

Mission

Through rigorous academics, high-quality instruction and leadership development, Persistence Preparatory Academy Charter School ensures that all K through 8 scholars are firmly on the path to succeed within a four-year college and create positive change within their communities.

Subject to applicable law and to any adopted regulations limiting the total amount of time allocated for public testimony on particular issues and for each individual speaker, members of the public shall have an opportunity at the meeting to directly address the Board of Trustees of Persistence Prep concerning any item in this notice during the public comment period. Members of the public and all other interested parties are cordially invited to attend the meeting in person at the above-described location. Individuals wishing to speak at a Board meeting must sign up at the meeting, using the signup sheet provided by Persistence Prep. There will be no sign ups in advance of the meeting. Speakers must sign up prior to the item being acted upon by the Board.

Meeting Called By:	Kevin Celniker @ 12:41pm	Goals of the Meeting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review & approve April 2025 financials Discuss facility needs and necessary next steps Evaluate back office provider contracts Review mortgage refinance term sheets Review 25-26 recruitment progress (staff & scholar) Update on Annual Golf Tournament fundraiser; solidify board support
Board Member Attendees:	Jen Zorn	
	Nicole Wodka-Cook	
	Zack Kibler	
	Zach Melas	
	Kevin Celniker	
	Adrianna Viverette	
	Darnell Haywood	
	Bobbie Finocchio	
Board Members Absent:	Chris Ciechoski	
	Brandi Haynes	
	Aaron Bennett	
Members of Public Present:	Machael Sherry, potential trustee	

AGENDA ITEM	LEAD	NOTES	TIME	ACTION
I. Welcome			12:30pm	
A. Call the Meeting to Order	Chair	Meeting called to order at 12:41pm	12:30pm	
II. Public Comment	Chair	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Introduction of new trustee candidate, Machael Sherry Shared background and mission alignment 	12:30pm	
III. Consent Agenda	Chair		12:35pm	
A. Approval of: Committee Meeting Minutes				VOTE 1ST: JZ 2ND: NW FOR: JZ, NW, ZK, ZM, KC, AV, DH, BF AGAINST: N/A ABSTAIN: N/A

IV. Committee Updates	Committee Chairs Head of School	Facilities- progress on roof drain project- believe that is root of issue; awaiting drawings and quotes Development- ongoing planning for golf tournament Finance- budget planning well underway; final edits being made	12:40pm	
IV. Approval of April 2025 Financials	Treasurer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • April Financials • April Narrative • Strong current ratio • No major change in variances • Wrote off remaining BUL unpaid utilities 	12:50pm	VOTE 1ST: BF 2ND: ZK FOR: JZ, NW, ZK, ZM, KC, AV, DH, BF AGAINST: N/A ABSTAIN: N/A
V. Back Office Provider Quotes	Head of School Finance Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kiritsits proposal + Acumatica • Freed proposal • Comparison of costs, experience, reference checks, user friendliness, data access • Finance committee to make official recommendation at June meeting 	1:00pm	
VI. Head of School Report/ Dashboard	Head of School	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monthly Data Dashboard • Management Report • 25-26 Enrollment Update 	1:20pm	
VII. Loan Refinance Discussion	Head of School Finance Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Term Sheets • M&T is preferred partner • Motion for conditional approval of term sheet pending appraisal amount • Appraisal amount to be circulated before signing for final board comment and approval 	1:40pm	VOTE 1ST: ZM 2ND: ZK FOR: JZ, NW, ZK, ZM, KC, AV, DH, BF AGAINST: N/A ABSTAIN: N/A
VIII. PPA 2nd Annual Golf Tournament		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board support document – asking board members to donate minimum of 1 item • Sponsorship Update 	1:50pm	

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May 23, 2025
12:30-2:00pm
378 Urban Street
Buffalo, NY 14211

IX. Closing Items		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Annual Retreat set for June 13th – agenda and materials to be shared 	2:00pm	
A. Next Steps	Chair Head of School			
B. Adjourn Meeting		Motion to adjourn at 2:07pm		VOTE 1ST: KC 2ND: BF FOR: JZ, NW, ZK, ZM, KC, AV, DH, BF AGAINST: N/A ABSTAIN: N/A
X. Executive Session		Executive session not needed		