

I. Call to Order by Board Secretary – 5:35 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. In compliance with this Act and P.L. 2025, c. 72, notice of this meeting has been provided through the Greater Brunswick Charter School website under “Public Notices.” Formal action will take place at this meeting.

III. Roll Call

Voting Members	Role	Present	Absent
1. Lynell Burgos	Board Trustee, expires 2027	X	
2. Susan Jackson	Board Vice Chair, expires 2028	X	
3. Jonina Mazzeo	Board Chair, expires 2029	X	
4. Miriam Santana	Board Trustee, expires 2027	X	
5. Danielle Clement	Board Trustee, expires 2027	X	
6. Elsy Lugo	Board Trustee, expires 2029	Joined 5:42 pm	
7. Tanesha Lewis - resigned	Board Trustee, expires 2028		X
8. Aisha Ciafullo	Board Trustee, expires 2028	Joined 5:59 pm	

Also Present

Non-Voting	Role	Present	Absent
Vanessa Jones	Executive Director	X	
Hector Alvarez	Education Director	X	
Caitlin Mitchell	Assistant Education Director	X	
Dr. Brian Falkowski	SBA		X
Michael Falkowski	SBO MGMT LLC	X	
Latoya Branch	Teacher Representative	X	
Patrick Wenz	Teacher Representative Alternate		X

IV. Board Business

V. Approve Meeting Agenda

Motion for Greater Brunswick Charter School, Board of Trustees to approve the agenda for the **August 20, 2026** meeting.

Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Lynell Burgos	1 st	X				Elsy Lugo					X
Danielle Clement	2 nd	X				Jonina Mazzeo		X			
Tanesha Lewis					X	Aisha Ciafullo					X
Susan Jackson		X				Miriam Santana		X			

VI. Acceptance of Meeting Minutes

Motion for Greater Brunswick Charter School, Board of Trustees to accept the minutes from **July 16, 2026** meeting.

Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Lynell Burgos	1 st	X				Elsy Lugo					X
Danielle Clement	2 nd	X				Jonina Mazzeo		X			
Tanesha Lewis					X	Aisha Ciafullo					X
Susan Jackson		X				Miriam Santana		X			

VII. Public Comment

Naeemah Harris – parent, interested in joining Board, provide background information

VIII. Correspondence IX. Reports

1. Director's Report – ESEA Title I – IV Plan Presentation led by Vanessa Jones & Hector Alvarez.
2. Summer Academy Presentation – Presented by Mrs. Pazmino.
3. HIB update - Presented by Caitlin Mitchell.

Motion to accept reports presented:

Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Lynell Burgos	2 nd	X				Elsy Lugo		X			
Danielle Clement	1 st	X				Jonina Mazzeo		X			
Tanesha Lewis					X	Aisha Ciafullo		X			
Susan Jackson		X				Miriam Santana		X			

X. Adjourn Public Session and Open Closed Session – 6:42 pm

Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Lynell Burgos	2 nd	X				Elsy Lugo		X			
Danielle Clement	1 st	X				Jonina Mazzeo		X			
Tanesha Lewis					X	Aisha Ciafullo		X			
Susan Jackson		X				Miriam Santana		X			

Topics: Board resignation, committee assignments

XI. Adjourn Closed Session and Open Public Session – 6:54 pm

Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Lynell Burgos	2 nd	X				Elsy Lugo		X			
Danielle Clement	1 st	X				Jonina Mazzeo		X			
Tanesha Lewis					X	Aisha Ciafullo		X			
Susan Jackson		X				Miriam Santana		X			

XII. Motions for Approval

1. Finance

- a. Board Secretary's and Reconciliation Report: To approve the Preliminary Secretary's and Reconciliation Reports for June 2026, 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 June 2026, 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 17, 2026 to August 20, 2026.
- c. Payroll: To approve the following payrolls:

July 31, 2026	\$101,618.95
August 14, 2026	\$130,425.93

- d. To approve FY27 IDEA Application:
 - i. Basic - \$102,230
 - ii. Preschool - \$1,927
- e. To approve the FY27 ESEA Application:
 - i. Title I - \$169,470
 - ii. Title II - \$17,187 (Reallocated to Title I)
 - iii. Title III - \$15,786
 - iv. Title III Immigrant - \$2,403
 - v. Title IV - \$12,139 (Reallocated to Title I)

