

## Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes

### Wednesday, January 14, 2026 – 7:00pm

**CALL TO ORDER - @ 7:06 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 (LA 8:12 PM)
4. Jennifer Freedman	Trustee	6/30/2028		X (LA 7:11 PM)
5. Irene Chiu	Trustee	6/30/2028		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 (LA 7:45 PM)
9. Shinae Park	Trustee	6/30/2027	X	

**Also Present:** Larry Patton, Head of School  
 Joshua Solow, School Business Office LLC  
 Michelle Dowling, Princeton Charter School  
 Lisa Eckstrom Princeton Charter School

**III. BOARD BUSINESS**

**IV. HEAD OF SCHOOL REPORT/RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 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 <sup>st</sup>	X				Irene Chiu					X
Rupal Kothari	2 <sup>nd</sup>	X				Olga Troyanskaya					X
Rakesh Kumar					X	Rishi Modi					X
Jennifer Freedman		X				Shinae Park		X			
Sarah Rivett		X									

**V. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES**

- RESOLVED**, that the Board of Trustees move to approve the minutes of the meeting held on December 10, 2025.

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

**VI. PUBLIC COMMENT - None**

**VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION – @ 7:17 PM**

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

- HIB Discussed.

**VIII. ADJOURN EXECUTIVE SESSION – @ 7:23 PM**

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

**IX. BOARD COMMITTEE AND OTHER REPORTS**

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

**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 **December 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 **December 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 January 14, 2026.
  - c. **RESOLVED**, that the Board of Trustees approves the check register from December 11, 2025, to January 14, 2026.

- d. **RESOLVED**, that the Board of Trustees certifies the payrolls for the following dates:
- December 15, 2025 - \$274,715.58
  - December 19, 2025 - \$264,998.78
- e. **RESOLVED**, that the Board of Trustees accepts the FY25 ACFR and AMR with no findings or recommendations and ratify their submission to the NJDOE.

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

2. **Contracts**

3. **Personnel**

- a. **RESOLVED**, that the Board of Trustees approves the following professional development request:
- Susan Kushner, Bureau of Education and Research “School Counselors: Better Support Students’ Mental Health Needs” on February 5, 2026, Cost: \$295.00
- b. **RESOLVED**, that the Board of Trustees approves the following New Hire:
- Elizabeth Finnegan, Leave Replacement – Kindergarten, effective January 26, 2026

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

4. **Buildings & Ground**

5. **Curriculum**

6. **Policies**

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

- a. **RESOLVED**, that the Board of Trustees approves the December 2025 HIB Report.
- b. **RESOLVED**, that the Board of Trustees accepts the January 2026 HIB Report.

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

XI. **PUBLIC COMMENT - None**

XII. **ADJOURNMENT - @ 8:15 PM**

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