



Board of Trustees
College Achieve Central Board Meeting
October 23, 2025
Formal Action Will or May be Taken

I. Call to Order

II. Public Notice of Meeting/NJ Sunshine Law

This meeting is being held in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act and is open to the public. Notices were duly posted, and the meeting was advertised in the Star Ledger and the Union County News. Formal action will be taken.

III. Salute the Flag

IV. Roll Call

Board Member	Present	Absent	Board Member	Present	Absent
Roger F. Grutzmacher			Frank Fischer		
Jamie Rojas			Dale Caldwell		

Also Present	Present	Absent
Natica Brown, Head of Schools		
Javier Gomez-Blanco, School Business Administrator		
Michael Piscal, CEO, College Achieve Public Schools		
Julie Bunt, Chief Innovation Officer College Achieve Public Schools		
Glenn Forney, CFO, College Achieve Public Schools		
Richard Jannarone, Chief Budget Officer, College Achieve Public Schools		
Dr. Marnie McKoy, Chief of Staff, College Achieve Public Schools		

V. Approval of Minutes

1. To approve the minutes from the Board of Trustee meetings from September 18, 2025.

Board Member	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Board Member	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Roger F. Grutzmacher						Frank Fischer					
Jamie Rojas						Dale Caldwell					

VI. Public Comment on Agenda Items Only

Members of the public wishing to address the Board of Trustees must state their name and are requested to limit their comments to three (3) minutes. Please be aware that all Charter School employees retain the right of privacy and shall retain all rights against defamation and slander according to the laws of New Jersey. The Board shall not be held liable for comments made by members of the public. Each member of the public will be given one opportunity to address the Board.

VII. Board President's Report

- VIII. Head of School's Report
- IX. College Achieve Public Schools Report
- X. Board Comments
- XI. Motions for Approval

1. Consent Agenda Items

1. WHEREAS, in furtherance of, and as a condition to, the College Achieve Central Charter School's charter, there is a need to procure school management services in conformity with the School's charter renewal application filed with the Commissioner of Education; and
WHEREAS, there is particular value in College Achieve Public Schools, Inc. ("CAPS") to deliver such services, as the School's program design has been, and is being implemented, by CAPS through its services to the School, as previously disclosed and currently authorized by the Department of Education and Commissioner of Education; and
WHEREAS, CAPS representatives have the expertise, experience, and reputation to deliver such services and said services are qualitative in nature and are not amenable to a public advertisement with specifications; and
WHEREAS, the services by CAPS to date have been satisfactory and in conformity with its contractual obligations.
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-2(g) and 5(a)(2), a CMO agreement with CAPS is hereby approved.
2. Resolution to revise the August resolution approving First On-Site for the flood remediation work and change the amount from \$166,199.2 to \$242,320.38.
3. Resolution to add Madame Tussauds and The Great Gasby to the list of field trip destinations
4. Resolution to approve Comprehensive Equity Plan
5. Resolution to approve MetLife as a new 403(b) provider.
6. Resolution to approve North Plainfield Soccer Elite use of the gym facility at Westervelt Campus to host their winter soccer league from November 10, 2025-March 20, 2025.
7. Resolution to approve Jacqueline Constantinou, Ashanti Hannah, Tania Davis-Fields, Tierra Lanier, Samantha Skinner and Silvia Garces-Vallejo the following staff to attend the Ortin-Gilligan Professional Development from November 17, 2025 to November 21 at a cost not to exceed \$9,000.
8. Resolution to approve Regina Carter to attend the WJV Conference, October 24, 2025 at a cost not to exceed \$185.
9. Resolution to approve New Jersey Institute of Technology to provide Early College Preparatory Programs to College Achieve Central Charter School students at a cost not to exceed \$25,520.
10. Resolution to approve Joyce James, Lennox Small to attend the NJPSA Leadership Conference in Atlantic City, October 15-17, not to exceed \$2,000.

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Jamie Rojas						Dale Caldwell					

11. Finance Report

Board Secretary's and Treasurer's Report: To approve the Board Secretary's and Treasurer's Reports for August 2025 as per the attached. Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.11(a), the College Achieve Central 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 August 2025 no major account or fund has been over expended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.11 (b), and that sufficient funds are available to meet the school's financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year.

- a. **Transfers:** To approve transfers up to October 23, 2025.

- b. Bills List: To approve the bills and check lists from September 19, 2025 to October 23, 2025 totaling \$3,153,270.95.
- c. Payroll: To approve the following payrolls:

September 30, 2025	\$696,877.04
October 15, 2025	\$698,083.83

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XII. Public Comment

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XIII. Resolution for Closed Session

WHEREAS, the Open Public Meeting Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 provides that certain matters of a public body may be discussed in closed session; and WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees intends to discuss matters as follows:

1. Personnel Matters
2. Matters of Attorney/Client Privilege

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the aforesaid subjects shall be discussed in closed session by this Board of Trustees and administrative staff, and the minutes of said closed session discussion will be made available to the public when the reasons for the non-disclosure in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act no longer exist.

Board Member	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Board Member	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
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Jamie Rojas						Dale Caldwell					

XIV. Adjourn Executive Session, Reconvene Public Session

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Jamie Rojas						Dale Caldwell					

XV. Personnel

To approve items personnel items reported on the personnel report of October 23, 2025 (See attachment A)

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Jamie Rojas						Dale Caldwell					

XVI. Reports / Look Ahead / Miscellaneous

Next Board Meeting: November 20, 2025 at 6:00pm

XVII. Adjourn Public Session

Board Member	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Board Member	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Roger F. Grutzmacher						Frank Fischer					
Jamie Rojas						Dale Caldwell					

Time:

