



The Anchor School

Minutes

Special Meeting: Public Budget Hearing

Date and Time

Wednesday May 28, 2025 at 6:15 PM

Location

The Anchor School
2460 Wesley Chapel Road
Decatur, GA 30035

Directors Present

A. Pressey, C. Humphrey, E. Desprez Isbell, J. Burton, J. Whittington (remote), N. LeBlanc, V. Thompson

Directors Absent

S. Birch, S. Kollu

Ex Officio Members Present

J. Pinto Taylor

Non Voting Members Present

J. Pinto Taylor

Guests Present

M. Felts

I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance

B. Call the Meeting to Order

E. Desprez Isbell called a meeting to order on Wednesday May 28, 2025 at 6:14 PM.

C. Approve Minutes

II. Public Budget Presentation

A. Public Budget Presentation

About The Anchor School

The Anchor School (TAS) is a statewide, 6th through 12th* grade public charter school that prepares all students for success in and beyond the university. Through our commitment to excellent instruction, community partnerships, and holistic student development, we cultivate anchors that build a more just and equitable future. Founded: 2022, Scholars: 210+

We Believe...

- Every student deserves access to an excellent education in their community.
- Learning communities must be diverse, inclusive, and equitable environments where every perspective is valued.
- Evidence-based, data-driven, instructional practices are essential.
- Excellence requires preparation and reflection.
- Human development happens in community, in context, and in conversation.
- Confidence is built through mastery experiences, positive relationships, healthy self-image, and strong role models.

Budget Process & Timeline

- Process begins in late winter/early spring with budget approval by June 30
- January: Assumption Development
- February/March: Revisions
- April: board update and first draft complete
- May/June: two public hearings
- June: Board approval, state budget passed

Student Enrollment

- FY25 YOY increase 119 or 135%.
- FY26 YOY increase 129 or 62%.

- Reflects Middle School growth.
- Student enrollment represents the primary revenue and expense driver.

Revenue and Expenses

- Total Revenue: 5,714,762
- Total Expenses: 5,362,853
- Income before depreciation: 351,909
- Net Operating Income: 290,532
- FY26 Budget vs. FY25 Forecast

FY26 Operating Budget:

- Provides ample resources for student achievement and staff professional development.
- Meets SCSC sustainability requirements.
- Serves as a financial commitment view.

Q&A

III. 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 6:46 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
E. Desprez Isbell

Documents used during the meeting

- FY26 Budget Hearing - May 2025.pptx.pdf

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.*