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Lynell Burgos	1 st	X				Elsy Lugo		X			
Danielle Clement		X				Jonina Mazzeo		X			
Tanesha Lewis					X	Aisha Ciafullo	2 nd	X			
Susan Jackson		X				Miriam Santana		X			

2. Contracts

- a. To ratify/approve the following contracts for the 2026-2027 school year:

Vendor	Scope	Term	Cost
Speech Therapy Consultants	Speech-Language Pathology Therapy Services	July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027	\$ 97/hr
Speech Therapy Consultants	Speech-Language Pathology Evaluations	July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027	\$600 per monolingual speech-language evaluation and \$700 per bilingual speech-language evaluation (Spanish), including a written report. Bilingual reports for languages other than Spanish, shall be \$800 per evaluation, including a written report
Learning Improvement Associates of NJ	ESSA Consulting Services	July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027	\$800 per day, up to 7 hours, for services provided on-site @ GBCS \$95 per hour for services provided off-site or beyond 7 hours in one day on-site
Magnolia Consulting Group	Special Education Coaching	July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027	\$16,400

Linkit!	Student Data Management	July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027	\$19,875
MV Learning, LLC (McKinney-Vento)	Staff Training - Homeless Liaison Training	July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027	\$998
Sync Cooperative	School Culture and Climate training for staff and families	July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027	62 hours at \$250 an hour for Staff and Families on Identity, Equity, and Belonging - \$15,500
Garden of Healing	Well-SEL Program	Sept 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027	\$60,000

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Lynell Burgos	1 st	X				Elsy Lugo	2 nd	X			
Danielle Clement		X				Jonina Mazzeo		X			
Tanesha Lewis					X	Aisha Ciafullo		X			
Susan Jackson		X				Miriam Santana		X			

3. Buildings & Grounds

4. Personnel

- a. To approve the following New Hire for the 2026-2027 school year:

Employee Name	Position	Level	Salary	Effective Date
Raya Mount	Teacher	Level 4 BA	\$66,688.00	9/1/2026
Amal Elsiriy	Teacher	Level 15 BA	\$77,623.00	9/1/2026

- b. To approve the following Food Service contracts for the 2026-2027 school year:

Position	Employee	Rate
Food Services Member	Carlos Banegas	\$21/hr
Food Services Member	Florinda Jimenez	\$20/hr
Food Services Member	Faviola Sanchez	\$20/hr
Food Services Member	Magali Ventura	\$20/hr

- c. To approve the following contractual changes for the 2026-2027 school year:

Employee Name	Position	Level	Salary	Effective Date
Stephanie Colley	Teacher	Level 12MA + 30 (Moved from MA to MA +30)	\$77,073	9/1/2026

- d. To approve the following Leave of Absence request:

- i. Anthony Hernandez – Paternity LOA – 12-weeks – Tentative start October 28, 2026, though early February 2027.

- e. To approve the request for the following graduate coursework:

- i. Marjori Rivera Martinez – Fall Semester – Middlesex College – Introduction to Sociology – Associate's Degree

- f. To approve the following Tuition Reimbursements, totaling \$322.60:

- i. Stephanie Colley – \$322.60

- g. To approve the resignation of Junghee Kim, effective August 5, 2026.

- h. To approve the following Summer Staff positions for the 2026-2027 school year:

Employee	Position	Rate
Jan Rosenstreich	Summer Office Support	\$18/hourly
Carisma Lambert	Nursing onboarding and enrollment work, 2 days, 15 hours	\$708.75

- i. To approve the following professional development:

Employee	Professional Development	Cost
Shanina Tavaréz	NJASA – Human Resource Professionals – Virtual	\$215 Class \$450 Membership

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Danielle Clement		X				Jonina Mazzeo		X			
Tanesha Lewis					X	Aisha Ciafullo		X			
Susan Jackson		X				Miriam Santana		X			

5. Curriculum/Special Education

- a. To ratify/approve the following field trip request:

