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# Brookfield Engineering Science Technology Academy

# Minutes

## Regular Board Meeting

**Date and Time**
Wednesday January 28, 2026 at 10:30 AM

**Location**
**Barker Blue Dog Office**
**6360 El Cajon Blvd #101**
**San Diego, CA 92115**

**BROOKFIELD ENGINEERING SCIENCE TECHNOLOGY ACADEMY**
*College and Career Pathways with Guidance and Support*
1704 Cape Horn, Julian, CA 92036
**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS' PROPOSED AGENDA**
**Wednesday, January 28, 2025**
10:30 a.m. Board Meeting
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**MISSION STATEMENT**

Brookfield Engineering Science & Technology Academy will harness the power of a flexible learning environment and modern educational technology to serve learners with diverse backgrounds and goals, seeking an educational alternative that stimulates and supports independent learning, provides a strong social-emotional approach, and supports STEM college and career readiness.

**THE ORDER OF BUSINESS MAY BE CHANGED WITHOUT NOTICE:** Notice is hereby given that the order of consideration of matters on this agenda may be changed without prior notice.

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**Directors Present**
C. Bolden, D. Webb, G. McCloskey, M. Nino

**Directors Absent**
*None*

**Guests Present**
A. Soriano (remote), Chad Leptich, Grady McGuire, J. Manwarren (remote), J. Mays

## I. Opening Items

### A. Record Attendance / Roll Call

### B. Call the Meeting to Order

C. Bolden called a meeting of the board of directors of Brookfield Engineering Science Technology Academy to order on Wednesday Jan 28, 2026 at 10:31 AM.

### C. Approve Minutes

Will be approved during the Consolidated Consent Agenda portion.
D. Webb made a motion to Approved the minutes in the consolidated consent agenda.
C. Bolden seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

**Roll Call**

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| D. Webb | Aye |
| G. McCloskey | Aye |
| M. Nino | Aye |
| C. Bolden | Aye |

## II. PUBLIC COMMENTS / RECOGNITION

### A. Request to cancel the February 25, 2026, board meeting and add a February 18, 2026, Regular Board Meeting.

Add an action item to the agenda that needs immediate action. The board will be at a conference on February 25, 2026, and will not be able to hold a meeting. This came to our attention after the agenda was posted. Vote to add the action item.
D. Webb made a motion to add an item to the agenda due to the need for immediate action that came to our attention after posting.
M. Nino seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

**Roll Call**

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| M. Nino | Aye |
| C. Bolden | Aye |
| D. Webb | Aye |
| G. McCloskey | Aye |

**B. Recognize the board members for their efforts, travel, and dedication to our organization.**

## III. CORRESPONDENCE / PROPOSALS / REPORTS / INFORMATION

### A. BUDGET / SCHOOL UPDATE

1. **Report of expenses incurred over $10,000**
    1. **Alex Soriano presents the Chase Bank statement showing expenses over $10,000. The board requests inclusion in the slideshow to better understand the expenses.**
2. **Executive Directors' Evaluation**
    1. **Alex Soriano reports that there will be a closed session at the next meeting to present the evaluations.**
3. **Liveschool Academic Rewards Program**
    1. **Alex Soriano presents the purpose of the program. The focus is on math and language arts.**
4. **Board By Laws Term Limits**
    1. **Alex Soriano reports that the currenty by laws has boaurd member terms ending every three years. There are 3 current members whose terms would end this June. Working with legal to amend them to provide the option to continue as a board member for another 3 years.**

## IV. APPROVAL OF CONSOLIDATED MOTION FOR CONSENT CALENDAR

### A. CONSENT AGENDA

D. Webb made a motion to approve the minutes from Regular Board Meeting on 12-03-25.

C. Bolden seconded the motion.

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

**Roll Call**

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| M. Nino | Aye |
| D. Webb | Aye |
| G. McCloskey | Aye |
| C. Bolden | Aye |

## V. ACTION ITEMS

### A. New Board Member - Grady McGuire

C. Bolden made a motion to Approve Grady McGuire as a new Board Member.
D. Webb seconded the motion.
I'm a real estate agent and realtor. I was licensed in 87, if that gives you any… yeah, out of Texas, so I sold in Texas. I have a strong sales and marketing background, as well as a business background. But I'm kind of at a point in life that I think I have a lot to give back. Life experience, business experience, etc. So, that's what I'm bringing to the table.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

**Roll Call**

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| C. Bolden | Aye |
| M. Nino | Aye |
| G. McCloskey | Aye |
| D. Webb | Aye |

### B. 2024-2025 School Accountability Report Card

Joel Manwarren presents Part 2 of the SARC. Reports on mistaken data from last month, the student groups were incorrectly reported. He points out the school dropout rate and the significant improvement.
M. Nino made a motion to Approve the 2024-2025 SARC.
C. Bolden seconded the motion.
Marcella Nino asks if anything stands out to Joel Manwarren. He points out that chronic absenteeism has been a focus of the improvement of that data. Improved our process to find which school the student has moved to.

