

## Evergreen Community Charter School Board of Trustees

### Minutes

Thursday, January 22, 2026

The meeting was called to order by President Eric Noone at 7:00pm.

Eric Noone led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Sherline Eugene recorded attendance. Present were: Eric Noone, Mary Ann Lewis, Sherline Eugene Bryan Dunlap, Board member, Dot Lewis, was not in attendance. Advisory Board members in attendance included Jill Shoesmith, Nancy Lewis and Steven Richard.

Motion was made by Mary Ann Lewis and seconded by Sherline Eugene to approve the January 22, 2026 agenda. Motion carried (5-0). Visiting tonight's meeting was Mara Zaninelli from Point Pleasant, NJ.

Mrs. Zaninelli is a retired teacher interested in learning more about the differences between NJ and PA Charter Schools.

At the request of Advisory member Jill Shoesmith, the Board entered into Executive Session to discuss personnel and/or possible litigation at 7:10 pm. The regular monthly meeting was reconvened at 7:25pm. Eric Noone made the motion seconded by Mary Ann Lewis to hire Charley M. Silfee as a Teaching Assistant with a concentration in science.

Evergreen Director, Jill Shoesmith reported on current activities:

Weather related challenges continue with the extreme cold temperatures. Our HVAC system is keeping up and our generators are ready to heat the basement to keep the pipes from freezing if we lose power.

We have used 3 of our 5 Flexible Instruction Days and 3 traditional snow days.

We just completed our second quarter and report cards have been sent out. As we begin the next semester, we look forward to offering new electives in SAT Preparation and Hydroponic Gardening.

Evergreen Principal, Steven Richard reported that following a visit from our local Fire Chief, Grover Cleveland, Evergreen will be changing our Emergency Evacuation Facility to the Barrett Twp Volunteer Fire Company. Currently they have a full building generator system which exceeds BARC. This will require a change to our MOU.

Evergreen also had a scheduled visit from the PA State Police to do a building walk-through and policy review. This informative meeting will be followed up with a report outlining further suggestions. The Officer approved our plans to add additional security cameras, security film on front windows, and locking gates to secure the back of the building for outdoor recreation.

Mr. Richard also reported that the staff met to review our safety training. Safe2Say assembly for students and staff is scheduled for next week.

Under items requiring Board action, Mary Ann Lewis made the motion which was and was seconded by Bryan Dunlap to approve the minutes from the Regular Board Meeting on December 15, 2025. Motion passed (5-0).

After review, Sherline Eugene made the motion to approve the current check register, financial statements, and Grant report. The motion was seconded by Mary Ann Lewis and passed (5-0).

It was noted that the REAP Grant covered the content filtering license for the school's wifi. This filtering is provided by PenTel Data with an annual cost of \$450. Bryan Dunlap asked about additional cyber security including an insurance policy to cover monetary losses should they occur. This will be researched and reported next month.

Under Other Items to be Discussed, Nancy Lewis reported on a Thank You card which was received from a staff member. Eric Noone requested that next month, the Board could learn more about the funds are being spent for the Safety Grant and the Mental Health Grant. With no other business before the Board, Bryan Dunlap made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:55pm. Motion was seconded by Dot Lewis (5-0).

*The next meeting is scheduled for February 26, 2026 at 7pm.*