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CENTRAL JERSEY COLLEGE PREP CHARTER
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BOARD OF TRUSTEES
BOARD MEETING
MAY 12, 2026

THE MEETING NOTICE HAS BEEN ADVERTISED IN COURIER NEWS AND HOME NEWS
TRIBUNE ON JULY 3RD, 2025. AGENDA SUBJECT TO CHANGE.

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BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING

Date: May 12, 2026, 6:30 PM

Place: 101 Mettlers Rd, Somerset, NJ 08873

OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT STATEMENT

In accordance with the “Open Public Meetings Act” P.L. 1975, c. 231 (Sunshine Law), the schedule and notification of this meeting have been published on Courier News and Home News Tribune on **July 3rd, 2025**.

MISSION STATEMENT:

The mission of Central Jersey College Prep Charter School (CJCP) is to provide academic and social challenges and opportunities for students to attain the skills necessary for success in post-secondary education.

AGENDA

- I. The Regular Meeting of the Central Jersey College Prep Charter School is called to order at 6:40 PM. The Board reserves the right to act on any or all agenda items.

Roll Call by:

Trustee	Position	Term Expires	Attendance
Dr. Ferhan Tunagur	President	02/28/2029	PRESENT
Mrs. Jackie Lewis	Vice President	07/01/2028	EXCUSED
Eric Van Bladel	Member	06/30/2027	PRESENT
Dr. Tracy Gill	Member	06/30/2026	PRESENT
Dr. Ahmet Atlig	Member	02/19/2028	PRESENT
Amina Andha	Student Representative	06/30/2026	PRESENT

Also Present:

Member	Position	Attendance
Dr. Namik Sercan	Chief Education Officer	PRESENT
Mr. Matt Anar	School Business Administrator	PRESENT
Ms. Fiona Daubon	Assistant BA/Board Secretary	PRESENT
Ms. Barbara Grossmann	Anti-Bullying Coordinator	PRESENT
Ms. Carrie Thomas	Curriculum Director	PRESENT

II. Acceptance of Agenda

BE IT RESOLVED, Central Jersey College Prep Charter School Board of Trustees approves the May 12, 2026 Regular Board Meeting agenda.

Moved by Dr. Ahmet Atlig, seconded by Dr. Tracy Gill to approve the motion.

Roll call: All in Favor

Against: NONE Abstained: NONE Absent: Mrs. Jackie Lewis

Resolution 20260512.1 is adopted unanimously.

III. Acceptance of Minutes

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board approves the minutes for the Regular Meeting held on March 26, 2025 presented in [Appendix A](#).

Moved by Dr. Tracy Gill, seconded by Dr. Ferhan Tunagur to approve the motion.

Roll call: All in Favor

Against: NONE Abstained: NONE Absent: Mrs. Jackie Lewis

Resolution 20260512.2 is adopted unanimously.

IV. Board Matters:

i. Next Board meeting: Tuesday, June 16, 2026

V. Board Policy

i. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board approves the **second reading and adoption** of the new Tuition Assistance Policy as detailed in the exhibit attached hereto and made a part of the minutes. [Appendix B](#)

Moved by Dr. Tracy Gill, seconded by Dr. Ahmet Atlig to approve the motion.

Roll call: All in Favor

Against: NONE Abstained: NONE Absent: Mrs. Jackie Lewis

Resolution 20260512.3 is adopted unanimously.

ii. Amendment to the Student Admissions Policy to include Enrollment Preference for Children of Certified Teaching Staff.

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees is authorized to establish admissions policies in accordance with the New Jersey Charter School Program Act, N.J.S.A. 18A:36A-1 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:36A-8, as amended, charter schools may provide enrollment preference to children of certified teaching staff; and

WHEREAS, the Board finds that such preference supports the recruitment and retention of high-quality educators while advancing the School's mission;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board approves an amendment to the Student Admissions Policy to include a preference for children of certified teaching staff, consistent with N.J.S.A. 18A:36A-8; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this preference shall be implemented in a non-discriminatory manner, consistent with all applicable laws and New Jersey Department of Education guidance, and shall not alter the requirement to conduct a random lottery when applications exceed available seats; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the School administration is authorized to update all admissions materials and procedures accordingly and to ensure compliance with all regulatory requirements; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board reserves the right to modify or rescind this preference to maintain compliance with applicable law and the School's charter.

