

# Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes Thursday, August 21, 2025 – 5:30 pm

## I. Call to Order by Board Secretary - @ 5:37 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 interests is discussed or acted upon in accordance with N.J.S.A 10:4-6 et seq. On the rules of this act, Greater Brunswick Charter School has caused notice of this meeting by Publicizing the date, time and place, of the regularly scheduled meeting in the Public Notice Section of the Home News Tribune and Star Ledgers, sent to the clerks of Highland Park, Edison and New Brunswick and posted at the Greater Brunswick Charter School located at 429 Joyce Kilmer Ave, New Brunswick, NJ 08901. Formal action will take place at this meeting.

#### III. Roll Call

	Voting Members	Role	Present	Absent
1.	Lynell Burgos	Board Trustee, expires 2027	Χ	
2.	Susan Jackson	Board Chair, expires 2028	Х	
3.	Jonina Mazzeo	Board Vice Chair, expires 2026	Χ	
4.	Miriam Santana	Board Trustee, expires 2027		Х
5.	Danielle Clement	Board Trustee, expires 2027	Х	
6.	Hiyaris Perez	Board Trustee, expires 2026	Х	
7.	Elsy Lugo	Board Trustee, expires 2026		Х
8.	Tanesha Lewis	Board Trustee, expires 2028		X (LA 4:40 PM)
9.	Aisha Ciafullo	Potential New Trustee	Х	

#### Also Present

Non-Voting	Role	Present	Absent
Vanessa Jones	Executive Director	X	
Hector Alvarez	Education Director	Χ	
Caitlin Mitchell	Assistant Education Director	Х	
Dr. Brian Falkowski	SBA		Х
Joshua Solow	SBO MGMT LLC	Х	
Latoya Branch	Teacher Representative	X	

#### IV. Board Business

1. To appoint Aisha Ciafullo as Board Trustee for a 3-year term starting August 21, 2025, to August 30, 2028.

Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Lynell Burgos	1 <sup>st</sup>	Χ				Elsy Lugo					Х
Danielle Clement		Χ				Jonina Mazzeo	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Х			
Tanesha Lewis		Χ				Hiyaris Perez		Х			
Susan Jackson		Χ				Miriam Santana					Х

- V. Oath of Office Aisha Ciafullo
- VI. Approve Meeting Agenda

Motion for Greater Brunswick Charter School, Board of Trustees to approve the agenda for the **August 21, 2025** meeting.

Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Lynell Burgos	1 <sup>st</sup>	Χ				Elsy Lugo					Х
Danielle Clement		Χ				Jonina Mazzeo		Х			
Tanesha Lewis	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Χ				Hiyaris Perez		Х			
Susan Jackson		Χ				Miriam Santana					Х
Aisha Ciafullo		Χ									

# VII. Acceptance of Meeting Minutes

Motion for Greater Brunswick Charter School, Board of Trustees to accept the minutes from **July 17**, **2025**, meeting.

Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Lynell Burgos	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Χ				Elsy Lugo					Χ
Danielle Clement	1 <sup>st</sup>	Χ				Jonina Mazzeo		Х			
Tanesha Lewis		Χ				Hiyaris Perez		Х			
Susan Jackson		Χ				Miriam Santana					Х
Aisha Ciafullo		Χ									

- VIII. Public Comment None
- IX. Correspondence
- X. Reports
  - 1. Director's Report Presentation led by GBCS leadership and administration, led by Vanessa Jones & Hector Alvarez.
  - 2. Summer Academy Presentation Presented by Mrs. Pazmino.
  - 3. Strategic Planning Presentation led by Mark Lopez & Rosy Escandon.
  - 4. HIB update Presented by Caitlin Mitchell.
  - 5. Suspension Update Presented by Caitlin Mitchell.

Motion to accept the Director's Report, HIB Report, and Suspension Update.

Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Lynell Burgos	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Χ				Elsy Lugo					Х
Danielle Clement		Χ				Jonina Mazzeo		Х			
Tanesha Lewis		Χ				Hiyaris Perez	1 <sup>st</sup>	Х			
Susan Jackson		Χ				Miriam Santana					Х
Aisha Ciafullo		Χ									

- XI. Adjourn Public Session and Open Closed Session N/A
- XII. Adjourn Closed Session and Open Public Session N/A

## XIII. Motions for Approval

#### 1. Finance

- a. <u>Board Secretary's and Reconciliation Report:</u> To approve the Secretary's and Reconciliation Reports for <u>June 2025</u>, as per the attached. Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:232.11(a), the Greater Brunswick 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 <u>June 2025</u>, no major account or fund has been over expended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A:232.11(b), and that sufficient funds are available to meet the school's financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year.
- b. Bills List: Approve Bills List from July 18, 2025, to August 21, 2025.
- c. Payroll: To approve the following payrolls:

July 15, 2025	\$ 90,566.45
July 30, 2025	\$ 105,341.84
August 15, 2025	\$ 96,104.85

