

Special Monthly Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, October 15, 2025 – 7:00pm

CALL TO ORDER - @ 7:02 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	6/30/2028		X
2. Rupal Kothari	Trustee – VP	6/30/2027	X	
3. Rakesh Kumar	Trustee	6/30/2027	X	
4. Jennifer Freedman	Trustee	6/30/2028	X	
5. Irene Chiu	Trustee	6/30/2028		X
6. Sarah Rivett	Trustee	6/30/2026		X (LA 7:06 PM)
7. Olga Troyanskaya	Trustee	6/30/2026		X
8. Rishi Modi	Trustee	6/30/2026	X	
9. Shinae Park	Trustee	6/30/2027	X	

Also Present: Larry Patton, Head of School
Joshua Solow, SBO Management Representative

III. EXECUTIVE SESSION – N/A

IV. ADJOURN EXECUTIVE SESSION – N/A

V. MOTIONS FOR APPROVAL

1. Finance

- RESOLVED**, that the Board of Trustees approves the following resolution to terminate participation in the School Employees' Health Benefit Program effective January 1, 2026:

BE IT RESOLVED: 1. The Princeton Charter School Location: 1874-00 hereby resolves to terminate its participation in the Program (Medical Plan, Prescription Drug Plan, and/or Dental Plan coverage) thereby canceling coverage provided by the SHBP and/or SEHBP (N.J.S.A. 52:14-17.25 et seq.) for all its active and retired employees. 2. We shall notify all active employees of the date of their termination of coverage under the Program. 3. We understand that the New Jersey Division of Pensions & Benefits (NJDPB) will notify retired employees of the cancellation of their coverage. 4. We understand that all COBRA participants will be notified by the NJDPB and advised to contact our office concerning a possible alternative health, prescription drug, and dental insurance plan. 5. We understand that this resolution shall take effect the first of the month

following a 60-day period beginning with the receipt of the resolution by the State Health Benefits Commission or School Employees' Health Benefits Commission.

- b. **RESOLVED**, that the Board of Trustees approves the following resolution to join the Schools Health Insurance Fund effective January 1, 2026:

WHEREAS, a number of school boards in the State of New Jersey have joined together to form the SCHOOLS HEALTH INSURANCE FUND hereafter referred to as "SHIF", as permitted N.J.S.A. 18A:18B-1 et seq., and;

WHEREAS, the SHIF has received approval by the Commissioner of the Department of Banking and Insurance on August 10, 2015;

WHEREAS, the statutes and regulations governing the creation and operation of a joint insurance fund, contain certain elaborate restrictions and safeguards concerning the safe and efficient administration of the public interest entrusted to such a school board joint insurance fund;

WHEREAS, the governing body of Princeton Charter School, hereinafter referred to as "SCHOOL BOARD" has determined that membership in the SHIF is in the best interest of said SCHOOL BOARD.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the governing body of the SCHOOL BOARD hereby agrees as follows:

- i. SCHOOL BOARD shall become a member of the SHIF for the period outlined in the SCHOOL BOARD's Indemnity and Trust Agreement.
- ii. SCHOOL BOARD will participate in the following type (s) of coverage (s):
 - a.) Health Insurance as defined pursuant to N.J.S.A. 17B:17-4, the SHIF's Bylaws, and the SHIF's Plan of Risk Management.
- iii. SCHOOL BOARD accepts and approves the SHIF's Bylaws and agrees to be bound by the terms thereof.
- iv. SCHOOL BOARD shall execute an application for membership and any accompanying certifications.
- v. SCHOOL BOARD agrees to commit to the four principles of the SHIF which are:
 - a.) A long term philosophy on rates.
 - b.) A willingness to work with bargaining units to achieve plan design changes.
 - c.) Professional management with stability and commitment.
 - d.) Rating structure based on actuarial numbers.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the governing body of the SCHOOL BOARD is authorized and directed to execute the Indemnity and Trust Agreement and such other documents signifying membership in the SHIF as required by the SHIF's Bylaws, and to deliver these documents to the SHIF's Executive Director with the express reservation that these documents shall become effective only upon:

- i. Approval of the SCHOOL BOARD by the SHIF.
- ii. Receipt by the SHIF of a Resolution from the SCHOOL BOARD accepting SCHOOL BOARD's SHIF assessment.
- iii. Approval by the Commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Banking and Insurance of SCHOOL BOARD as a member of the SHIF.

- c. **RESOLVED**, that the Board of Trustees approves the below SHIF Fund Commissioner:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Princeton Charter School that Lawrence Patton is hereby appointed as Fund Commissioner to the Schools Health Insurance Fund effective January 1, 2026 to represent the Princeton Charter School.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Brian Falkowski be and is appointed as Alternate Fund Commissioner to the Schools Health Insurance Fund effective January 1, 2026.

- d. **RESOLVED**, that the Board of Trustees approves the Indemnity & Trust agreement for the Schools Health Insurance Fund as attached.

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		X				Rishi Modi		X			
Jennifer Freedman	1 st	X				Shinae Park		X			
Sarah Rivett					X						

VI. Personnel

- a. **RESOLVED**, that the Board of Trustees approves the following professional development request:
- Kate Semkowycz – NJ Science Convention, “Bringing 21st Century Science Skills to the Classroom” at Marriot Forrestal, October 21, 2025, Cost: \$205.00

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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						

VII. Curriculum

- a. **RESOLVED**, that the Board of Trustees approves the following field trip requests for FY 25-26:
- Drumthwacket on June 10, 2026, 3rd Grade, Reason for Trip: NJ History, Cost: \$0.00
 - Walking Tour of Princeton on May 29, 2026, 3rd Grade, Reason for Trip: Culminating experience to 3rd grade curriculum, Cost: \$0.00
 - Terhune Orchard on October 27, 2025, 1st Grade, Reason for Trip: To learn about agriculture, the growing process and nature, Cost: \$0.00

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

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT – None

IX. ADJOURNMENT - @ 7:11 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		X				Rishi Modi		X			
Jennifer Freedman	1 st	X				Shinae Park		X			
Sarah Rivett		X									