



**Special Meeting Agenda**  
**Monday, May 19, 2025 – 6:00 pm**

**I. Call to Order 6:10 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 interest is discussed or acted on in accordance with N.J.S.A 10:4-6 et seq.

On the rules of this act, Achievers Early College Prep 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 Star Ledger and Trenton Times and Posted at the Achievers Early College Prep Charter School located at 544 Chestnut Ave, Trenton NJ 08611. Formal action will take place at this meeting.

**III. Roll Call**

Trustees	Role (Term Expires)	Present	Absent	LA/ED
1. Alescia Dingle	Trustee, (2/2026)	x		
2. Elizabeth Murphy	Trustee, (8/4/2026)	x		LA 6:20 PM
3. Larry Patton	Trustee, (3/2026)	x		ED 6:40 PM
4. Imebet Stewart	Trustee, President (3/2026)	x		
5. Meredith Pennotti	Trustee (4/2026)		x	

**Also Present**

Non-Voting	Role	Present	Absent	LA/ED
Nava Coppin	Interim Executive Director & MS Principal	x		
Joshua Solow	SBA, School Business Office		x	
Elizabeth Neary	Board Secretary, School Business Office	x		
Shannon Wright	Director of Operations/ Assistant SBA	x		
Hope Blackburn	Board Attorney	x		

**IV. Public Comment - NONE**

**V. Acceptance of Meeting Agenda**

Motion for Achievers Early College Prep Charter School, Board of Trustees to approve the Agenda for the **May 19, 2025**, special board meeting.

Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Alescia Teel		x									
Imebet Stewart	1	x				Larry Patton	2	x			
Elizabeth Murphy					x	Meredith Pennotti					x

**VI. Adjourn Public Session and Begin Executive Session 6:13 PM**

The Board discussed a personnel matter.

Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Alescia Teel		x									
Imebet Stewart	1	x				Larry Patton	2	x			
Elizabeth Murphy					x	Meredith Pennotti					x

**VII. Adjourn Executive Session and Reconvene Public Session 6:32 PM**

Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Alescia Teel	1	x									
Imebet Stewart		x				Larry Patton	2	x			
Elizabeth Murphy		x				Meredith Pennotti					x

**VIII. Motions from Executive Session**

1. To approve the unpaid administrative leave of employee # 389755 effective immediately, pending resolution of legal charges.

Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Alescia Teel		x									
Imebet Stewart		x				Larry Patton	2	x			
Elizabeth Murphy	1	x				Meredith Pennotti					x

ROLL CALL VOTE

**IX. Motions for Approval**

**1. Personnel**

- a. To approve the following Staff Contracts including stipends for the 2025-2026 School Year:

Term	Employee Name	Job Title	FY26 Salary	FY26 Stipend(s)	Stipend Description	Total Salary
10 Month	Abigail Bocicaut	MS Social Worker (10 Month)	\$74,429.62	\$4,000.00	MS HIB Coordinator	\$78,429.62
10 Month	Tianna Gresham	HS Social Worker (10 Month)	\$72,100.00	\$4,000.00	HS HIB Coordinator	\$76,100.00
10 Month	Carron Ankiel	English Teacher and Humanities Department Chair	\$85,050.00	\$3,500.00	Humanities Department Chair	\$88,550.00
10 Month	Nabila Atta	Math Support Teaching Assistant	\$55,434.00	N/A		\$55,434.00
10 Month	Daniel Aulisio	Science Teacher and Department Chair	\$84,240.00	\$4,500.00	Science/STEAM Department Chair	\$89,550.00
10 Month	Myra Bellamy	ELA Reading Specialist and Student Technology	\$85,050.00	\$7,500.00	Testing Coordinator	\$91,740.00

Term	Employee Name	Job Title	FY26 Salary	FY26 Stipend(s)	Stipend Description	Total Salary
		District Coordinator				
10 Month	Nicole Blair	6th Grade ELA Teacher and Grade Level Chair	\$75,110.70	\$3,500.00	Grade Level Chair	\$78,610.70
10 Month	Eunice Bonnette	Algebra Teacher	\$76,784.40	\$2,500.00	STEAM Committee	\$79,284.40
10 Month	Debra Brandimarte	SPED Teacher	\$85,050.00	\$0.00		\$85,050.00
10 Month	Christopher Carragher	7th Grade ELA Teacher	\$74,226.66	\$6,500.00	7th Grade Chair, ELA Coach/Mentor	\$80,726.66
10 Month	James Cox	HS Physical Education Teacher	\$69,458.55	N/A		\$69,458.55
10 Month	Candace Foltiny	English Teacher	\$69,458.55	N/A		\$69,458.55
10 Month	Olivia Hackett	Social Studies Teacher	\$70,426.65	N/A		\$70,426.65
10 Month	Payton Kelly	Geometry Teacher and Math Department Chair	\$69,458.55	\$2,500.00 \$3,000.00	STEAM Committee, Math Dept Chair	\$75,458.55
10 Month	Sunil Laudari	Physics Teacher	\$70,796.96	\$2,500.00	STEAM Committee	\$73,296.96
10 Month	Richard Lee	Audio Engineering Teacher and STEAM Chair	\$76,784.40	\$4,500.00	STEAM Committee Chair	\$81,284.40
10 Month	Gregory Lewis	HS Culture Dean	\$78,038.00	\$4,500.00	HS Asst Athletic Coordinator	\$82,538.00
10 Month	Obadiah Moore	Art & Graphics Design Teacher and STEAM Co-Chair	\$69,458.55	\$3,500.00	STEAM Committee Co-Chair	\$72,958.55
10 Month	Shamima Nasreen	MS MLL Teacher	\$69,458.55	N/A		\$69,458.55
10 Month	Julianna Nini	7th Grade Math Teacher and Coach/Mentor	\$75,110.70	\$6,000.00	Math Coach/Mentor, MS Asst Soccer Coach	\$81,110.70
10 Month	Wilson Ramos	MS Building Substitute	\$55,967.10	\$7,500.00	MS Boys Soccer Coach, MLL Translator Support	\$63,467.10

