



Special Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, July 22, 2025 – 5:00 pm

I. Call to Order – 5:08 PM

II. Public Notice of Meeting/NJ Sunshine Law

The New Jersey Public Meetings Law was enacted to ensure the right to the public to have advanced notice of and to attend the meetings of public bodies at which any business affecting their interest is discussed or acted on in accordance with N.J.S.A 10:4-6 et seq.

On the rules of this act, Achievers Early College Prep Charter School has caused notice of this meeting by publicizing the date, time, and place, of the scheduled meeting in the Public Notice Section of the Star Ledger and Trenton Times and Posted at the Achievers Early College Prep Charter School located at 544 Chestnut Ave, Trenton NJ 08611. Formal action will take place at this meeting.

III. Roll Call

Trustees	Role (Term Expires)	Present	Absent	LA/ED
1. Alescia Teel	Trustee, (2/2026)	X		
2. Elizabeth Murphy	Trustee, (8/4/2026)	X		
3. Larry Patton	Trustee, (3/2026)	X		
4. Imebet Stewart	Trustee, President (3/2026)	X		
5. Meredith Pennotti	Trustee (4/2026)	X		

Also Present

Non-Voting	Role	Present	Absent	LA/ED
Nava Coppin	Executive Director	X		
Joshua Solow	SBA, School Business Office		X	
Elizabeth Neary	Board Secretary, School Business Office	X		
Shannon Wright	Director of Operations/ Assistant SBA		X	
Hope Blackburn	Board Attorney	X		

IV. Motions for Approval

1. Personnel

- To approve the following new hires for the 2025-2026 School Year, as attached:

Term	Employee Name	Job Title	FY26 Salary	FY26 Stipend(s)	Total Salary	Start Date
12 Month	Ariselys Rolon-Cruz	HS Principal	\$132,000	None	\$132,000	8/1/25

Term	Employee Name	Job Title	FY26 Salary	FY26 Stipend(s)	Total Salary	Start Date
12 Month	Michael Nicholson	Chief Operating Officer	\$150,000	None	\$150,000	TBD

ROLL CALL VOTE

Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Alescia Teel		x									
Imebet Stewart		x				Larry Patton	2	x			
Elizabeth Murphy	1	x				Meredith Pennotti		x			

The Board discussed the qualifications/certification of the candidates presented.

Hope Blackburn asked if a job description was approved for the COO.

2. Policy/Misc.

- a. To approve the 2025-2026 Achievers ECP Remote Learning Plan, as attached.

Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Alescia Teel		x									
Imebet Stewart	1	x				Larry Patton	2	x			
Elizabeth Murphy		x				Meredith Pennotti		x			

V. Public Comment: NONE

VI. Reports / Look Ahead / Miscellaneous

1. Next Regular Board Meeting: Thursday, August 14, 2025

VII. Adjourn Public Session/End Meeting – 5:35 PM

Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Alescia Teel	1										
Imebet Stewart	2					Larry Patton					
Elizabeth Murphy						Meredith Pennotti					