Moved by Mr. Eric Van Bladel, seconded by Dr. Ahmet Atlig to approve the motion.

Roll call: All in Favor

Against: NONE Abstained: NONE Absent: Mrs. Jackie Lewis

Resolution 20260512.4 is adopted unanimously.

VI. Chief Education Officer's Monthly Report – Dr. Sercan

- Enrollment: almost fully enrolled except for 10th-12th grade
- Construction has started on the backside of the building- current target is to finish the lower level by September
- Senior College decisions- IVY league college acceptances

VII. Public Comments

The Board President or designee opens the public comment session on any topic. Each person is limited to speaking for a period of three (3) minutes and will be asked to give their full name, spell their last name and provide their address. The Board President or designee closes the public comment session on any topic.

NO PUBLIC COMMENT

VIII. Designations, Discussion and Action Items

a. Urging Relief from Rising Public School Employee Health-Care Costs

WHEREAS, at a time of continued fiscal uncertainty and mounting challenges, local boards of education from across the state of New Jersey continue to suffer under the growing crisis posed by the rising cost of health benefits and are desperate for relief; and

WHEREAS, despite record levels of state investments in public education, these school districts are facing fiscal pressures similar to those confronting the state budget, including the unsustainable growth in health-care premiums and the mounting insolvency of the state's public employees health benefits programs; and

WHEREAS, both within the School Employees' Health Benefits Program (SEHBP) and the private market, year-over-year double-digit increases are placing tremendous strain on district budgets and local taxpayers alike; and

WHEREAS, Governor Sherrill and legislative leadership have publicly acknowledged the urgent need to address rising health-care costs and the challenges facing the state's health benefits plans, including both the state and local portions of the State Health Benefits Program and the SEHBP; and

WHEREAS, The seriousness of this issue is underscored by the mid-year SEHBP analysis released by the Treasury Department in March 2026, which concluded that "based on these projected losses and building in future trends, active premium rate increases for 2027 are likely to be in the double digits;" and

WHEREAS, These projected increases would follow the 31.9 percent premium increase that took effect in January 2026, further exacerbating an overall premium increase of nearly 74 percent in the preceding five years; and

WHEREAS, This growth in health-care costs far exceeds inflation, state aid increases and the fiscal capacity of local communities; and

WHEREAS, Rising health-care premiums are consuming an ever-larger portion of already constrained school district budgets, forcing difficult decisions that directly affect students, staff and educational quality; and

WHEREAS, These cost pressures also have significant consequences for taxpayers, as districts are often compelled to utilize the full extent of their available tax levy, even after which many districts remain unable to fully offset these increases due to the constraints of the property tax levy cap, despite the limited health-care exception; and

WHEREAS, For the families and students these districts serve, the downstream consequences — including district deficits, program cuts and school closures — mean the loss of community stability, continuity of services, and in many cases, access to the specialized supports that our most vulnerable students depend on; and

WHEREAS, These are also precisely the conditions that erode student achievement and weaken the family engagement that is central to strengthening New Jersey's public schools; and

WHEREAS, Implementing real, sustainable solutions to the rising cost of health benefits and reforming how benefits are delivered through the SEHBP would demonstrate the Governor's and Legislature's leadership and continued commitment to New Jersey's students, educators and families, which directly advances our shared goal of affordability and effective, efficient government for all New Jerseyans..

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees for Central Jersey College Prep Charter School in the county of Somerset calls upon the Governor and State Legislature to provide immediate, short-term relief from the unsustainable increased health-care costs experienced by school districts in recent years; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees for Central Jersey College Prep Charter School in the county of Somerset urges the Governor to engage in meaningful engagement with all affected stakeholders to develop and implement practical long-term reforms to the state's system of delivering health care to its public employees in order to generate meaningful, long-term savings; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Governor Mikie Sherrill, State Treasurer Aaron Binder, Senate President Nicholas Scutari, Assembly Speaker Craig Coughlin, local State Senator Bob Smith, local State Assembly Representatives Joseph Danielson and Kevin Egan and the New Jersey School Boards Association.