- d. To approve FY26 IDEA Application:
  - i. Basic \$100,591.00
  - ii. Preschool \$1,844.00

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Danielle Clement		Χ				Jonina Mazzeo		Χ			
Tanesha Lewis	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Χ				Hiyaris Perez		Х			
Susan Jackson		Χ				Miriam Santana					Х
Aisha Ciafullo		Χ									

## 2. Contracts

a. To approve the following contracts for the 2025-2026 school year:

Vendor	Scope	Term	Cost
Fun Fit Therapy LLC	Physical Therapy Services	7/1/2025 to 6/30/2026	\$110/hour

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Danielle Clement	1 <sup>st</sup>	Χ				Jonina Mazzeo		Χ			
Tanesha Lewis		Χ				Hiyaris Perez	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Χ			
Susan Jackson		Χ				Miriam Santana					Х
Aisha Ciafullo		Х									

## 3. Buildings & Grounds

#### 4. Personnel

a. To approve the following New Hire for the 2025-2026 school year:

Employee Name	Position	Level	Salary	Effective Date
Junghee Kim	Teacher	Level 7 MA	\$67,773.00	9/1/2025
Victoria Sedefian	Teacher	Level 7 MA	\$67,773.00	9/1/2025
Stephanie Quackenbush	Teacher	Level 12 BA	\$71,723.00	9/1/2025
Reyna Velasquez	Long Term Substitute	Level 3 BA	\$62,623.00	9/1/2025

Alexander Ringo	Long Term Substitute	Level 2 MA	\$63,373.00	9/1/2025
Deysy Garcia	Student Aide	Level 8	\$22.96/hour	9/1/2025
Gloria Cuellar	Student Aide	Level 8	\$22.96/hour	9/1/2025

b. To approve the following contractual changes for the 2025-2026 school year:

Employee Name	Position	Level	Salary	Effective Date
Yesenia Jimenez-Dominguez	Teacher	Level 14 MA	\$74,973.00	9/1/2025
Daisy Amador	Teacher	Level 15 MA	\$77,273.00	9/1/2025

- c. To approve the GBCS After School Academy (ASA) hires for the 2025-2026 school year, as attached.
- d. To approve the following Food Service and Custodial Support contracts for the 2025-2026 school year:

Position	Employee	Rate
Food Service Contracts	Carlos Banegas	\$18.00
	Florinda Jimenez	\$18.00
	Faviola Sanchez	\$18.00
	Magali Ventura	\$18.00
Custodial Support Contract	Teresa Gonzalez	\$17.00

- e. To approve the following Tuition Reimbursements, totaling \$6,600:
  - i. Daisy Amador \$2,200
  - ii. Sheyla Gonzalez \$2,200
  - iii. Yesenia Jimenez \$2,200

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Danielle Clement	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Χ				Jonina Mazzeo		Χ			
Tanesha Lewis		Χ				Hiyaris Perez		Х			
Susan Jackson		Χ				Miriam Santana					Х
Aisha Ciafullo		Χ									

## 5. Curriculum/Special Education

## 6. Policy/Miscellaneous

- a. To approve the submission of the 2024-2025 Annual Report to the NJDOE, as attached.
- b. To approve the HIB S School Safety Assessment and SSDS
- c. To approve the adoption of the Marshall Teacher and Administration Evaluation Model for the 2025-2026 school year.
- d. To approve the Title I Plan for the 2025-2026 Annual School Planning Process, as attached.

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Danielle Clement		Χ				Jonina Mazzeo		Χ			
Tanesha Lewis		Χ				Hiyaris Perez		Х			
Susan Jackson	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Χ				Miriam Santana					Х
Aisha Ciafullo		Χ						•			

#### 7. New Business

# XIV. Enrollment Report

Cuada	FY26	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Wait List	
Grade	ENR	2025	2025	2025	2025	2025	2026	2026 2026		2026	2026 2026		2025/2026	
K	44	43											57	
1	44	44											38	
2	44	44											37	
3	44	42											23	
4	46	43											28	
5	46	46											33	
6	44	42											36	
7	47	43											18	
8	42	45											7	
Total	401	392											277	

# XV. Committee Reports

- 1. SRC Did not meet.
- 2. Development & Community Outreach—Did not meet.
- 3. Finance and Facilities- Did not meet.
- 4. Governance- Did not meet.

XVI. New Business XVII. Action Items

Day	Date	Time	Notes
Thursday	September 18, 2025	5:30 PM	Regular Meeting – In Person

**XVIII.** Closing Comments – Each board member shared a closing comment with one another.

XIX. Adjournment - @ 7:44 PM

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Danielle Clement		Χ				Jonina Mazzeo		Χ			
Tanesha Lewis		Х				Hiyaris Perez		Х			
Susan Jackson		Χ				Miriam Santana					Х
Aisha Ciafullo	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Х									

Location: 429 Joyce Kilmer Ave New Brunswick, NJ 08901