

# Policy Committee MINUTES

PROVIDENCE SCHOOL DEPARTMENT  
797 WESTMINSTER STREET, PROVIDENCE, RI 02903  
Wednesday, September 29, 2021 (5:00 PM)

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## ROLL CALL

UPON ROLL THESE BOARD MEMBERS WERE PRESENT

**BOARD MEMBERS** Diagneris Garcia  
Travis Escobar  
Mark Santow  
TyRelle Stephens

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:** Khechara Bradford, Marybeth Brazelton, Reza Clifton, Jennifer Connolly, Javier Montanez, Rachel Palumbo, Charles Ruggerio

## Convene Meeting

### 1. Call to Order

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**Recommendation:** Call the meeting to order.

## Approve Agenda

### 2. Approval of the Agenda

Approve agenda as presented

**Recommendation:** Approve agenda as presented.

#### **ORIGINAL - Motion**

Member (xxxxx) Moved, Member (xxxxx) Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'Approve agenda as presented'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: (xx) Nay: (xx). The motion ( ). (xx) - (xx)

### 2. Approval of the Agenda

Approve agenda as presented

**Recommendation:** Approve agenda as presented.

#### **AMENDED - Motion**

Member (**Travis Escobar**) Moved, Member (**TyRelle Stephens**) Seconded to approve the **AMENDED** motion 'Approve agenda as presented. Motion to move Language Translation Policy to the first item on the agenda after approval of the agenda'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **4** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 4 - 0**

Diagneris Garcia Yes

Travis Escobar Yes

Mark Santow Yes

TyRelle Stephens Yes

### 3. Language Translation

Review drafted new Language Translation Policy.  
**Recommendation:** No recommendation required.

## Consent Agenda

### 4. Approval of the Consent Agenda

Items listed under Consent Agenda are considered routine and will be approved by a single motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items; however, any item may be removed from the Consent Agenda upon the request of any member of the Board and action upon separately.

**Recommendation:** Approve consent agenda as presented.

#### **ORIGINAL - Motion**

Member (**Travis Escobar**) Moved, Member (**TyRelle Stephens**) Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'Approve consent agenda as presented'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **4** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 4 - 0**

Diagneris Garcia Yes  
Travis Escobar Yes  
Mark Santow Yes  
TyRelle Stephens Yes

### 5. Minutes - August 5, 2021

Minutes - August 5, 2021

**Recommendation:** Approve minutes as presented.

#### **ORIGINAL - Motion**

Member (**Travis Escobar**) Moved, Member (**TyRelle Stephens**) Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'Approve minutes as presented'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **4** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 4 - 0**

Diagneris Garcia Yes  
Travis Escobar Yes  
Mark Santow Yes  
TyRelle Stephens Yes

## Items Pulled from Consent Agenda

### 6. Basic Education

Review technical edits to Basic Education Policy.

**Recommendation:** Administration recommends board approval.

#### **ORIGINAL - Motion**

Member (**Travis Escobar**) Moved, Member (**TyRelle Stephens**) Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'Administration recommends board approval'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **4** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 4 - 0**

Diagneris Garcia Yes  
Travis Escobar Yes  
Mark Santow Yes  
TyRelle Stephens Yes

### 7. Use of Students in Public Information Materials

Review minor edits to Use of Students in Public Information Materials Policy.

**Recommendation:** Administration recommends board approval.

#### **ORIGINAL - Motion**

Member (**Travis Escobar**) Moved, Member (**TyRelle Stephens**) Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'Administration recommends board approval'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: (xx) Nay: (xx). The motion ( ). (xx) - (xx)

### **7. Use of Students in Public Information Materials**

Review minor edits to Use of Students in Public Information Materials Policy.

**Recommendation:** Administration recommends board approval.

#### **AMENDED - Motion**

Member (**Travis Escobar**) Moved, Member (**TyRelle Stephens**) Seconded to approve the **AMENDED** motion 'Administration recommends board approval. Motion to table Use of Students in Public Information Materials Policy. '. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **4** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 4 - 0**

Diagneris Garcia Yes  
Travis Escobar Yes  
Mark Santow Yes  
TyRelle Stephens Yes

### **8. Reporting Employee Arrests**

Review technical edits to Reporting Employee Arrests Policy.

