Piedmont Community Charter School

Board of Directors Meeting

June 16th, 2026

7:00 p.m. in the PCCS High School Auditorium

Board Members present: Melia Mauldin**,** Paul Tharp, LeBarbara Southern, Emily Rodgers, Jeremy Gordon, Wendi Greemon, Kim Richardson and Melissa Gardner. A quorum was present.

Others in attendance: **Jennifer Killen, HOS**. School community members (administration, guests, and parents).

M. Mauldin called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and read the PCCS mission statement.

Following the mission statement, M. Mauldin asked for a moment of silence.

Public Comments: None Scheduled

Awards & Recognition: J. Killen announced

- Our 2026 graduation ceremony took place on May 22nd at Caromont Health Ballpark. This was a beautiful event for our graduates and their families. We want to congratulate class valedictorian Eli Grant, salutatorian, Charlotte Robert, and all our Piedmont graduates. This year's graduates were offered over $2 million in scholarships. 88 % reported they intend to pursue higher education, 8% plan to enter the workforce, and 4% have committed to US military service. We also would like to congratulate the 19 students who earned their Associate's degree from Gaston College in addition to their high school diploma.
- Piedmont took home several top honors at the 2026 Best of Gaston Official Community's Choice Awards. We won Best Charter School, Best Employer and Best Place to work; MS Director David Benfield won Best Principal and HS Science Teacher Elizabeth Inzana won Best Teacher. It is an incredible honor for our school to be recognized by the community! We thank our Piedmont families for all their support.

Approval of Previous Minutes:

- A motion was made by J. Gordon to approve the minutes of May 19th , 2026, Board of Directors meeting. W. Greemon seconded the motion. No further discussion was held. The motion passed unanimously.

Reports:

a. Treasurer/Finance Committee: L. Southern shared the updates and financial status of the Budget Report and Surplus and Cash Report as of May 31st , 2026.

    a. On the treasure/finance committee we have LaBarbara, Clarie, Melia, Michael, Scott, Mrs. Killen and Mrs. White. All of these individuals have given a lot of time to make us financially sound. We purchased Oakland Street as well as are in the process of completing the Painting/Flooring projects.

b. J. Killen shared the Head of School Report which included

- Compliance Submission Report
    - The following items were submitted to the EpiCenter –
        - No filing requirements this month
    - The following items were submitted for DAC to EMMA for May
        - Quarterly report – Financial Information
        - Quarterly report – Statement of Student Count
        - Quarterly report – Statement of Student Count by grade
        - Statement of No Changes in Key Personnel
        - Statement of Disclosure – No plans to expand school or change school's organizational structure, no litigation, and no instances of activities of non-compliance with regard to the school's charter
- The enrollment Report
    - As of 05/12/2026 we have1932 enrolled and have reached full enrollment (672 at Elementary, 658 at Middle and 602 at High School). Over 1,100 are on the waiting list.
    - Personnel report

        - Need approval for Report. These are new hires since our May Meeting – 3 positions at EC and 2 positions at the HS Level. L. Southern made a motion to approve the personal report as submitted. E. Rodgers seconded. No further discussion was held. The motion passed unanimously.

- Calendar
    - August 3rd – Workday begins
    - August 12th – 1st day of School
    - August 18th – Board Meeting
    - August 22nd – Board Meeting – Tom Miller

c. Academic Committee Report:

    a. The education committee is composed of PCCS campus directors, administrators, teachers, school board members and parent representatives. We met 5 times throughout the year. During these meetings, the campus directors and our Title 1 coordinator had the opportunity to share results from many different tests and evaluation tools that provide us with information to monitor and manage students' progress and success. We are proud to report that the efforts of our staff across all 3 campuses have shown continued growth, and our students have been very successful.

d. Athletic Committee Report:

    a. The Athletic Committee consists of myself, Jeremy, Kim, Mrs. Hufstetler, Mr. Benfield, Coach Wease, Coach Prilou and Coach Radford. Typically, we meet once in the fall and once in the spring; however, we do touch base each month to receive our status and check on any needs. This year, Mrs. Huffstetler and Mr. Benfield each started Social Pages for our Athletic programs. This has been a great landing place to celebrate our successes as well as update any change in schedules. Last year, we did add 2 buses to our Athletic program and this year we have meet with a representative to inquire about adding fencing and stairs for our soccer field. I would like to thank the administration of our MS and HS as well as our AD's and coaching staff for all they do for the Athletic program. Your efforts do not go unnoticed!

e. Facilities Committee Report –

a. We have the Painting/Flooring and HVAC's going on at the MS and ES campus. It is going well. We have used some of the contingency money on the plumbers but we are still within budget.

    i. On the committee is Melia, Mrs. Killen, all 3 campus directors, Wendi, and Michael Overcash. We met monthly and this year, we installed a new roof on the MS, closed on the Oakland house on 03/19 and we continue to develop of the elementary campus block. In the fall, we presented to the full board in Strategic Planning about how we fund projects, needs, and possibilities for all campuses. We are working on long term facility plan as well. For the summer, we are replacing the 2 HVAC systems at the Elementary Campus and are doing the new paint and flooring at the ES and MS campus.

f. Governance Committee Report:

    a. This year we amended the school charter to add the exclusion to our school policy manual. We helped create a student device policy as well. We also made a minor change to 300 series change policy and lastly, we shortened the enrollment lottery period.

g. Annual Business Meeting

    a. Acknowledge Board Members for completing Service –

        i. Wendi Greemon for 6 years of service

        ii. Michael Satterfield for 10 years of service

        iii. Jackie Cansler – 2 years of service

        iv. Elizabeth Inzana – 2 years of service

    b. Seating of New Board Members

        i. Paul Tharp – J. Gordon made a motion to approve Mr. Tharp for 2 more years of service. M. Gardner seconded. No further discussion was held. The motion was passed unanimously.

        ii. Ambra Leach – E. Rodgers made a motion to seat Mrs. Leach. J. Gordon seconded the motion. No further discussion was held. The motion was passed unanimously.

iii. Breezy Howe – E. Rodgers made a motion to seat Ms. Howe. M. Gardner seconded the motion. No further discussion was held. The motion was passed unanimously.

iv. Scott McRainey – L. Southern made a motion to seat Mr. McRainey. E. Rodgers seconded the motion. No further discussion was held. The motion was passed unanimously.

v. Jonathon Roberto – E. Rodgers made a motion to seat Mr. Roberto. J. Gordon seconded the motion. No further discussion was held. The motion was passed unanimously.

c. Election of Officers

i. Vice President

1. E. Rodgers made a motion for Mr. Tharp to continue as VP. J. Gordon seconded. No further discussion was held. The motion was passed unanimously.

ii. At Large

1. L. Southern made a motion for Mrs. Richardson to move to an at large position. E. Rodgers seconded. No further discussion was held. The motion was passed unanimously.

2. J. Gordon made a motion for Mrs. Gardner to move to an at large position. E. Rodgers seconded. No further discussion was held. The motion was passed unanimously.

M. Mauldin adjourned the meeting adjourned at 7:25

Respectfully submitted,

Emily Rodgers, PCCS Board Secretary