



# The Anchor School

## Minutes

### Board of Directors Meeting

Agenda posted by: March 19

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#### **Date and Time**

Wednesday March 26, 2025 at 7:00 PM

#### **Location**

The Anchor School  
2460 Wesley Chapel Road  
Decatur, GA 30035

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#### **Directors Present**

A. Pressey, C. Humphrey, E. Desprez Isbell, J. Burton, J. Whittington, N. LeBlanc, S. Birch, S. Kollu, V. Thompson

#### **Directors Absent**

*None*

#### **Directors who arrived after the meeting opened**

A. Pressey, J. Burton, S. Kollu

#### **Ex Officio Members Present**

J. Pinto Taylor

#### **Non Voting Members Present**

J. Pinto Taylor

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## Guests Present

M. Felts

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## I. Opening Items

### A. Record Attendance

### B. Call the Meeting to Order

E. Desprez Isbell called a meeting of the board of directors of The Anchor School to order on Wednesday Mar 26, 2025 at 7:06 PM.

### C. Approve Minutes

E. Desprez Isbell made a motion to approve the minutes from Board of Directors Meeting on 02-26-25.

S. Birch seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

### D. Public Comment

3 members of the public present, but no public comment shared.

A. Pressey arrived at 7:13 PM.

J. Burton arrived at 7:22 PM.

S. Kollu arrived at 7:16 PM.

## II. Executive Director Report

### A. Executive Director Report

Dr. Pinto Taylor shared updates from the Executive Director Report

- Fire drill schedule
- Facility update:
  - Contracted service providers have been selected to support our 8th grade expansion and summer maintenance plans.
- Communication Updates:
  - Marketing Services
  - Collaborating with HIVE 180
  - Upcoming Important Dates:
    - April 19th we will have days of service on campus.
    - June 4th is reserved as our spring showcase for 6th grade. We are seeking community panelists for their impact project pitches. That same week, we will host an art exhibition for 7th grade.
- Financial Updates:

- CSP Draw Down Status
- Bank Balance End of Fiscal Year & Present
- Academic Assessment Calendar Review
- HS Expansion Updates .

## **B. Enrollment Data and Lottery Update**

### **Enrollment Updates**

- Day 1 Attendance – 196
- Week 1 Total Attendance – 204
- Current Total Enrollment – 189
- Waitlist (G6) – 40
- Waitlist (G7) – 30

### **Enrollment Lottery**

- Enrollment data is provided in the dashboard, included.
- The spring lottery took place on Friday, February 14th.
- 94% of enrolled families have re-enrolled for next year.
- Seats were offered to all new families for Grades 6, 7, and 8.

## **III. Academic Achievement**

### **A. Academic Dashboard Review**

- Additional formative assessments have been completed. We will plan to review that data in the Academic Committee meeting next Wednesday, April 2.
- IG block (Individualized Growth Block), 50% drop everything and read, 50% Khan Academy individualized plans based on MAP data learning plan (targeted goal is 10 lessons per week)
  - Hoping to have WIN block support math Khan academy too
  - Every student has access to Khan Academy math accounts
- Curriculum mapping for the remainder of the year

### **B. Academic Calendar for SY25-26**

Key changes:

- Starting earlier in August to ensure we backwards plan to the deadlines around Milestone testing
- Start date: August 4
  - August 4-5 new students
  - August 6-8 all students
- Similar breaks to Dekalb, with shorter break in February because we have additional programming like Micro village meetings

- Last day for students: June 5

Action Item:

- Create a separate heading for Scholars and Staff calendars
- Update the number of working days for staff

V. Thompson made a motion to approve the calendars for the SY25-26 (with small updates to formatting).

N. LeBlanc seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

#### IV. Community Engagement Adhoc

##### A. Community Engagement Updates

###### Community Engagement Updates:

- Operations Committee
- Communication Committee
- Sponsorship Committee (will later become the fundraising committee)
- Next meeting is April 3 in-person at the school.
- Hoping to have a non-profit status for the PTO
- EPIC Parent Empowerment Program through GeorgiaCAN
  - Camela Dozier Morejon (parent at TAS) has completed this program and is happy to connect with anyone interested.
- [https://docs.google.com/document/d/1VZFRQdnB-WUhmpEdDc3C6OR\\_uqhz3sDZxankW0kh6FE/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1VZFRQdnB-WUhmpEdDc3C6OR_uqhz3sDZxankW0kh6FE/edit?usp=sharing)

###### Board Reminders/Action Items:

- Reminder to complete the Board Role and Responsibilities and Conflict of Interest form
- Board reflection survey
- Board recruitment
  - Skill set: Financial background, education background, true engagement in meetings and serving on the board, legal and policy work

#### V. Finance

##### A. February Financials

- 2024-25 Forecast Update
  - 2024-25 Previous Forecast vs. Current Forecast

- 2024-25 Approved Budget vs. Current Forecast
- 2024-25 Monthly Cash Balances
- Dashboards
  - State and Federal Grants Summary
  - FY25 Key Metrics Dashboard
  - FY25 SCSC Dashboard
- 2025-26 Draft Budget

## **B. Budget Development - Initial Draft**

The initial draft is only for our target of 336 students. Future Scenarios (300, 336, 360)

## **VI. Governance**

### **A. Policy Updates for Cross-Functional Monitoring**

There will be a small amount of changes to PROCEDURES and not the policies themselves.

## **VII. Other Business**

### **A. Succession Planning**

Each board member should consider two new Board members by next month's meeting

## **VIII. Executive Session**

### **A. Executive Session**

The Board will go into an executive session to discuss the HOS contract for next year.  
N. LeBlanc made a motion to go into an executive session to discuss the HOS contract for next year.

A. Pressey seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

V. Thompson made a motion to exit the executive session.

N. LeBlanc seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

## **IX. Public Comment**

### **A. The EPIC program will be sent out on Parent Square this week.**

- The EPIC program will be sent out on Parent Square this week.

## **X. Closing Items**

### **A. Adjourn Meeting**

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 9:24 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
E. Desprez Isbell

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**The Anchor School** is a village of educators, families, and community members that partners with 6th through 12th-grade students\* who are developing the knowledge, skills, and confidence they need to thrive in school and beyond. Through our commitment to excellent instruction, community partnerships, and holistic student development, we cultivate anchors that build a more just and equitable future.

*\*In August 2022, the SCSC authorized TAS as a GA Charter School with approval to enroll students who will be in the 6th grade in the fall of 2023.*