Moved by Dr. Tracy Gill, seconded by Mr. Eric Van Bladel to approve the motion.

Roll call: All in Favor

Against: NONE Abstained: NONE Absent: Mrs. Jackie Lewis

Resolution 20260512.5 is adopted unanimously.

b. Food Service Management Contract

WHEREAS, that the Board of Trustees of Central Jersey College Prep Charter School has awarded the food service contract with Maschio's Food Service, Inc. based on Cost Reimbursable RFP results on May 07, 2024 that 2024-2025 school year is the base year contract,

WHEREAS, that Maschio's Food Service, Inc. has no guarantees in the food service operation with a management fee,

WHEREAS, that the total cost of contract is \$1,217,557.56

BE IT RESOLVED, that Central Jersey College Prep Charter School awards the food service contract renewal for 2026-2027 school year on a flat management fee basis with 2% index rate increase. The increased fee is \$50,640. This fee shall be paid in 10 monthly installments commencing on September 1, 2026, and ending on June 30, 2027.

Moved by Dr. Ahmet Atlig, seconded by Dr. Tracy Gill to approve the motion.

Roll call: All in Favor

Against: NONE Abstained: NONE Absent: Mrs. Jackie Lewis

Resolution 20260512.6 is adopted unanimously.

c. Food Service Consolidation Agreement

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees hereby approves the Food Service Consolidation Agreement with Middlesex County STEM Charter School for the School Year 2026 -2027. [Appendix C](#)

Moved by Dr. Tracy Gill, seconded by Mr. Eric Van Bladel to approve the motion.

Roll call: All in Favor

Against: NONE Abstained: NONE Absent: Mrs. Jackie Lewis

Resolution 20260512.7 is adopted unanimously.

d. Approval of Participation in the Special Education Medicaid Initiative (SEMI)

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees for Central Jersey College Prep Charter School is required to participate in the Special Education Medicaid Initiative (SEMI) pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:55-3 and the accountability regulations set forth in N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-5.3; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) has identified that Middlesex County STEM Charter School has a count of 81 Medicaid-eligible students for the 2026-2027 school year; and

WHEREAS, this student count exceeds the threshold for a waiver request, thereby requiring the School to maximize its participation in the program to recover federal reimbursements for health-related services; and

WHEREAS, the program allows the School to receive reimbursement for medically-related services provided to eligible students, including evaluations and related therapies as outlined in their Individualized Education Programs (IEPs);

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Central Jersey College Prep Charter School Board of Trustees hereby approves the School's participation in the Special Education Medicaid Initiative (SEMI) for the 2026-2027 school year; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the School Business Administrator is authorized to execute all necessary contracts and documentation with the State of New Jersey and its billing agents to ensure full compliance with program requirements.

Moved by Dr. Ahmet Atlig, seconded by Dr. Ferhan Tunagur to approve the motion.

Roll call: All in Favor

Against: NONE Abstained: NONE Absent: Mrs. Jackie Lewis

Resolution 20260512.8 is adopted unanimously.

e. Authorizing Appropriation of Fund Balance for Additional Rent Payments for Facility Improvements

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of Central Jersey College Prep Charter School operates facilities pursuant to the lease agreement with Advanced Schools, Inc. dated November 6, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the lease agreement permits facility improvements through additional rent payments pursuant to Article 3 Section 3.5 of said agreement;

WHEREAS, 101 Mettlers Road parking lot improvements were completed to maintain safe conditions for students, staff, and visitors by Advanced Schools; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board hereby authorizes the total payment of \$824,200.00 to Advanced Schools, Inc. as an additional rent; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board authorizes the appropriation and use of fund balance after the utilization of remaining SDA facilities funds; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chief Education Officer is authorized to execute all necessary documents and ensure compliance with applicable New Jersey laws, and regulations for reporting and record-keeping purposes.

Moved by Mr. Eric Van Bladel, seconded by Dr. Tracy Gill to approve the motion.