Term	Employee Name	Job Title	FY26 Salary	FY26 Stipend(s)	Stipend Description	Total Salary
F10 Month	Shelby Sumner (Spainhower)	Biology Teacher	\$76,784.40	\$2,500.00	STEAM Committee	\$79,284.40
10 Month	Gretchen Stricker	HS Latin/Art History Teacher	\$71,913.45	\$3,500.00	12th Grade Graduation Chair	\$75,413.45
10 Month	Monique Whitaker	MS Culture Dean	\$78,038.48	\$2,500.00	SGA	\$80,538.48
10 Month	Kelly Pezzina	HS Special Education Teacher	\$85,850.00	N/A		\$85,850.00
12 Month	Yaklin Alvarez	HS Operations Assistant	\$52,500.00	N/A		\$52,500.00
12 Month	Carl Berkley	Information Technology Manager and Athletic Coordinator	\$62,682.00	\$12,000.00	District Athletic Coordinator	\$74,682.00
12 Month	Elvia Cerna-Maldonado	Operations Manager & Data Coordinator	\$59,325.00	\$7,500.00	Student and Staff Data Reporting	\$66,825.00
12 Month	Amina Chowdhry	Assistant Principal	\$113,423.00	N/A		\$113,423.00
12 Month	Nava Coppin	Executive Director	\$168,598.50	N/A		\$168,598.50
12 Month	Jonquille Eley	HS Interim Director	\$143,097.00	N/A		\$143,097.00
12 Month	Maria Hocker	Supervisor of Student Support Services	\$87,577.20	N/A		\$87,577.20
12 Month	Maria Macario	HS Operations Assistant	\$53,663.40	\$2,000.00	HS Assistant Attendance Coordinator	\$55,663.40
12 Month	Jennifer Miller	Assistant Principal	\$122,493.00	N/A		\$122,493.00
12 Month	Tiana Solis	HS Guidance Counselor (12 month)	\$76,427.12	N/A		\$76,427.12
12 Month	Sebastian Trujillo	MS Operations Assistant	\$53,663.40	\$3,000.00 \$6,500.00	Attendance Coordinator, Photography and Social Media	\$63,163.40
12 Month	Alexa Camacho Vasquez	Technology Assistant	\$46,730.25	N/A		\$46,730.25

Term	Employee Name	Job Title	FY26 Salary	FY26 Stipend(s)	Stipend Description	Total Salary
12 Month	Arthur Washington	Facilities and Maintenance Manager	\$56,511.00	N/A		\$56,511.00
Contracted Employee	Christopher Burke	Contracted Employee	\$0.00	\$2,500.00	HS SGA	\$2,500.00
Part-Time	Tammy Allen	Part Time Lunch Aide	\$18.90/HR	N/A		\$0.00
Part-Time	Sara Martin	Part Time Lunch Aide	\$18.90/HR	N/A		\$0.00
Part-Time	Modest Perez	Part Time Lunch Aide	\$18.90/HR	N/A		\$0.00
Part-Time	Blanca Ronquillo	Part Time Lunch Aide	\$18.90/HR	N/A		\$0.00

b. To approve the following new hires for the 2025-2026 School Year:

Term	Employee Name	Job Title	FY26 Salary	FY26 Stipend(s)	Stipend Description	Total Salary	Start Date
10 Month	Trevon Brooks	HS Readiness Counselor (10 Month)	\$75,000.00	N/A		\$75,000.00	8/11/25
10 Month	Aparna Kenjale	Pre-Nursing & Health Sciences Instructor and Curriculum Developer	\$93,000.00	\$3,500.00	STEAM Committee Lead	\$96,500.00	8/11/25

**\*\*Item to Note:**

All stipends will be paid out over 20 pay periods beginning with the September 15, 2025 payroll and ending with the June 30, 2026 payroll.

Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Alescia Dingle		x									
Imebet Stewart	2	x				Larry Patton	1	x			
Elizabeth Murphy		x				Meredith Pennotti					x

ROLL CALL VOTE

**2. Curriculum/Special Education/Student Activities**

- a. To approve the quotes for refreshments at the following end-of-year student events:

Event	Date	Vendor	Cost
8 <sup>th</sup> Grade BBQ	6/10/25	Ben's Deli	\$1,523.00
8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Dance	6/11/25	Jerry's Pizza	\$482.08
Perfect Attendance Awards	6/12/25	Jerry's Pizza	\$240.35
High School Field Day	6/12/25	Ben's Deli	\$2,762.50
6 <sup>th</sup> /7 <sup>th</sup> Grade Field Day	6/11/25	Jerry's Pizza	\$765.90

- b. To approve the quote from **Custom Ink** for custom logo merchandise in the amount of \$5,103.25, as attached.
- c. To approve the quote from **CDW-G** for Cisco VoIP phones + Smartnet for the 2025-2026 school year, in the amount of \$2,978.60 as attached.

Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Alescia Dingle		x									
Imebet Stewart	2	x				Larry Patton					x
Elizabeth Murphy	1	x				Meredith Pennotti					x

**X. Public Comment - None**

**XI. Reports / Look Ahead / Miscellaneous**

1. Next Regular Board Meeting: Thursday, June 12, 2025 at 6:00pm

**XII. Adjourn Meeting 6:51 PM**

Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Alescia Dingle	1	x									
Imebet Stewart		x				Larry Patton					x
Elizabeth Murphy	2	x				Meredith Pennotti					x