

Providence Public School District

797 Westminster Street

Providence, RI 02903

POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

6-16-2026

1.0 Convene Meeting

1.1 Call to Order – 5:30 PM

Chairman Muhingabo called the meeting to order at 5:41 PM

Attendance: Night Jean Muhingabo, Anjel Newmann, Miche’le Fontes, Sara Rapport, Paula Dillon, Lisa DiMartino, Nkoli Onye, Aubrey Johnson and Kaleigh Rockwal

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2.0 Approve Agenda

2.1 Approval of Agenda as Presented

MSV – Fontes, Newmann (3-0) MOTION APPROVED

3.0 Consent Agenda

3.1 Approval of Minutes 5-12-2026

MSV – Fontes, Newmann (-0) MOTION APPROVED

4.0 Policy & Planning

4.1 Student Cell Phone Policy – 2nd Read

Amendments needed to say that no phones should be out during instructional time for grades 6-12.

MSV – Newmann, Fontes (3-0) MOTION APPROVED

4.2 Goals and Guardrails Policy: 2nd Read

This was removed from the agenda because it was already approved at a prior meeting.

MSV – Fontes, Newmann (3-0) MOTION APPROVED

4.3 Communications Policy: 2nd Read

This was removed from the agenda.

MSV – Newmann, Fontes (3-0) MOTION APPROVED

4.4 Superintendent Policy

Vice-Chair Newmann – I believe the Superintendent’s Evaluation should be done in December before the Budget Process. It should include the Board Leadership including the Vice-Chair. The evaluation should be based on data not opinion.

Chairman Muhingabo – I agree

MSV – Newmann, Fontes (3-0) MOTION APPROVED

4.5 School Visit Policy

MSV – Fontes, Newmann (3-0) MOTION APPROVED

When it came to this policy two people commented

Kaleigh Rockwall – A Civics Teacher for the District was looking for clarification on this policy. She wanted to be clear of the process of inviting guests to speak to her students in the classroom.

Aubrey Johnson – I want to know the difference between the Observation Policy and the Visitation Policy

4.6 Discussion and vote on policies to be reviewed at the next meeting

MSV – Fontes, Muhingabo (3-0) MOTION APPROVED

- Superintendent Evaluation Policy
- Visitation Policy
- Equity Tool

Before the meeting adjourned, Vice-President Newmann questioned the new meeting set-up and expressed that she would like the meeting set-up to back to the way they used to be. The set-up would be more casual and it would allow everyone to sit around the table not only to discuss policies but to express their concerns as well.

Secretary Fontes agreed that she would like the meeting set-up to go back to the way it was as well.

Chairman Muhingabo does not agree to change things back.

A motion made was at this time to make the meeting set-up go back to the way it used to be.

Roll Call Vote: Fontes Aye, Newmann Aye, Muhingabo Nay

MSV – Fontes, Newmann (2-1) MOTION APPROVED

5.0 Adjourn

5.1 Adjourn Meeting – 7:38 PM