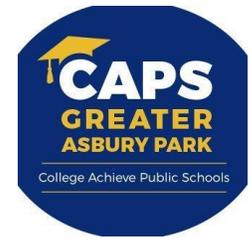


**Agenda for Board of Trustees Meeting  
Tuesday March 10, 2026 6:00 pm  
Formal Action Will or May be Taken**



**I. Call to Order**

**II. Public Notice of Meeting/NJ Sunshine Law**

This meeting is being held in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act and is open to the public. Notices were duly posted, and the meeting was advertised in The Asbury Park Press. Formal action will or may be taken.

**III. Salute to the Flag**

**IV. Roll Call**

Board Member	Present	Absent	Board Member	Present	Absent
Frank Fischer			Mary Pat Angelini		
Dr. Samuel T. Johnson					

Iso Present	Present	Absent
Jasonn Denard, Head of School		
Michael Piscal, CEO, College Achieve Public Schools		
Glenn Forney, CFO, College Achieve Public Schools		
Richard Jannarone, Chief School Budget, Efficiency, and Development Officer		
Dr. Marnie McKoy, Chief of Staff, College Achieve Public Schools		

**V. Approval of Board Minutes**

Approve minutes from the Board of Trustees meeting on January 22, 2026

Board Member	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Board Member	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Frank Fischer						Mary Pat Angelini					
Dr. Samuel T. Johnson											

**VI. Public Comment on Agenda Items Only**

Members of the public wishing to address the Board of Trustees must state their name and are requested to limit their comments to three (3) minutes. Please be aware that all Charter School employees retain the right of privacy and shall retain all rights against defamation and slander according to the laws of New Jersey. The Board shall not be held liable for comments made by members of the public. Each member of the public will be given one opportunity to address the Board.

**VII. Board President Report**

**VIII. Head of School Report**

IX. College Achieve Public Schools Report

X. Board Comments

XI. Motions for Approval

1. Consent Agenda Items

- Resolution to approve the shared services agreement between CAPS Asbury Park and CAPS Central to purchase supplies.
- Resolution to approve Penserv as 403b plan administrator.
- Resolution to approve the following field trip destinations
  - a. AMF Strathmore Lanes
  - b. Six Flags, Jackson, NJ
  - c. National College Fair - Edison, NJ
  - d. Monmouth University, Monmouth, NJ
  - e. Shore Thing Theatre
  - f. Sandy Hook National Park
  - g. Shark River Park, Wall Township, NJ
  - h. The Bronx Zoo, NYC, NY
  - i. Oceans Resorts, Atlantic City, NJ
  - j. Jenkinson’s Aquarium, Point Pleasant, NJ
  - k. Danny Clinch Photography at the Transparent Clinic, Asbury Park
  - l. Umi, Freehold, NJ
  - m. Deepcut Gardens, Middletown, NJ
- Resolution to approve the submission of the 2026-2027 School Budget
- Resolution to approve the revised purchasing manual
- Resolution to establish a vendor signature waiver for purchase orders up to \$5,000 for the 2025-2026 SY
- Resolution to approve amended hours for dismissal at 1:55 (MS/HS) and 2:15 (ES) on Fridays for 2026-2027 School year
- Resolution to approve amended hours for dismissal to no later than 2:55 (MS/HS) and 3:15 (ES) M-Th for the 2026-2027 School year.

Board Member	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Board Member	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Frank Fischer						Mary Pat Angelini					
Dr. Samuel T. Johnson											

2. Finance

- a. **Board Secretary's and Treasurer's Report:** To approve the Board Secretary's and Treasurer's Reports for December 2025 and January 2026 as per the attached. Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.11(a), the College Achieve Greater Asbury Park Charter School Board of Trustees acknowledges receipt of the secretary's certification, and after review of the monthly financial report (appropriations section) certifies that, to the best of its knowledge, as of January 2026, no major account or fund has been over expended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.11 (b), and that sufficient funds are available to meet the school's financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year.
- b. **CMO payment:** To approve the CMO payments from January 23, 2026, to March 10, 2026 for the amount of \$168,014
- c. **Transfers:** To approve transfers made through March 10, 2026
- d. **Bills List:** To approve the bills list from January 23, 2026, to March 10, 2026, in the amount of \$TBD

e. **Payroll:** To approve the following payrolls

January 31, 2026	\$303,831.43
February 15, 2026	\$287,063.94
February 28, 2026	\$281,251.55

Board Member	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Board Member	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Frank Fischer						Mary Pat Angelini					
Dr. Samuel T. Johnson											

**XII. Public Comment**

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**XIII. Resolution for Closed Session**

WHEREAS, the Open Public Meeting Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 provides that certain matters of a public body may be discussed in closed session; and WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees intends to discuss matters as follows:

1. Personnel Matters
2. Matters of Attorney/Client Privilege

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the aforesaid subjects shall be discussed in closed session by this Board of Trustees and administrative staff, and the minutes of said closed session discussion will be made available to the public when the reasons for the non-disclosure in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act no longer exist.