Roll call: All in Favor

Against: NONE Abstained: NONE Absent: Mrs. Jackie Lewis

Resolution 20260512.9 is adopted unanimously.

IX. Human Resources

A. Salary Guide

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board hereby approves the New Salary Guide effective for the 2026-2027 School Year. [Appendix D](#)

Moved by Dr. Ahmet Atlig, seconded by Dr. Ferhan Tunagur to approve the motion.

Roll call: All in Favor

Against: NONE Abstained: NONE Absent: Mrs. Jackie Lewis

Resolution 20260512.10 is adopted unanimously.

- B. **BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board, upon recommendation by the CEO, approves the hiring of new employees, adjustments in professional responsibilities, pertinent salary allocations, additional stipends, professional development compensation and alumni tutors for the school year of 2025-2026 and the 2026-2027 school years as detailed in the below exhibits attached hereto and made a part of the minutes:

i. New Hires, Renewals & Position/Term Changes for the school year of 2025-2026 and 2026 - 2027 as detailed in the exhibit attached hereto and made a part of the minutes. [Appendix E](#)

ii. Stipends & Bonuses for Teachers and staff FY26 [Appendix F](#)

Moved by Dr. Tracy Gill, seconded by Dr. Ahmet Atlig to approve agenda items IX. A - i through ii.

Roll call: All in Favor

Against: NONE Abstained: NONE Absent: Mrs. Jackie Lewis

Resolution 20260512.11 is adopted unanimously.

C. Field Trips

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board hereby approves the field trips listed in [Appendix G](#)

Moved by Dr. Ahmet Atlig, seconded by Dr. Tracy Gill to approve the motion.

Roll call: All in Favor

Against: NONE Abstained: NONE Absent: Mrs. Jackie Lewis

Resolution 20260512.12 is adopted unanimously.

D. Workshops/Conferences

Approval of the attendance to and costs of the following Workshops/Conferences as requested by faculty members:

WHEREAS, the Faculty listed below will be attending workshops; and

WHEREAS, the attendance at stated functions is accepted as work-related and within the scope of the work responsibilities of the attendee; and

WHEREAS, the attendance at the functions is accepted as promoting delivery of instruction, furthering efficient operation of the school district; and fiscally prudent, and

WHEREAS, the travel and related expenses particular to attendance at these functions are expected to exceed the state travel guidelines established by the Department of Treasury in NJOMB circular letter; be it

RESOLVED, that the board finds the cost of attendance, including all registration fees, and statutorily authorized travel and related expense and the excess expenses particular to attendance at this function as unavoidable, be it

RESOLVED, that the excess is justified and therefore reimbursable.

Employee	Date	Program Name	Location	Cost
Ms. Candice Goldstein	June 10, 2026 10am - 12pm	<i>Institute for Professional Development Webinar on Employee Leaves of Absence Update</i>	Virtual	\$50
Ms. Minal Puranik and Ms. Shukla Pal Gorai	May 27, 2026 8:30am to 2:30pm	<i>Garden State Cyber Summit 2026</i>	TCNJ	No Registration cost
Ms. Suzan Dincer	May 15, 2026	<i>Multi-Tiered Systems of Support: 5th Annual Effective Practices Statewide Summit</i>	FEA Conference Center 12 Centre Drive, Monroe Township	\$195
Dr. C George	June 16, 2026 - June 21, 2026	<i>HOSA International Leadership Conference</i>	Indianapolis, IN	\$1,715
Ms. Suzan Dincer	July 14, 2026	<i>Equity in Action: Transforming Schools Through Culturally Responsive Leadership</i>	Virtual	\$150

Ms. Vijaya Kumar	August 3, 2026 to August 7, 2026	<i>AP Summer Institute AP Environmental Science - Manhattan University</i>	Virtual	\$940
Dr. Zhao	June 22, 2026 to June 25, 2026	AP Precalculus @WaltonAPSI Online	WaltonAPSI Online	\$799

Moved by Mr. Eric Van Bladel, seconded by Dr. Ferhan Tunagur to approve the motion.

Roll call: All in Favor

Against: NONE Abstained: NONE Absent: Mrs. Jackie Lewis

Resolution 20260512.13 is adopted unanimously.