Grady McGuire votes to approve the 24-25 SARC
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

**Roll Call**

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| D. Webb | Aye |
| C. Bolden | Aye |
| M. Nino | Aye |
| G. McCloskey | Aye |

### C. Board Policy 5145.6 Student Behavioral Health Referral Protocols

C. Bolden made a motion to Approve the policy as written.
D. Webb seconded the motion.
Grady McGuire votes to approve the policy as written
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

**Roll Call**

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| D. Webb | Aye |

**Roll Call**

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| G. McCloskey | Aye |
| M. Nino | Aye |
| C. Bolden | Aye |

## D. Board Policy 6160 Individualized Education Plan Update

M. Nino made a motion to Approve the policy as written.
G. McCloskey seconded the motion.
Grady McGuire votes to approve the policy as written.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

**Roll Call**

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| M. Nino | Aye |
| D. Webb | Aye |
| C. Bolden | Aye |
| G. McCloskey | Aye |

## E. Board Policy 6164.6 Section 504 - Policy, Procedures, and Parent Rights Update

C. Bolden made a motion to Approve the policy as written.
M. Nino seconded the motion.
Grady McGuire votes to approve the policy as written
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

**Roll Call**

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| D. Webb | Aye |
| C. Bolden | Aye |
| M. Nino | Aye |
| G. McCloskey | Aye |

## F. Foundation for California Community Colleges Partnership Agreement

D. Webb made a motion to Approve the partnership with the CA Community colleges.
G. McCloskey seconded the motion.
James Mays presents the details of the partnership.
Grady McGuire votes to approve the partnership.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

**Roll Call**

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| C. Bolden | Aye |
| M. Nino | Aye |
| D. Webb | Aye |
| G. McCloskey | Aye |

## G. Small Talk Speech and Occupational Therapy Contract

Celeste Danner reports that a new student requested in-person services from this Nonpublic agency. The services came in the IEP, and we want to remain consistent. This will be the first time working with Small Talk.
M. Nino made a motion to Approval establishes a partnership with Small Talk to support in-person services.
G. McCloskey seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

**Roll Call**

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| C. Bolden | Aye |
| G. McCloskey | Aye |
| D. Webb | Aye |
| M. Nino | Aye |

### H. 2026-2027 Proposed School Calendars

D. Webb made a motion to Approve the 26-27 School Calendars with LP changes.
M. Nino seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

**Roll Call**

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| G. McCloskey | Aye |
| D. Webb | Aye |
| M. Nino | Aye |
| C. Bolden | Aye |

### I. Cancel the February 25, 2026 board meeting and schedule February 18, 2026 Regular Board Meeting

D. Webb made a motion to Approve the cancellation of the Feb 25 meeting and add the February 18 meeting to the board meeting calendar.
M. Nino seconded the motion.
Grady McGuire votes to approve the board meeting calendar adjustment
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

**Roll Call**

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| M. Nino | Aye |
| D. Webb | Aye |
| C. Bolden | Aye |
| G. McCloskey | Aye |

## VI. Closing Items

### A. Regular Board Meetings

The February 25th Meeting has been cancelled, and a February 18 meeting has been scheduled.

### B.

### Adjourn Meeting

C. Bolden made a motion to Adjourn the meeting.
D. Webb seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.
There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 11:00 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,
G. McCloskey

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### Documents used during the meeting

- 2025_12_03_board_meeting_minutes.pdf
- Chast Jan 22nd over 10k.pdf
- Barker Blue Dog Bylaws (4869-0857-8919.v3 2024-25)08-21-2024 (3).pdf
- UPDATED BEST 25-26 Org Chart.png
- BEST Academy Check Register - December 2025.pdf
- ASorianoJan-28.pdf
- JMays Dec 18th 2025 Exp Report.pdf
- JMays Jan 23 2026.pdf
- Grady McGuire Resume (2).docx
- 2025_School_Accountability_Report_Card_BEST_Academy.pdf
- BP 5141.6 Regarding Student Behavioral Health Referral Protocols (4919-0103-5914.v1).docx
- BP 6160_ Special Education Policy (4938-8596-8764.v1) (2).docx
- BP 6164.6 Section 504 - Policy, Procedures, and Parent Rights (4897-1519-2700.v1).docx
- 00013482_Brookfield Engineering Science Technology Academy_K-12 LEA Partnership Agreement_Final (1).docx
- NPA Certification-Small Talk Speech and OT Approved (1).pdf
- SmallTalk School Rates 2025 (1).pdf
- SmallTalk Liability 7_15_25-7_15_26 (1).pdf
- DRAFT B Track Calendar 26_27.xlsx - Google Sheets.pdf
- DRAFT A Track Calendar 26_27.xlsx - Google Sheets.pdf

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Recording