Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

State Board of Private Academic Schools

607 South Drive, Harrisburg PA 17120-0600

MEETING MINUTES

September 8, 2026

A special meeting of the State Board of Private Academic Schools convened on Tuesday, September 8, 2026, via hybrid meeting on Microsoft Teams and in-person at 607 South Drive, Harrisburg, PA. Public notice of the meeting was published in accordance with the Sunshine Meeting Act of 1986. The meeting was called to order at 10:01 a.m. by Douglas Carlquist, Chair.

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Mr. Douglas Carlquist, Chair
Dr. Abby Mahone, Vice-Chair
Dr. Daniel Borden
Dr. Erin Cameron
Dr. Cathy Rohrer
Ms. Carissa Swiss

STAFF

Monica Washington, School Services Director
Renee Shade, Secretary to the Board
Rachel Berkeley, Staff
Kenneth Krawchuk, Staff
Sara Hockenberry, Assistant Counsel
Janette Fulton, Bureau of Special Education

BOARD COUNSEL

Patrick Lord
Sean Fields

VISITOR ATTENDEES

Rachel Kittenbrink, Pittsburgh ABA
Sierra Ungerman, Pittsburgh ABA

ROLL CALL

Rachel Berkeley conducted the roll call of Board members.

SUNSHINE ACT MEETING NOTICE

D. Carlquist stated that the special meeting was published in accordance with the Sunshine Act of 1986.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

OLD BUSINESS

Previously Submitted Applications

One (1) previously submitted Supplemental Application was considered by the Board.

Pittsburgh ABA

Pittsburgh ABA's supplemental application was presented to the Board for consideration at the August 21, 2026, Board meeting. The Board made a motion to table the application because the age span in the classrooms exceeded the maximum allowed. K. Krawchuk summarized the school's revised proposal to the Board. Upon a motion by A. Mahone, seconded by C. Rohrer, the supplemental application was approved by unanimous vote.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further items of business and upon a motion by A. Mahone, seconded by C. Swiss, the meeting was adjourned at 10:09 a.m. by unanimous voice vote.

Renee Shade
Secretary to the Board