chiu		X			
Rupal Kothari		X				Olga Troyanskaya	1 st	X			
Rakesh Kumar		X				Rishi Modi					X
Jennifer Freedman		X				Shinae Park					X
Sarah Rivett					X						

6. Policies

- a. **RESOLVED**, that the Board of Trustees approves the second and final reading of the following policies:
- 5131 - Conduct and Discipline
 - 5141 - Face Coverings
 - 5131.1 - HIB

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Anita Misri	1 st	X				Irene Chiu		X			
Rupal Kothari	2 nd	X				Olga Troyanskaya		X			
Rakesh Kumar		X				Rishi Modi					X
Jennifer Freedman		X				Shinae Park					X
Sarah Rivett					X						

7. Harassment, Intimidation & Bullying (HIB) & Miscellaneous

- a. **RESOLVED**, that the Board of Trustees approves the February 2025 HIB Report.
- b. **RESOLVED**, that the Board of Trustees accepts the March 2025 HIB Report.

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Anita Misri	2 nd	X				Irene Chiu		X			
Rupal Kothari		X				Olga Troyanskaya	1 st	X			
Rakesh Kumar		X				Rishi Modi					X
Jennifer Freedman		X				Shinae Park					X
Sarah Rivett					X						

XI. PUBLIC COMMENT – None

XII. ADJOURNMENT - @ 8:44 PM

Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Anita Misri		X				Irene Chiu		X			
Rupal Kothari	2 nd	X				Olga Troyanskaya		X			
Rakesh Kumar	1 st	X				Rishi Modi					X
Jennifer Freedman		X				Shinae Park					X
Sarah Rivett					X						