Board Member	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Board Member	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Frank Fischer						Mary Pat Angelini					
Dr. Samuel T. Johnson											

**Time:**

**XIV. Adjourn Executive Session, Reconvene Public Session**

Board Member	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Board Member	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Frank Fischer						Mary Pat Angelini					
Dr. Samuel T. Johnson											

**Time:**

**XV. Approval of Resolution in Response to the Office of State Comptroller Preliminary Report**

COLLEGE ACHIEVE GREATER ASBURY PARK BOARD OF TRUSTEES CHARTER SCHOOL RESOLUTION IN RESPONSE TO OFFICE OF

STATE COMPTROLLER PRELIMINARY REPORT

February 18, 2026

WHEREAS, College Achieve Greater Asbury Park Charter School, Inc. is a public charter school authorized to operate in Asbury Park and Neptune Township to serve students in those school districts and the surrounding communities; and

WHEREAS, by letter dated January 16, 2026, the Commissioner of Education (“Commissioner”) determined, after completing a comprehensive review of the Charter School’s academic performance, fiscal viability and operational stability, to renew the Charter School’s charter for another charter term, through June 30, 2031; and

WHEREAS, in the Spring of 2024, the Board of Trustee was alerted to certain alleged improprieties with regard to procurement practices at the Charter School; and

WHEREAS, as to the alleged procurement practices, the Board of Trustees promptly removed the suspected persons from their roles at the School; and

WHEREAS, after the alleged procurement practices were the subject of media coverage, the New Jersey Office of State Comptroller (“OSC”) contacted the Charter School requesting certain information; and

WHEREAS, the OSC also sought records from the Charter School’s charter management organization, College Achieve Public Schools, Inc. (“CAPS”); and

WHEREAS, CAPS was represented by counsel in connection with requests directed at CAPS, separate and distinct from the Charter School’s counsel; and

WHEREAS, in December 2024, OSC directed a subpoena to the Charter School, erroneously addressed to CAPS’ counsel; and

WHEREAS, by then, the OSC subpoena requests on CAPS were the subject of litigation;

WHEREAS, the Charter School cooperated with the lawful requests by the OSC for records; and

WHEREAS, OSC insisted on obtaining records which are, by law, protected from disclosure by the attorney client privilege and work product doctrine; and

WHEREAS, on [date]., at the OSC’s request, the Charter School’s counsel held a meet and confer telephone call with OSC staff, during which OSC staff inquired about obtaining said privileged records though they did not explain the legal basis to disregard the privileged confidentiality of such records; and

WHEREAS, after the Charter School made thousands of pages of records available to the OSC and complied with OSC’s witness interview requests; and

WHEREAS, on August 11, 2025, OSC sent a draft report to counsel to the Charter School; and

WHEREAS, by letter dated September 8, 2025, counsel for the Charter School shared serious concerns about the Draft Report, including apparent false statements of fact, material omissions, erroneous legal analysis and knowingly deceptive assertions; and

WHEREAS, the Draft Report utilized language adopted by anti-charter school activists when trying to impact public education policy, and, after further investigation, evidence emerged about the Acting State Comptroller’s possible personal impairment within the meaning of the OSC’s governing standards of conduct, the Principles and Standards for Offices of Inspector General (“IG Standards”), which OSC failed to provide the Charter School a reply; and

WHEREAS, on January 12, 2026, the OSC published a “Preliminary Investigation into College Achieve Greater Asbury Park Charter School and Its Charter Management Organization”(“Preliminary Report”); and

WHEREAS, the Preliminary Report was still not adequately corrected or otherwise rehabilitated from the Draft Report; and

WHEREAS, the litigation related to subpoenas served by OSC is the subject of pending appeals before the Superior Court Appellee Division, with the trial court entering a stay about one of the subpoenas served on CAPS; and

WHEREAS, OSC nonetheless makes negative public findings in the Preliminary Report against CAPS and the Charter School merely for exercising its rights to protect its attorney-client privilege; and

WHEREAS, such OSC findings are contrary to the rule of law the due process rights of the Charter School and its stakeholders; and

WHEREAS, the OSC gives significant weight to witness interview statements made by a certain former financial official with CAPS, while also disclosing said official “was aware of the unauthorized nature” of a certain procurement without reporting it to the Board of Trustees, and the Charter School has not to date, nor its counsel, been given access to the interview or the interview transcript; and

WHEREAS, the Preliminary Report misconstrues the nature of the charter management organization agreement procurement, including making false assertions about the original Charter School charter application to the Commissioner; and

WHEREAS, the Preliminary Report’s analysis reflects a lack of understanding of the relationship with CAPS required by its charter approvals, pursuant to the New Jersey Charter School Program Act; and

WHEREAS, the Preliminary Report’s analysis was legally erroneous, inasmuch as it opines that the Charter School must engage in a sham contract solicitation process with respect to engagement of CAPS, which itself would violate law, as public schools must turn square corners in its dealings with prospective vendors; and

WHEREAS, the Preliminary Report identifies seven specific areas of noncompliance, all of which were actions committed by person no longer employed or otherwise performing work for the Charter School; and