Destination	Location	Attendees	Date	Cost
Apollo Technology – Science Career Exploration	Whippany, NJ	8 th Grade	October 12, 2026	\$0 Up to \$2,000/bus

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Lynell Burgos	1 st	X				Elsy Lugo		X			
Danielle Clement	2 nd	X				Jonina Mazzeo		X			
Tanesha Lewis					X	Aisha Ciafullo		X			
Susan Jackson		X				Miriam Santana		X			

6. Policy/Miscellaneous

- a. To approve the submission of the 2025-2026 Annual Report to the NJDOE, as attached.
- b. To approve the Title I Plan for the 2025-2026 Annual School Planning Process, as attached.
- c. To approve the HIB Self Assessment for the 2025-2026 school year.
- d. To approve the GBCS Chronic Absenteeism CAP 2025-2026.
- e. To approve the first and final readings of the following policies and regulations:
 - i. P 5516 - STUDENT USE OF INTERNET-ENABLED DEVICES (M) (Revised)
 - ii. 5516 R - STUDENT USE OF INTERNET-ENABLED DEVICES (M) (NEW to GBCS)
 - iii. 8660 P - TRANSPORTATION BY PRIVATE VEHICLE (M) (Revised)
 - iv. 8662 P - TRANSPORTATION BY PRIVATE OR DISTRICT-OWNED VEHICLES - TO AND FROM SCHOOL (M) (NEW)
- f. To approve the second and final reading of the following policies and regulations:
 - i. 2411 R – Guidance Counseling (M) Abolished
 - ii. 0162.01 P – Legal Notices – (M) New
 - iii. 1230 P – Executive Director’s Duties – (M) Revised
 - iv. ~~1643 P – Family Leave – (M) (New to GBCS)~~ TABLED
 - v. 2200 P – Curriculum Content – (M)
 - vi. 2200 R – Curriculum Content (Abolished)
 - vii. 2411 P – Career Education and Academic Counseling (M) New
- g. To approve the resignation of Tanesha Lewis from the Board of Trustees effective immediately.

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Lynell Burgos	2 nd	X				Elsy Lugo		X			
Danielle Clement		X				Jonina Mazzeo		X			
Tanesha Lewis					X	Aisha Ciafullo	1 st	X			
Susan Jackson		X				Miriam Santana		X			

7. New Business - NONE

XIII. Enrollment Report

Grade	FY27 ENR	Aug 2026	Sep 2026	Oct 2026	Nov 2026	Dec 2026	Jan 2027	Feb 2027	Mar 2027	Apr 2027	May 2027	Jun 2027	Wait List 2026/2027
K	44	44											30
1	44	43											40
2	44	44											25
3	45	42											34
4	44	43											17
5	46	43											33
6	47	44											39
7	41	45											9
8	45	39											0
Total	403	389											227

XIV. Committee Reports

1. SRC – Luncheon
2. Development & Community Outreach – Did not meet
3. Finance and Facilities – Did not meet
4. Governance – report given

XV. Action Items

Day	Date	Time	Notes
Thursday	September 17, 2026	5:30 PM	Regular Meeting – In Person
Thursday	December 3, 2026	5:30 PM	Regular Meeting - Virtual
Thursday	January 21, 2027	5:30 PM	Regular Meeting – In Person
Thursday	March 18, 2027	5:30 PM	Regular Meeting/Budget Approval – In Person
Thursday	May 13, 2027	5:30 PM	Regular Meeting/FY26 Staff Renewal - Virtual
Thursday	June 17, 2027	5:30 PM	Regular Meeting – In Person
Thursday	July 15, 2027	5:30 PM	Regular Meeting/Re-Org Meeting - Virtual

Board Retreat Dates:

- October 17, 2026 – In Person
- April 10, 2027 – In Person

XVI. Closing Comments

Comments regarding new school year, school growth, appreciation of summer camp report, committees, and charter renewal.

XVII. Adjournment – 7:25pm

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Lynell Burgos	1 st	X				Elsy Lugo	2 nd	X			
Danielle Clement		X				Jonina Mazzeo		X			
Tanesha Lewis					X	Aisha Ciafullo		X			
Susan Jackson		X				Miriam Santana		X			