

From the Office of the Executive Secretary to the School Committee

School Committee - Regular Meeting

May 6, 2025, 6:00 p.m.

Held in and broadcast from the Dr. Henrietta S. Attles Meeting Room, Cambridge Rindge, and Latin School, 459 Broadway, Cambridge for the purpose of discussing the agenda items listed below. This meeting will include public hearings on the 2025-2026 State School Choice Program and the Revisions to the Rights and Responsibilities Handbook.

Individuals must sign up in advance to provide public comment for the May 6 Regular Meeting: The sign-up window is Friday, May 2 through Tuesday, May 6 at 12:00 PM (by phone) and 5:30 PM (online).

To register for public comment during the sign-up times:

- Visit the School Committee online portal: https://secure1.cpsd.us/school_committee.
- Or contact the School Committee office at 617.349.6620.

Regular Meetings will be live-streamed at www.cpsd.us and broadcast on Cambridge Educational Access TV (CEATV) Channel 26, as usual. The meeting can also be viewed on Zoom at <https://zoom.us/j/96081106637>. This meeting will be video and audio recorded which may include third party devices.

A G E N D A

- 1a. Public Hearing on Statewide School Choice Program for SY2025/2026 (3 Minutes)**
1b. Public Hearing on the Revisions of the Rights and Responsibilities Handbook (3 Minutes)
1c. Public Comment (3 Minutes)
- 2. Student School Committee Report:**
- 3. Presentation of Records for Approval:**
 - April 1, 2025, Regular Meeting
 - April 15, 2025, Regular Meeting
- 4. Reconsiderations:** None
- 5. Unfinished Business/Calendar:**
- 6. Awaiting Reports:** None
- 7. 7a. Superintendent's Update**

An update on pending matters and highlight various initiatives taking place across CPS school communities.

The Interim Superintendent will also introduce Principal Darrell Williams and representatives from the King Open School community who recently participated in a trip to the Azores as the culminating experiential learning opportunity for fifth grade students who have matriculated through the Ola program, the district's Portuguese language immersion program to share their experiences from their recent trip.

7b. Presentation

The Interim Superintendent, Chief Accountability Officer and Executive Director of Human Resources will provide a briefing to the Cambridge School Committee on the educator evaluation process as governed by Massachusetts law and the collective bargaining agreement between the Cambridge School Committee and the Cambridge Education Association and the evaluation instrument's administration within the Cambridge Public Schools.

Posted at City Clerk's Office on 5/2/25 12:10 p.m.

7c. Consent Agenda

- #25-096** Recommendation: SY 2025/2026 State School Choice-Recommendation For Non-Participation
- #25-097** Recommendation: Approval of Revisions to Rights & Responsibilities Handbook (Second Reading)
- #25-098** Recommendation: Day & Residential Program Services not Available from the Cambridge School Department
- #25-099** Recommendation: Contract Award: B & H Photo Video, Inc.: Multi Media Equipment (FY26)
- #25-100** Recommendation: Contract Award: Baystate Interpreters: Translation Services (FY26 Contract)
- #25-101** Recommendation: Contract Award: Einstein Tutoring, LLC: Tutoring Services (FY26 Contract)
- #25-102** Recommendation: Contract Award: Boston Tutoring Services: Special Education Services (FY26 Contract)
- #25-103** Recommendation: Contract Award: Cambridge Center for Neuropsychology & Learning: Special Education Services (FY26 Contract)
- #25-104** Recommendation: Contract Award: Ro Health LLC: Special Education Temporary Staffing Services (FY26 Contract)
- #25-105** Recommendation: Contract Award: Amergis Healthcare Staffing: Special Education Temporary Services (FY26 Contract)
- #25-106** Recommendation: Contract Award: Easter Seals: Special Education Staffing Services (FY26 Contract)
- #25-107** Recommendation: Contract Award: EI US, LLC: Special Education Services (FY26 Contract)
- #25-108** Recommendation: Contract Award: Precision HR Solutions, Inc.: Special Education Staffing Services (FY26 Contract)
- #25-109** Recommendation: Contract Award: Curriculum Associates, LLC: Computer Software (FY26 Contract)
- #25-110** Recommendation: Contract Award: CDW Government LLC: Computer Software (FY26 Contract)
- #25-111** Recommendation: Contract Award: ParentSquare, Inc.: Computer Software (FY26 Contract)
- #25-112** Recommendation: Contract Award: The New England Center for Children: Computer Software (FY26 Contract)
- #25-113** Recommendation: Contract Award: SHI International: Computer Software
- #25-114** Recommendation: Contract Award: SHI International: Computer Software (FY26 Contract)
- #25-115** Recommendation: Contract Award: Branching Minds: Computer Software (FY26 Contract)
- #25-116** Recommendation: Contract Award: Follett Software: Computer Software (FY26 Contract)
- #25-117** Recommendation: Contract Award: Follett Software: Computer Software (FY26 Contract)
- #25-118** Recommendation: Contract Award: Follett School Solutions: Library Books (FY26 Contract)

- #25-119** Recommendation: Contract Award: WB Mason: Instructional Materials (FY26 Contract)
- #25-120** Recommendation: Contract Award: William Lowe & Sons Corp: Moving Services for Tobin Montessori & Darby Vassall Upper Schools (FY26 Contract)
- #25-121** Recommendation: Grant Award: FY25 Computer Science Professional Development & Devices (SC25864)
- #25-122** Recommendation: Approval of Students in the Class of 2025 and Class of 2026 (and preceding classes) who have not (or did not) establish their Competency Determination (CD) through passage of the MCAS, will have done so through satisfactorily completing coursework in English Language Arts (20 credits), Mathematics (20 credits), and at least one Science discipline (10 credits; Biology, Introductory Physics, Chemistry, or Technology/Engineering)

8. Non-Consent Agenda:

9. School Committee Agenda (Policy Matters/Notifications/Requests for Information):

#25-123 Interim Superintendent Evaluation– Member Hudson and Member Harding

WHEREAS: The Massachusetts mandates that School Committees implement a rigorous and comprehensive evaluation process for all educators, including Superintendents (603 CMR 35.00); and
WHEREAS: In Cambridge, the Superintendent's employment agreement further stipulates "that the Committee shall evaluate the Interim Superintendent once during the 2024-2025 school year" (Section 8, pg. 4-5, "Employment Agreement Between The Cambridge Public Schools And David Murphy 2024-2025"); and
WHEREAS: The Interim Superintendent has not yet received an evaluation during this school year; and
WHEREAS: The Interim Superintendent's employment term currently ends on June 30, 2025, unless both parties affirmatively agree to an extension; now therefore be it
RESOLVED: That the School Committee conduct a summative evaluation no later than the end of May 2025.

10. Resolutions (letters of congratulations, letters of condolences): None

11. Announcements:

12. Late Orders: None

13. Communications and Reports from City Officers:

- January 13, 2025 Joint Roundtable Meeting Minutes – Universal Pre-Kindergarten Program
- February 24, 2025 Joint Roundtable Meeting Minutes – FY26 CPS Budget Priorities