WHEREAS, the Preliminary Report's finding that the agreement with CAPS "delegates nearly complete control over the school's core functions" is erroneous, inasmuch as it reveals a lack of understanding, or knowing disregard, of the New Jersey School Ethics Act and the authorities legally delegated to school administrations in New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, the Preliminary Report's finding about the ability of the Charter School to exit the CAPS relationship is erroneous, as it reveals a lack of understanding, or knowing disregard, for the contemplated relationship between the Charter School and CAPS, in keeping with a charter management organization model of charter school operations, as reconfirmed in legislative amendments last month to the New Jersey Charter School Program Act; and

WHEREAS, the Preliminary Report's findings evidences animus against a particular type of structure of charter school administration, confirming the Charter School's concerns expressed to the OSC about the apparent substantial impairment of the prior Acting State Comptroller, contrary to the IG Standards; and

WHEREAS, the Preliminary Report's findings about the waiver of fees otherwise due CAPS fails to account for the charitable mission of CAPS and the affiliated relationship between the two organizations; and

WHEREAS, the Preliminary Report mischaracterizes the application made by the Charter School founders when applying to the Commissioner for an initial charter, with said findings not being supported by any reported statements given by any Department of Education officials; and

WHEREAS, having thoroughly reviewed the Preliminary Report, the Charter School Administration, in consultation with counsel, has recommended certain responsive measures, while some of the recommendations in the Preliminary Report have already been implemented; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees agrees with said measures, as being furtherance of sound governance and prudent fiscal and educational operations.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees be and hereby directs the implementation of a Corrective Action Plan as follows:

1. Any Charter School administrator who suspects that a procurement or business practice may deviate from applicable legal requirements, must notify the Executive Director, who in turn must notify the School counsel. After the taking of appropriate remedial measures and/or investigation, the matter must also be reported to the full Board of Trustees no later than the second regularly scheduled Board of Trustees meeting from the date of the initial report; and

2. The Administration be and hereby is directed, in consultation with counsel, to devise a complaint reporting system so that any compliance concerns can be promptly reviewed, investigated and remediated, as necessary; and

3. The Charter School's Executive Director's performance shall be evaluated annually in the normal course of his employment, in accordance with contract requirements; and

4. The Board of Trustees has already engaged services to assist in the performance evaluation of CAPS, which shall also include reference to appropriate evaluation tools as used in charter school best practices throughout the country; and

5. The Board of Trustees be and hereby confirms that it has reviewed the agreement with CAPS, has confirmed that it affords the Board of Trustees a meaningful right to terminate the services, in accordance with the school laws, Charter School mission and its authorization from the Commissioner; and

6. The Board of Trustees be and hereby directs the Administration to take all necessary steps, not already taken, to give notices of the extraordinary unspecifiable services award of the CAPS agreement, in accordance with the Public School Contracts Law; and

7. The Board of Trustees be and hereby directs the Administration to file contracts with the OSC not already supplied to the OSC, in accordance with law; and

8. The Board of Trustees reconfirms that any waivers of fees by CAPS must to formally recognized and accepted by the Charter School at a duly held public meeting and recorded in the meeting minutes; and

9. The Board of Trustees be and hereby directs the Administration to submit by its regularly scheduled meeting a budget/actual report of expenses incurred to date in the school year; and

10. The Board of Trustees be and hereby requests that its audit firm include in its scope of services for the 2025-2026 budget year an analysis of the Charter School’s expenses relative to its budgeted sums, and the Administration shall thereafter present recommendations for cost savings measures not already taken; and

11. The Board of Trustees be and hereby directs the Administration to report to the Board of Trustees at a regularly scheduled meeting any sums reimbursed to CAPS for expenses incurred on behalf of the Charter School; and

12. The Charter School’s counsel be and hereby is authorized to convey to OSC the aforementioned concerns of the Board of Trustees about the Preliminary Report and to otherwise confer with the OSC about the Correction Action Plan; and

13. Nothing in this Resolution shall be construed as an admission by the Charter School with respect to the aforementioned pending appeals in the Superior Court Appellate Division, a matter in which the Charter School reserves all rights.

14. The Administration be and hereby is authorized to implement this Corrective Action Plan, in consultation with counsel, as necessary.

15. This Correction Action Plan shall be in effect through June 30, 2029, at which time the Board of Trustees will assess whether continuation or modifications are warranted.

Board Member	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Board Member	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Frank Fischer						Mary Pat Angelini					
Dr. Samuel T. Johnson											

**XVI. Personnel**

To approve personnel items reported on the personnel report of March 10, 2026

Board Member	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Board Member	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Frank Fischer						Mary Pat Angelini					
Dr. Samuel T. Johnson											

**XVII. Reports / Look Ahead / Miscellaneous**

Next Board Meeting: May 27, 2026, at 6:00 pm

**XVIII. Adjourn Public Session**

Board Member	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Board Member	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Frank Fischer						Mary Pat Angelini					
Dr. Samuel T. Johnson											