X. Finance

i. Monthly Reports

a. Board Secretary & Treasurer’s Report

Upon recommendation of the Chief Education Officer, and the Business Administrator, motion to approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS, both the [A148 Report of the Secretary](#) and the [A149 Report of the Treasurer of School Moneys](#) are in agreement with the cash balance in the Governmental Funds of

\$18,869,451.97 as of March 31, 2026.

\$18,518,305.48 as of April 30, 2026

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Reports of the Secretary and the Treasurer of School Moneys be accepted.

b. Board Secretary’s Certification of Accounts

Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.11, I certify that as of April 30, 2026 no major budgetary line item account expenditure exceeds the amount appropriated by the Charter Board of Trustees.

May 7, 2026

Matt Ahmet Anar – Business Administrator

Date

c. Board Certification of Accounts

RESOLVED, that after review of the Secretary's and Treasurer's reports for March 2026 and April 2026 based upon consultation with and representations of the appropriate officials (Secretary, Treasurer, Business Administrator and Chief Education Officer), the Board of Trustees of Central Jersey College Prep Charter School has ascertained, to the best of our knowledge and ability, with the information provided, that no major account (Current Expense, Capital Outlay, Debt Service) has been over-expended and that sufficient funds are available to meet the charter's financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year, and hereby certifies the charter's financial plan (the budget) as approved is being followed as revealed in the financial.

Moved by Mr. Eric Van Bladel, seconded by Dr. Ahmet Atlig to approve the motion listed in items X.iii.A to C.

Roll call: All in Favor

Against: NONE Abstained: NONE Absent: Mrs. Jackie Lewis

Resolution 20260512.14 is adopted unanimously.

d. List of Bills

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board approves the List of Bills for the periods between March 16, 2026 and April 30, 2026 in the total amount of \$3,011,50.06. [Appendix H](#)

Moved by Dr. Ahmet Atlig, seconded by Dr. Tracy Gill to approve the motion.

Roll call: All in Favor

Against: NONE Abstained: NONE Absent: Mrs. Jackie Lewis

Resolution 20260512.15 is adopted unanimously.

XI. Executive Session

- i. Central Jersey College Prep Charter School is **called to order for an executive session** at 7:34 PM in accordance with the Sunshine Law, Chapter 321, P.L. 1975.

WHEREAS, the Open Public Meetings Act authorizes Boards of Trustees to meet in executive session under certain circumstances

WHEREAS, the Open Public Meetings Act requires the Board to adopt a resolution at a public meeting to go into private session; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Central Jersey College Prep Charter School Board of Trustees, that it is necessary to meet in executive session to discuss certain items involving such as personnel matters, attorney-client privilege matters, pending litigation, HIB monthly reports, negotiations and other such related matters pursuant to law N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(b).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any discussion held by the Board which need not remain confidential will be made public as soon as feasible. The minutes of the executive session will not be disclosed until the need for confidentiality no longer exists.

Moved by Dr. Ahmet Atlig, seconded by Dr. Tracy Gill to approve the motion.

Roll call: All in Favor

Against: NONE Abstained: NONE Absent: Mrs. Jackie Lewis

Resolution 20260512.16 is adopted unanimously.

- ii. **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Board of Trustees will return to open session to conduct business at the conclusion of the executive session.

Moved by Dr. Ahmet Atlig, seconded by Dr. Tracy Gill to approve the motion.

Roll call: All in Favor

Against: NONE Abstained: NONE Absent: Mrs. Jackie Lewis

XII. HIB Report

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board hereby accepts the HIB report presented in the Executive session.

Moved by Mr. Eric Van Bladel, seconded by Dr. Ferhan Tunagur to approve the motion.

Roll call: All in Favor

Against: NONE Abstained: NONE Absent: Mrs. Jackie Lewis

XIII. Adjournment

Moved by Dr. Ahmet Atlig, seconded by Dr. Tracy Gill to **adjourn meeting** at 7:59 PM.

Roll call: All in Favor

Against: NONE Abstained: NONE Absent: Mrs. Jackie Lewis