**Recommendation:** Administration recommends board approval.

#### **ORIGINAL - Motion**

Member (**Travis Escobar**) Moved, Member (**TyRelle Stephens**) Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'Administration recommends board approval'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **4** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 4 - 0**

Diagneris Garcia Yes  
Travis Escobar Yes  
Mark Santow Yes  
TyRelle Stephens Yes

### **9. Special Education Staffing**

Review Special Education Staffing Policy.

**Recommendation:** Administration recommends board approval.

#### **ORIGINAL - Motion**

Member (**Travis Escobar**) Moved, Member (**TyRelle Stephens**) Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'Administration recommends board approval'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **4** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 4 - 0**

Diagneris Garcia Yes  
Travis Escobar Yes  
Mark Santow Yes  
TyRelle Stephens Yes

### **10. Entrance Age Requirement - Removal**

Remove Entrance Age Requirement Policy.

**Recommendation:** Administration recommends board approval.

#### **ORIGINAL - Motion**

Member (**Travis Escobar**) Moved, Member (**TyRelle Stephens**) Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'Administration recommends board approval'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **4** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 4 - 0**

Diagneris Garcia Yes  
Travis Escobar Yes  
Mark Santow Yes  
TyRelle Stephens Yes

## Policy & Planning

### 11. Social Media Policy Amendment

Social Media Policy Amendment

**Recommendation:** Administration recommends approval of the policy.

#### **ORIGINAL - Motion**

Member (xxxxx) Moved, Member (xxxxx) Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'Administration recommends approval of the policy'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: (xx) Nay: (xx). The motion ( ). (xx) - (xx)

### 11. Social Media Policy Amendment

Social Media Policy Amendment

**Recommendation:** Administration recommends approval of the policy.

#### **AMENDED - Motion**

Member (Travis Escobar) Moved, Member (TyRelle Stephens) Seconded to approve the **AMENDED** motion 'Administration recommends approval of the policy. Motion to rescind the current Social Media Policy'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 4 Nay: 0. The motion **Carried. 4 - 0**

Diagneris Garcia Yes  
Travis Escobar Yes  
Mark Santow Yes  
TyRelle Stephens Yes

### 11. Social Media Policy Amendment

Social Media Policy Amendment

**Recommendation:** Administration recommends approval of the policy.

#### **NEW - Motion**

Member (TyRelle Stephens) Moved, Member (Travis Escobar) Seconded to approve the **NEW** motion 'Administration recommends approval of the policy. Motion to approve the revised Social Media Policy Amendment'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 4 Nay: 0. The motion **Carried. 4 - 0**

Diagneris Garcia Yes  
Travis Escobar Yes  
Mark Santow Yes  
TyRelle Stephens Yes

### 12. Social Media Regulation Amendment

Social Media Regulation Amendment

**Recommendation:** Administration recommends approval of the regulations.

#### **ORIGINAL - Motion**

Member (Travis Escobar) Moved, Member (TyRelle Stephens) Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'Administration recommends approval of the regulations. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 4 Nay: 0. The motion **Carried. 4 - 0**

Diagneris Garcia Yes  
Travis Escobar Yes  
Mark Santow Yes

TyRelle Stephens Yes

### **13. Home School Policy**

Review and discuss drafted new Home School Policy.

**Recommendation:** No approval required.

The board requested data be presented regarding trends in homeschool broadly and within the Providence, RI context.

### **14. Military Recruiters**

Review technical edits to Military Recruiters Policy.

**Recommendation:** Administration recommends board approval.

#### **ORIGINAL - Motion**

Member (**Travis Escobar**) Moved, Member (**TyRelle Stephens**) Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'Administration recommends board approval'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **4** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 4 - 0**

Diagneris Garcia Yes

Travis Escobar Yes

Mark Santow Yes

TyRelle Stephens Yes

### **15. School Board By-Laws**

Discuss desired amendments to School Board By-Laws.

**Recommendation:** Administration recommends board approval.

## **Adjourn**

### **16. Adjourn Meeting**

Adjourn Meeting

**Recommendation:** No recommendation required

#### **ORIGINAL - Motion**

Member (**Travis Escobar**) Moved, Member (**TyRelle Stephens**) Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'No recommendation required'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **4** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 4 - 0**

Diagneris Garcia Yes

Travis Escobar Yes

Mark Santow Yes

TyRelle Stephens Yes